



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Achievements!

We cannot say enough about Georgia's achievement! Not only has she taken the courageous decision to cut off her lovely long hair and donate it to the Little Princess Trust but realising the school's funding dilemma she has also asked for sponsorship to be donated to Stickland's.

As you can see from the pictures below this was an amazing act of kindness and a huge transformation for Georgia but it definitely suits her!

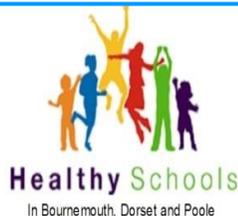


I am sure that you will agree that both of these acts are incredibly generous and we consider ourselves very lucky to have such a lovely natured girl at our school. If you would like to sponsor Georgia we will be accepting donations up until 17 May 2019.



We are also very pleased to announce that Rosie won the Wessex FM Design your own Chocolate bar wrapper competition with House of Dorchester!! There were over 600 entries which was an amazing response and the prize is for Rosie and a teacher to join Wessex FM at the Factory in Poundbury for an exclusive tour to see the 'Unicorn Splash' bar being made. I am sure you will agree this will be a fantastic experience.

Finally, we would like to say congratulations to Cale who came 2nd in the Frome St Quinton Bake Off Competition with his Victoria Sandwich Cake! Cale won a pair of oven gloves which I am sure will come in very useful with his baking.



Level 1

Fossa Fun Run on Sunday 12 May 2019

Just a reminder that the Fun Run is taking place this Sunday. If you are able to help serve refreshments then please let the office know. Also if you are able to bake a cake for the event then could you please either bring it on the morning or bring it to school on Friday (if it will keep until Sunday)! Fossa have worked very hard to make this event happen and it would be really great if we could all support it!

Bags 2 School

The collection for this will take place on Monday 13 May 2019, please can any donations be put in the foyer first thing on Monday morning.

Parent, carer and visitor code of conduct

I would like to draw your attention to the new parental code of conduct – attached to this letter and also on the school website. Please take some time to read this and ensure that it is shared with other appropriate adults.

Calling the Office

As you are aware the office is manned by Mrs Cracknell and myself and there are quite a few occasions when we are unable to answer the phone for example when we are dealing with visitors, delivering messages, packed lunches, showing visitors around, etc. If you do call the office and you do not get a reply please leave a message or alternatively you can email the office office@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk

End of the School Day

As you know school closes at 3.00pm everyday with the exception of clubs. We are having an increasing amount of children coming into school after this time to use the toilets and look for lost items. We understand that this is necessary but we wanted to remind you that you will only be allowed into school until 3.10pm.

The school is not set up to supervise children after school hours and health and safety would require some supervision to be in place which we do not have the staff for. As well as this, staff use the time after school to catch up on any events that have occurred during the day and some of the information discussed is sensitive therefore, parents/children should not be in school to hear this.

We would be grateful if you could respect this time to enable staff to catch up on marking and preparation for the next day as this takes much longer if they are being continually disrupted.

As the weather is improving can I just remind you that outside of school hours you are responsible for ensuring your child is supervised whilst using the school play structure and that it is not the School's responsibility. We cannot guarantee that there will be a qualified first aider on site to help with children's injuries.

Could you also please ensure that your child is respecting school property. As you can imagine this is causing damage, and if we have to pay to repair these things, then money has to be moved from other, more desirable areas of the curriculum.

Clubs – Cancellations/Rearrangements

Just a reminder that if a club is cancelled you will be sent a text as soon possible and if your child catches the bus they will be sent home on the bus.

It would be extremely helpful if you could send an email to the office to confirm that you have received the message so that we know that there will be someone available to collect your child from school or the bus.

Children's Bags in Schools

Our pupil numbers have continued to steadily increase, and I am pleased to announce that we reached 100 last term. The impact of this, whilst having lots of positives, does mean that we have a vast amount of items in the cloakrooms during the day. This can include PE kits, swimming kits, coats, forest school kits and book bags. We have had one or two accidents and near misses, as there are days when not everything will fit on the children's pegs.

As a result, with effect from September, we will ask that children **DO NOT** bring large rucksacks in to school. We have trolleys for lunchboxes, and reading books and homework go straight into the classrooms, generally leaving huge empty bags on the pegs that take up a lot of room. There may be other changes that we introduce in September, but I just wanted to give some advance warning early so that you do not go and buy new bags over the summer. If you can start sending your child in without these bags, then I would be extremely grateful.

Children's Shoes

Just a reminder that until children are able to tie their shoe laces they should have shoes with Velcro or fastenings they can do themselves.

OFSTED Parent View

We are anticipating that we will have an OFSTED visit at some point this term, as in February it was 2 years since they last came. In preparation for this, I would be extremely grateful if you would register and then leave feedback about the school on the OFSTED Parent View website

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Christian Values

This half term we will be focussing on "compassion" as our Core Christian Value. This will be discussed and explored during our Collective Worship, and followed up by relating it to our everyday lives in the classrooms.

Parents' Evening

We were really pleased that over 95% of parents were able to attend these meetings. It is an extremely important way of supporting your children's learning and finding out about their successes and areas for development within their learning. For some parents – particularly those of children who come on the bus, it is an important chance for you and your child's teacher to catch up.

If for any reason you were unable to attend, then please contact the office or your child's class teacher, and they will arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Volunteers and help needed!

Readers - Unfortunately, 2 of our regular volunteers are no longer able to help out listening to the children read. These volunteers have been invaluable in ensuring that every child gets to read to an adult. It would be greatly appreciated if any parents/grandparents are able to spare an afternoon each week to come into school to listen to the children read. We particularly need adults for Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are able to help we will need you to undertake a DBS clearance.

Shelving - As you are probably aware we now have 30 Chromebooks in school and these are in the charging units that used to store the laptops. We still use laptops however, we do not have any storage for them. We have an ideal area that we would like to use that used to have some shelving

however, the actual shelves seem to have gone missing! If there are any parents out there that would be able to donate some time to putting up the shelving it would be greatly appreciated.

Concrete - We are also in desperate need of some repair to a concrete 'stage' area that the children in Reception use at the back of the school. I have been confidently informed that it 'just needs a bit of concrete,' but clearly this is something that we would need some help with. I would be really grateful if somebody would come and look at, and perhaps fix it for us – we would pay for any supplies needed!

Sports Day & the Summer Fair

Just a quick note to let you know Sports Day is on the afternoon of Wednesday 26 June with a reserve date of Wednesday 10 July, in case of bad weather. This will be followed by the Summer Fair more details to follow.

National Book Tokens Big Prize Draw

National Book Tokens are the perfect way to reward students, encourage literacy and inspire a love of books. They can be spent in thousands of bookshops as well as online, giving students the freedom of choice – and encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Our big prize draw, back for a sixth year, gives you the chance to **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – plus £100 to spend on yourself!**

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=schools-prize&utm_campaign=20190508_schoolsprize19

School Dates

Can I just remind you to check the school calendar for details of inset days, school events and school holidays. These dates are usually set before the start of the new academic year and are generally available on the school diary from June onwards.

Yours sincerely,
Kathy McCann
Headteacher