

STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

We received a visit this week from the new local Attendance Officer from Dorset County Council who has provided further clarification regarding our legal responsibilities in reporting absence to the local authority. She outlined the local authorities new expectations with regards to information that we need to provide as they will now be more proactive in cases where children's attendance is consistently low with little or no signs of improvement. We have now been advised that the authority have become more involved, and started to introduce fines if attendance is poor.

Another key message was that, if a child's absence is low (below 95%), then no absence should be authorised (eg family weddings for religious observation).

I hope this makes our position clear, and that you appreciate that we are following legal responsibilities.

We know that some parents / carers do not like to receive our termly letters for pupil's whose attendance falls below 95%, but again, we were informed that this is best practice and a key factor in ensuring that all children are kept safe.

School Dates

Can I just remind you that Monday 6th June is an inset day and the children return to school on Tuesday 7th June. Please check the school calendar for details of all inset days, school events and school holidays.

September Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Will has been permanently appointed as a class teacher for one day a week. Miss Hancock is currently absent due to ill health but has decided that upon her return she wishes to reduce her hours by one day a week. We are unaware of a return date for Miss Hancock and until her return Mrs Will has agreed to provide cover.

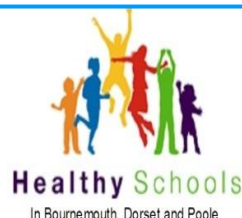
Staffing for September 2016 will be as follows:-

Goldfinches: Miss Hancock and Mrs Will

Woodpeckers: Miss Adler and Mrs Hart

Kingfishers: Mrs Low

Ravens: Miss Stone



Achievements

Well done to all the children below who represented the school at the West Dorset Schools' Football Tournament, we were very impressed with your teamwork!

Olly M, Ben M, Frankie, Josh, Toby, Ruby R, Jess, Oliver H and Alfie Camm

Sports Day

Quick reminder that Sports Day is on Thursday 23 June with a reserve date of Thursday 30 June, in case of bad weather.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Just to remind you that we are collecting the above vouchers if you or anyone you know has any to donate to school please can you post them in the box in the foyer by Wednesday 10th June at the very latest!!

Help Needed - Midday Supervisor Vacancy (Job Share Considered)

We still have a vacancy for this position. Details of the position are available below:-

Midday Supervisor (XS2.4b)

Term Time Only - 6.25 hours per week

Grade 1 - Salary Point 5-6

Closing Date Friday 13th May 2016

We are looking to appoint a dynamic Kitchen Assistant/Midday Supervisor to join our friendly staff. The roles will involve preparing the area for lunchtime meals, serving the meals to the children and clearing away the lunchtime equipment. As well as this you will be required to supervise the children during the midday break, ensuring their safety, welfare and general conduct through appropriate application of the school's policies and procedures.

The successful applicant will be expected to hold or be willing to complete Food Hygiene training, as the role will involve handling food.

Please contact the school office for an application form.

Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing half term.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy McCann
Headteacher