

STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

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

As you are all aware the end of term is always very busy and this year is no exception therefore, please find below details of events, etc!

Inset Days

Just to remind you that after the summer break the children return to school **on Wednesday 5 September 2018**. The 3rd and 4th September are INSET days.

Monday 23 July - Melbury Estate Walk and Picnic

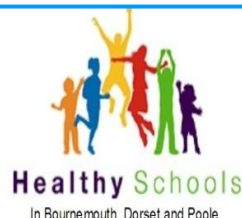
On Monday the children have been very kindly invited by Charlotte Townshend to visit Melbury Estate. We will be walking to Melbury Estate for a picnic lunch, the children will need to bring a packed lunch and wear home clothes. Please ensure they have a sun hat and sun cream on (it looks like it is going to be hot) and also that they are wearing suitable footwear (not flipflops / crocs etc).

Tuesday 24 July - Fossa Fun Day

Fossa Fun Day has been moved to Tuesday 24 July and I am sure all of the children are very excited about the activities that Fossa will be running for them.

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.

Also any donations of old socks would be greatly appreciated! Old socks, odd socks, paired socks etc (holey socks may not be quite as effective for stuffing though!!) as one of the activities will be hobby horse crafting for the children.



Thank you to Fossa for all of the hard work that goes into making every event that they hold a huge success. Without your hard work the children would definitely miss out on the lovely extras that you pay for!!!

Wednesday - Leavers' Assembly & Picnic Lunch

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Assembly at 10.30 am on Wednesday 25 July. All are welcome!!! 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.

Summer Term Reading Challenge Reward

The staff would like to congratulate all of the children on achieving the reading challenge this term. We had a thoroughly enjoyable reward day which will help inspire the children to complete the Autumn Challenge when we return in September!

Attendance

This year our overall attendance figure is 96.1%. Whilst this is around National average, our figure last year was higher than this. We expect all children to aim for **at least** 95% attendance. Below 90% is considered, by County, as 'persistent absenteeism'. With termly monitoring visits from a County attendance officer, it is a key area that we would like to improve on. Whilst children are not at school they are not learning!

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.

Last Few Days to [Win £5,000 for your school library with National Book Tokens](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WyImU1VKh9N)

The annual schools competition is back. One lucky entrant the chance to **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens** for their school - enough to buy hundreds of new books for the library. And just in case that warm, fuzzy feeling isn't enough, the winner also gets **£100 of National Book Tokens to spend on themselves!** The competition ends on 31st July 2018 - so get voting using the link below:-

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WyImU1VKh9N>

Accepted in thousands of bookshops and online, National Book Tokens are the perfect way to reward, encourage literacy and inspire a love of books.

Last year's winners Killermont Primary School in Glasgow **won £5,000 of National Book Tokens** for their school library in 2017. They said:

"We are absolutely thrilled to hear we have won these book tokens for our library!

We will be able to significantly refresh our library. Last year we started the process of creating a "dyslexia friendly" section, and a graphic novel section within our library, and the tokens will give us a great boost in promoting these developments, in addition to providing new novels for the entire school."

Congratulations to John S. from Glasgow, who nominated the school - and got £100 of National Book Tokens all for himself.

Please 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