

STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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September 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope that you managed to enjoy the good weather and your summer holidays.

We would also like to welcome all of our new families and children to Stickland's and we look forward to getting to know you.

We very much appreciate all the help we receive in school and from this September, Jenny George who has very kindly volunteered to help us once a week during a lunch time. Should you wish to volunteer to help in school then please come and have a chat with either your child's teacher or myself.

As you know this is always a very busy term therefore, the first newsletter is always full of very useful information however, can I also recommend that you keep a very close eye on the calendar for upcoming events.

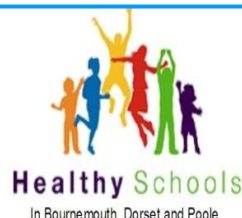
Pupil Information Sheet

In the envelope you will have an information sheet for your child/children detailing the information we hold on file for them. We are aware that information changes regularly so please could you check this carefully, update as necessary (especially phone numbers, emergency contact details and medical information) and return to the school office by Friday 16 September. If we do not receive your child's form we will assume the information we hold is correct.

Village and Photography Permission

As you may remember when your child starts school we ask for permission to take your child on education visits around the village of Evershot and also for your child to be photographed whilst participating in school events. These photographs may be published in the local paper, website or promotional literature (obviously fully complying with child protection guidelines without names or other details listed).

If you would like to opt your child out of either the village trips or photography permission then please could you let us know immediately as every class regularly has photos taken and also takes part in visits around the village.



Forest School and Ticks

I know this is not a pleasant thought but as the children regularly play outside they are vulnerable to Ticks. We are aware that a tick should be removed as soon as possible to prevent

disease transmission therefore, we have 2 removal tools in school which, we will be using to remove any ticks we find on children. If you would prefer us not to remove them, could you please email the office confirming this, otherwise we will assume that you give your permission to remove ticks.

If your child has a forest school session then we would always advise you to send them with long sleeved tops and full length trousers as this limits the skin available to ticks!

Clubs

Please find attached to the newsletter a form detailing the clubs available this term to children in years 1 through to 6. We will not be offering clubs to reception children this term to enable them to settle in to a normal routine at school however, we will review this throughout the year.

Included in the list is an Alternative Sports Club provided by Premier Sports which will run in 6 week blocks at a cost of £18, this term they are providing lacrosse.

We would like the children to show commitment to the club they sign up to and we would also remind you that the clubs are an extension of the school day and our behaviour policy still applies. Should a child not show commitment or their behaviour is unacceptable then we will write to you and their place will be offered to another child.

Please go through the clubs with your child/children and indicate on the form those clubs they would like to participate in and return it to school by **Thursday 8 September** at the very latest. As there will be a limit to the amount of children that can attend the clubs, we can then assess the take up and contact you to confirm that your child has a place.

The clubs will all start the week commencing 12th September and will finish the week ending 14 October with the exception of the Monday Sports Club which finishes on Monday 17 October. All clubs except for the Premier Sports Club and the Science Club will restart the week after half term, we will let you know about the Sports Club and Science Club once the providers confirm if they are available after half term.

Finally, I am sure you are all aware that the staff provide these clubs during their own time and we would therefore be grateful if you could collect your child promptly at the end of these clubs.

Swimming

We will continue to swim this term up until the end of September, providing the weather is agreeable! We have detailed below the days that your child's class will be swimming however, could you please try to ensure they have their kit in most days as we will try to make the most of any good weather this half term:-

Goldfinches	- Wednesday
Woodpeckers	- Tuesday
Kingfishers	- Tuesday
Ravens	- Monday

Please remember your child must have a swimming hat!

Harvest Service & Macmillan Coffee Morning Thursday 29 September Service at St Osmond's, Evershot

You are all invited to join us for our Harvest Service and we would be grateful if the children could bring in an item of Non-Perishable food to take to the church, this will then be distributed locally by the church and any items remaining will be donated to the Sherborne Food Bank. Following the service we would like to invite you and any family/community members to come back to school where we will be providing tea, coffee and cake to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support.

Red, White & Blue Day Friday 14 October

This year we have decided to support Red, White and Blue Day which is a chance for us to show our support for the huge number of Service families in the UK. Should your child wish to take part in supporting this day we are asking for a donation of £1 per child and in return they can come to school wearing Red, White and Blue on Friday 14 October.

Parents Information Evening – Monday 19 September

You should all have received your invitation to the next Parents Information Evening taking place at 6.00pm on Monday 19 September. This evening will provide information regarding reading, home learning and basic maths skills. A crèche is available!

No home learning will be set until after this evening, as our new approach will be explained following the parent questionnaire.

Parents Evening – 17 & 18 October

This year we are using our Eschools platform to book parents evening appointments and **booking will be available from Friday 23 September until Friday 7 October.**

Parents' evenings are an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic progress, behaviour and attitudes, as well as any other specific concerns or areas for celebration.

These appointments are for 10 minutes and it is important that we keep to this timeframe to ensure that other parents are not kept waiting. If you feel that you need a longer appointment then please contact your child's teacher directly.

If you are unable to make either of these dates please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative appointment.

Please note, clubs will not be on Tuesday 18 October!

Buses

I would like to remind parents that if your child is not going to be on the bus you need to contact the school office prior to the day that this applies to (preferably by email). If we are not advised in adequate time then it can cause confusion and missed messages, which is unsettling for both the children and staff. If your child is going to be travelling on the bus and is not a regular bus user then you must let the office know the day before, as your child is not insured unless we have received permission from Dorset County Council for them to travel on school transport.

We all find the bus system frustrating at times but can I just reiterate that the school does not organise the buses!

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

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY & TIME	COST	PLEASE TICK IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
Premier Sports Lacrosse Club	3,4,5 & 6	Monday 3.00-4.00pm	£24 for 6 weeks	Please note this needs to be booked on line at:- http://sport.premier-education.com/courses-and-clubs/search/venue/sticklands-cofe-va-primary-school/id/19787
Gymnastic Club	2,3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Film Club	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Recorder Club	1	Wednesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Creative Writing Club	2,3,4,5 & 6	Wednesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Fun Science Dorset Club	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm	£30 for 5 weeks	Please complete the attached form
Choir	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	Thursday Lunchtime	N/A	
Drama	1 to 6 (inclusive)	Thursday 3.00 – 4.00 pm	N/A	
Football **see below	4, 5 & 6	Friday Lunchtime	N/A	

** This club is delivered by an external volunteer coach and is primarily to develop our football team. If the number of children interested is too great, children may be selected for this club on ability.

If it becomes necessary to cancel an afterschool club then we will text you as soon as possible to let you know.

PLEASE RETURN BY Thursday 8 SEPTEMBER 2016