



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will all appreciate this half term is full of events and we would urge you to keep look at the dates on the school calendar so that you are aware of what is happening.

### **Antibullying Week and Children in Need**

Next week is antibullying week and you should have received a letter regarding this. On Monday the children can come to school dressed in blue in order to take a united stand against bullying. (There is no cost for the children to wear blue on this day.)

Also during this week we will be selling the Children in Need items (please see the previous newsletter which is available on the website). Initially the children will be limited to 2 items however, if we still have some items remaining on Thursday then they will be allowed to buy more.

Finally, for a voluntary donation of £1 the children are allowed to wear home school clothes on Friday 18 November provided they have a spotty theme!

### **Individual School Photos Wednesday 23 November**

Just to let you know that Ashley Woods Studios will be coming to school on the afternoon of Wednesday 23 November to take the children's individual photos. We have been advised that the photos will be back in time for Christmas!

### **Christmas Meal at Beaminster School – Thursday 1 December 2016**

Every year the children are invited to Beaminster School for Christmas Lunch which will be served to them by ex-pupils of Stickland's School. A letter is being sent home tonight and we would be really grateful if you could complete the reply slip and return it to the school office by Friday 18 November 2016.

### **Drama Club Performance of "Home for Christmas" – Thursday 8 December 2016**

You are all invited to come and watch the above performance on Thursday 8 December which will be taking place in the school hall at 3.30pm (we are anticipating the performance will finish at approximately 4.30pm).

Refreshments will be available in the Discovery Centre from 3.00pm until the start of the performance and entry will be £2 for adults and £1 for children (payable on the door). All proceeds will go into providing resources for drama club.

The children in Drama Club work very hard to put on their performances and would appreciate your support!



## **Key Stage One Nativity and School Christmas Fair – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

The Key Stage One Nativity is taking place at 1.45pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and this will be followed by the school Christmas Fair from 3.00pm – 4.15pm.

To enable the fair to be set up in the hall after the Nativity there will be refreshments in the Discovery Centre and a performance by the school choir and musicians. Fossa will serve teas, coffees and mince pies, etc on the night.

The fair will include games, gift wrapping, tombola, etc. If you know anyone who would like to run a stall at the fair please ask them to contact the office, we will be charging £10 to hire a stall.

We are hoping that Father Christmas will join us in his grotto.

To help make this a success we would be extremely grateful if you could donate any of the following items for our tombola/hampers and in return the children will have a **non-school uniform day on Friday 9 December** to say thank you!

<b><i>Bottles</i></b>	<b><i>Jars</i></b>	<b><i>Sweets</i></b>	<b><i>Christmas Goods</i></b>	<b><i>Crackers</i></b>	<b><i>Mince Pies</i></b>
	<b><i>Wine</i></b>	<b><i>Ale</i></b>	<b><i>Sherry</i></b>	<b><i>Brandy</i></b>	<b><i>Chocolates</i></b>
<b><i>Candles</i></b>	<b><i>Toiletries</i></b>				

***If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate prizes for our raffle we would also welcome these!***

Please could donations be made by 9<sup>th</sup> December and put in the box that will be in reception from 1<sup>st</sup> December onwards.

## **Wellie Walk and Whole School Christmas Meal – Wednesday 14 December 2016**

Charlotte Townsend has very kindly offered to allow us to take the children for another Wellie Walk through Melbury Estate on Wednesday 14 December. Can you please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the weather in home clothes/footwear and could they also bring a change of clothes/footwear in case they get wet and muddy.

We will return in time for lunch and the school will be providing a Christmas Lunch from Local Food Links for all of the children therefore, there is no need to bring a packed lunch or order a meal for this day. The only thing you will need to do is to change your child's food choice if they require a vegetarian meal.

## **Christmas Service – Thursday 15 December 2016**

Just a quick note to let you know that this year's Christmas Service will be at 9.15 am on Thursday 15 December at St Osmund's Church in Evershot.

## **Parents Invitation to Achievements' Assembly, Christmas Jumper Day and End of Term Lunch Friday 16 December 2016**

As in previous years we would like to invite you to attend this term's Achievements' Assembly and Shared Christmas Lunch on the last day of this term.

This is also Christmas Jumper Day so we are happy for the children to wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform! We understand that this is a national fundraising day and if you would like to make a donation of £1 then we will happily pass on your donation however, this is not a requirement.

The Achievements' Assembly will take place in the school hall at 11.00 am and after a brief interlude the food for the lunch will be set up in the Discovery Centre. Children will then be able to help themselves to a buffet style lunch and then 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 is 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 - Drinks e.g. fruit juice, flavoured water, squash
- Year 6 - Sandwiches

I know this seems very early to be thinking about the end of term but we understand that this is a busy time of year for parents and wanted to give you as much notice as possible. Finally, if you would like to take your child home after the lunch then you will be able to do so. However, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day.

### **Clubs**

The clubs for this term will finish on 9 December. A letter regarding next term's clubs will be sent home before the end of this term.

### **Reception Children for September 2017**

Can I remind parents that have younger children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2017. You can apply for a place by going to [www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions). If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers.

If you know of any parents outside of school who have children in this age range we would really appreciate it if you could also mention it to them.

Yours sincerely,  
Kathy McCann  
Headteacher