



# STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Environmental Health Inspection**

We are really pleased to be able to let you know that following a recent inspection of the kitchen area the inspector rated us as a 5 star establishment. We would like to thank Miss Turner and Miss Pennington for maintaining these high standards whilst providing the hot school meals at lunchtimes.#

### **Social Media**

We are considering creating a social media presence for Stickland's and we would like to know your thoughts on this. Please can you complete the questionnaire that has been sent to you today, as soon as possible.

### **Parents' Information Evening Tonight**

We are looking forward to welcoming those parents that have reserved places at tonight's information evening.

### **Comic Relief**

As you know the children love to celebrate Comic Relief however, we understand that times are difficult for families at the moment with the cost of living increasing.

We would like all of the children to come to school in non-school uniform for the day and if you would like to make a voluntary donation to comic relief then we will put a pot in the hall for children to put any donations in. Please do not feel obligated to make a donation.

### **Tea, cake and School Choir Performance to celebrate Mothers' Day 17 March 2023**

We would like to invite you to attend a performance by Sticklands School Choir to celebrate Mothers' Day on Friday 17 March 2023 at 2.00pm.

Please could you reserve tickets using Arbor by Friday 10 March so that we have an indication of how many cakes to provide. If you would like to make a donation we will donate this to Comic Relief 2023.

### **FOSSA AGM 28 March Online**

As you are all probably aware, FOSSA fund raise to provide events and resources for the school that we would otherwise be unable to afford. It would be great if you could support them by attending the AGM at 7.00pm online on 28 March 2023. The link for the meeting is:-

Please email the office if you would like to attend and a link for the meeting will be sent to you.

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### **BBQ Needed for Sports Day (28 June)**

FOSSA have also asked me to put a request out to see if anyone would be able to loan them a BBQ for the Summer Fair on the 28 June and possibly cook the food for them. If you are able to help then please email the office and I will pass on your details to them.

### **Bags2Schools Thursday 30 March 2023**

As you probably know 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 Thursday 30 March 2023. We would be really grateful if you could save any old clothes that you are throwing away and bring them into school after school on Wednesday 29 March or between 8.00am and 9.00am on Thursday 30 March. 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 £68 which was used to buy classroom resources.

### **Easter service - 31 March 2023**

Just a reminder that we would like to invite you to this year's Easter Service at St Osmund's Church in Evershot on Friday 31 March at 10.30am which will be followed by tea and cake back at school.

We will be open until 3pm, however, if you do wish to start your holiday early, you may collect your child/children from school after 12pm. If you are going to collect your child/children early, then please e-mail [hometime@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:hometime@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk) to indicate what time this will be.

**Hot lunches will not be available, but a packed lunch will be provided if your child is in receipt of means tested free school meals.** If you have already ordered a meal, we have cancelled it.

### **Parents' Information Evening - 17 & 18 April 2023**

We are pleased to be returning to complete face to face parents' evenings and you will be able to book your parents' evening appointments on Arbor from Monday 13 March. Please note you will not be able to book appointments after this date. Teachers will not be chasing parents to make appointments so please ensure you have booked yours by 31 March 2023.

Parents' evenings are an opportunity for parents 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 will be important that we keep to this timeframe to ensure that other parents are not kept waiting. Teachers will have a 10-minute alarm and unfortunately the meeting will have to conclude when the alarm rings.

If you are unable to make these dates, need a longer appointment, or would prefer a telephone meeting, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternative appointment.

The classes will have appointments available on the following dates and times:-

17 April 3.10pm to 6.00pm All Classes Goldfinches and Woodpeckers are offering both face to face and online appointments on this day, **please state in the notes if you require an online appointment.** Kingfishers and Ravens are only face to face bookings on this day

18 April 2022 3.10pm to 5.00pm Kingfishers and Ravens

### **Spring Term Reading Challenge**

[The closing date for the Reading Challenge is Friday, 17th March and the Reading Challenge Reward will be on Friday, 24th March. The children will have an Easter DVD and cakes as a well-deserved reward.](#)

If you have any questions or would like some advice on reading with your child or choosing books that they will enjoy, please contact your child's teacher.

### **World Book Day**

We had a fantastic day in school on Friday. It was lovely to see the children altogether, drinking hot chocolate, sharing their favourite books and listening to our author for the day, Tom Fletcher, read a story online. We spent

the day looking at his books: focusing for younger children on 'The Dinosaur Who Pooped ...' series and for KS2, 'The Creakers' - a spooky tale of monsters living under your bed. They were really engaged in the book-inspired activities and the day was a lot of fun.

**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. Dates include sports day, the Nativity and Christmas Service - for you to get them into your diary as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
Ruth Adler  
Acting Headteacher