



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievements

We would like to say well done to our cricket team who finished as runners up in the recent West Dorset Collaboration Cricket Tournament. The children gave a fantastic performance and we are very proud of them: Toby, Alfie, Izzy, Violet, Johnnie, Hayden, Reece Ollie B and Oliver H.

Inset Days

Just to remind you that after the summer break the children return to school **on Wednesday 6 September 2017**. The 4th and 5th September are INSET days.

Leavers' Assembly Breakfast & Lunch

Apologies for the error on the last newsletter but this year's Leavers' Assembly will be taking place in the school at **10.00 am on Friday 21 July**.

As we are aware some parents will not have sufficient time to return home in-between dropping their child/children off we would also like to invite you into school at 9.00am for tea/coffee and a bacon roll at a cost of £1. Money raised will be going to Fossa.

Following the assembly, you are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with your children. You may start your holiday early and take your children home if you wish, although school will be open until 3.00 pm as normal.

If you decide to take your child before the end of the school day and they normally use school transport can you please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can cancel the transport if it is not needed.

Free School Meals

As mentioned in the previous newsletter the school may receive additional funding for children whose family income is below £16190 per year. To ensure the school is not missing out on this additional funding please could **all** families complete and return the registration form which is attached to this newsletter **by Thursday 20 July 2017**.

Library Books

Could all children ensure they have returned their school library books by Wednesday 19 July 2017 at the very latest.



Fossa Fun Day

Reminder, Fossa Fun Day is on Monday 17 July. Your child should come to school dressed in suitable clothing they can do physical activities in. They will also need to bring swimming kit and waterproofs/wellies for forest school type activities. Fossa are providing lunch so you do not need to send in a packed lunch. If you can come along and help during the day then please contact the office and we will pass the message on.

Cake Sale Donations

As you know we have held cake sales over the last year in aid of various charities. Two of the cake sales were raising money for Bushbells which fundraises for a small village school in East Africa. One of our school governors, Jax Comyn, is involved with Bushbells and was very appreciative of the donation which will be used to support Bushbells Breakfast Club which provides essential nutrition and encourages attendance at school.

Summer Reading Challenge

The children have had a visit from Dorset Library Services to explain this year's Summer Reading Challenge. There is a mystery to be solved and the 'Animal Agents' are the ones to do it. As your child reads through six books, they will collect clues to solve crimes. The books can be handed in and taken out at any public library in the country. See link to library website for more information.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/about-animal-agents>

We have decided to tie this Summer Challenge in with our own School Reading Challenge for next year.

When the children receive their medal and certificate in school for completing the task, we will give them an additional gold leaf to put up on our Reading Tree in the hall. This will count as two reading activities in the Autumn Term, so your child will be well on their way to achieving the first term's goal.

The rewards for reading are even better next year, with a termly treat for those reading a minimum of four books per term and completing a task for each one. There will also be no limit to the number of leaves a child can earn over the year.

Reading with your child over the summer is the easiest and most enjoyable way to ensure that they get off to a flying start when school begins in September. Have a great summer and keep reading!

Download the School App and Save the School Money!

Thank you to all of those parents who have already downloaded the app. If you have not done so already and you need help please contact the office for further information.

Thank You to the Volunteers!

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped Stickland's this year, without your help the children would miss out on all sorts of activities. We very much appreciate the time that you give to school and hope you find this a rewarding activity.

For those children leaving us this year I would like to wish you well in the future and hope you achieve everything that you wish for.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a lovely summer break and I look forward to seeing you in September

Yours sincerely,



Kathy McCann
Headteacher