



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

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

***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 15 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 have not already done so and 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.

### **Home School Agreement**

It is a requirement that every school has a home/school agreement which is signed by the parent, pupil and school. The document has been prepared in consultation with staff and governors. The home school agreement is enclosed and I would ask that you read and talk it through carefully with your child/ren, then sign and send it back to school.

### **Parents Information Evening – Monday 2 October 6pm**

Please put the date for the next Parents Information Evening into your diaries. These evenings are a valuable part of our communication with you. More information will be coming out in a forthcoming invitation. The crèche will be available to enable as many as possible of you to attend!



### \*\*\* GET CAUGHT READING \*\*\*

We hope that you have enjoyed the holiday and look forward to hearing about the books that you have read as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. To tie in with the Secret Agent theme, we are launching a new display in the library called, 'Get Caught Reading'.

If you would like to be part of this, please bring a photograph of yourself reading (on your own or with friends, family, a pet etc). You can be reading in your favourite place or in a weird and wonderful location - the choice is yours.

All suitable photos will be displayed. Please hand them to Mrs Low or Mrs Oliver as soon as possible.

### 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 year to enable them to settle in to a normal routine at school.

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 14 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 18 September and will finish the week ending 1 December with the exception of the Basketball Club which finishes on Tuesday 17 October.

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.

### Harvest Service Thursday 4 October 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 Evershot/Sherborne Food Bank.

## **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	- Thursday
Woodpeckers	- Thursday
Kingfishers	- Friday
Ravens	- Friday

Please remember your child must have a swimming hat!

## **Bags2Schools Monday 2 October**

Bags2Schools make a donation to schools for any clothes that they collect from us and I just wanted to let you know that we have arranged for them to make a collection of clothes on 2 October 2017. We would be really grateful if you could save any old clothes that you are throwing away and bring them into school between 8.00am and 9.00am on Monday 2 October. We will be sending home a bag for your donations once we receive them from the company. Please support us as the last collection raised £156.

## **Red, White & Blue Day, Friday 6 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 6 October.

## **Parents Evening – 16 & 17 October**

This year we are using our Eschools platform to book parents evening appointments and **booking will be available from Friday 22 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.

## **Christian Values**

This half term we will be focussing on Friendship 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. Please find attached a leaflet with some activities and information for you.

## **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!

### **Top Marks for Local Food Links**

We just thought you might like to know that our school meals supplier Local Food Links has been shortlisted for Contract Caterer of the Year in the prestigious 2017 EDUcatering Excellence awards which recognize outstanding contributions to the entire school catering industry.

LFL has been dishing up school dinners to thousands of pupils in Dorset for over a decade and has grown from small beginnings, serving soup and a roll in Bridport schools one day a week. to becoming a multi-site operation now supplying 34 schools across Dorset. It is both a social enterprise and an ethical organisation which is passionate about feeding children well using high quality ingredients and supporting local businesses.

### **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/Children's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Club	Day and Time of Club	Year Groups	Cost	Please Tick if your child would like to take part in these clubs
Hand Chimes with Allison Rees	Monday Lunchtimes  <b>Finishing on 16 October but may continue after half term.</b>	5 & 6	£10  5 sessions  Cheques Payable to A Rees	
Premier Sports Key Stage 1 Multiskills Club	Monday 3.00-4.00pm	1 & 2	£36  9 sessions  Cheques Payable to Premier Sports or can be booked online (see below)	
Key Stage 2 Sports Club	Tuesday 12.00-12.30pm	3,4,5,6	N/A	
Key Stage 2 Basketball Club	Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm  <b>Finishing on 17 October 2017</b>	3,4,5,6	£15  5 sessions  Cheques payable to D Roper	
Recorder Club	Wednesday Lunchtime	2	N/A	
Choir	Thursday Lunchtime	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	N/A	
Drama	Thursday 3.00-4.00pm	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	N/A	
Maths Mastery Club	Thursday 3.00 – 3.45pm  <b>No club on Thursday 21 September due to residential meeting</b>	6	N/A	

Link to Premier Sports Key Stage One Multiskills Club <http://www.premier-education.com/families/search-for-activities-near-you/venue/sticklands-cofe-va-primary-school/id/19787>