

**STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we are saying goodbye at the end of this term to Miss Schofield who has been with us for a year mainly working with Woodpeckers' Class and Mrs Collinson who has completed her final student placement. We would like to thank them and wish them well for the future.

### **Mrs Hawker**

Unfortunately, Mrs Hawker has been unwell since October half term and has now decided to resign with effect from the end of this term. Mrs Hawker started her career at Halstock School and when that closed she joined Stickland's. During her career she trained as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and served as a staff governor. Mrs Hawker will be sadly missed by staff and pupils alike and we are sure that you will want to join with us to show your appreciation and thanks for all that she has done. There will be a card in the office on Thursday for people to sign and if you wish to leave a donation please put this in an envelope and post in the letter box on the office door. Mrs Hawker has requested that any donations be used to purchase something for the school.

### **School Dates**

Can I just remind you to check the school calendar for details of all inset days, school events and school holidays.

### **Clubs for Next Term**

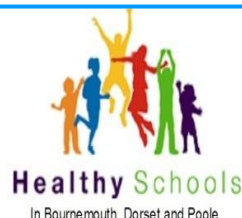
At the end of this newsletter there is a clubs list for those clubs that are available in the summer term. Please could you ensure that this is completed and returned to school by Wednesday 13 April to enable us to confirm if your child/children have secured a place. Club spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis!

Clubs will start the week commencing 18 April and will finish at half term with the exception of drama and choir clubs which will continue until their summer performances.

### **Last Day of the Term including the Easter Service & Achievements Assembly**

You are invited to join the school for the Easter Service at 9.15 am on Thursday 24 March at St Osmund's church in Evershot. Ladybirds, Little Acorns and Barn Owls will also be invited to join us for a community celebration of Easter. Following the service the school will be providing tea/coffee and hot cross buns in the Discovery Centre.

We will not be holding an Achievements' Assembly as well as the Easter Assembly however, there



will then be a house competition.

Lunch will be set up in the Discovery Centre and children will be able to help themselves to a buffet style lunch and return to classrooms to eat. After all children have collected their food, parents will be invited to help themselves to anything left over.

We are asking each child to bring in a plate of food for this lunch and below are a list of foods we hope each child will be able to provide.

- Reception - Fruit and Crudités e.g. carrots, celery, cucumber, cherry tomatoes
- Year 1 - Savoury Snacks e.g. sausage rolls, pizza, cocktail sausages, quiche
- Year 2 - Crisps and Dips
- Year 3 - Sandwiches
- Year 4 - Sweet items e.g. cakes, biscuits
- Year 5 - Sandwiches
- Year 6 - Drinks e.g. fruit juice, flavoured water, squash

After lunch you are welcome to take your child home however, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day.

**Don't forget to let the school know asap if your child/children will not need to use the school bus on Thursday afternoon!**

### **School Lunches**

Can I just remind you that school lunches need to be ordered at least one week in advance. We have had a few instances where parents have thought they have placed orders but they have not gone through therefore, once you have placed your orders please could you view them to check that they have been accepted.

Our supplier Local Food Links have asked me to let you know about their facebook page which has some useful information on it

<https://www.facebook.com/LocalFoodLinks/?ref=hl>

### **Cookathon**

The Children's Food Trust Big Cookathon is an annual event where they aim to get the nation cooking. We have decided to take part this year on Monday 25 April 2016 and the whole school will take part in cooking an individual Healthy Cottage Pie from scratch which they will be bringing home with them. The idea is to show the children how easy it is to cook and how much fun they can have in the kitchen. Learning to cook is an essential life skill and we believe that by eating better, children do better. We will also be in the running to win up to £200 by uploading a photo of our event to their entry page.

We are very lucky to have local celebrity chef Lesley Walters joining us during the day to inspire and excite the children about cooking.

### **Parent Governor Needed!**

Unfortunately, still no one came forward to apply for the current vacancy for a Parent Governor. We would be extremely grateful if you could consider if this is something that you would be willing to do to help both your child/children and the school.

Governors help to determine if the school is heading in the right direction and have an opportunity to have an input into how the school can continue to improve. This is your chance to have a say!

## **Clerk to the Governors - Vacancy**

The Governing Body is seeking to appoint an experienced administrator as Clerk to Governors. We are seeking a reliable, well organised individual that is able to work under own initiative to deadlines whilst providing administrative support to the Governing Body.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Prepare and distribute agendas and enclosures for full governing body and committee meetings
- Take accurate and concise minutes
- Co-ordinate the governing body in an efficient manner
- Advise the governing body on legal, constitutional and procedural matters (training will be provided)
- Attend Clerk's briefing sessions and liaise with Dorset County Council's Governor Services Department
- Demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills

Training and on-going support in all aspects of the role will be available to you from Dorset County Council Governor Services Department.

With the exception of actual meetings, the majority of the role could be carried out in school or from home at a time to suit the post holder as preferred. There are currently 6 full governing body meetings and approximately 12 committee meetings per academic year. The job holder will need to be flexible with regard to working hours and days as this is dependent on the prescribed meeting schedule of the Governing Body. The salary for the role has been calculated as an average of 4 hours per week term time only, however the majority of the hours would be worked on and around the dates of the meetings.

If you have any questions or would like any more information about the role please contact the school office.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people; this is a commitment which we expect all staff and volunteers to share. The successful candidate will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Governments safer recruitment guidelines.

This school values the diversity of our workforce and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Finally, we would like to wish you a happy Easter and hope that you have a restful holiday.

Yours sincerely,  
Kathy McCann  
Headteacher

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB	YEAR GROUP	DAY & TIME	COST	PLEASE TICK IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
Football Club	3,4,5 & 6	Monday Lunchtime	N/A	
School Website	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Recorder Club	1 & 2	Tuesday Lunchtime	N/A	
Cheerleading	2,3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm	N/A	
Cookery Club	3,4,5 & 6	Tuesday 3.00-4.15pm	£7.50 per half term	
Fun Science	Whole School	Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm	£30 for the half term	Separate Letter Attached
Choir	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	Monday Lunchtime	N/A	
Drama	1 to 6 (inclusive)	Thursday 3.00 – 4.00 pm	N/A	

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 Wednesday 13 April 2016**