



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Achievements

Congratulations to all of the children that have taken part in the recent collaboration sports tournaments and who have achieved some amazing results! We would also like to say what a huge credit they were to the school and their behaviour was commented on by several people.

Handball team A winners 🏆 🏅

The cricket team were also runners up in the collaboration cricket event! 🏏

A massive well done also to **Mrs Watson** who has not only been chosen to represent the West of England in hockey this season, she has been asked to Captain the team! An incredible achievement! We are very proud of you.

Huge Achievement.....!

We would all like to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to **Mrs Symington** who has worked at Sticklands for 35 years in May!

She is a very much loved member of staff who has dedicated many years of her life to the school. I am sure you will all agree that it wouldn't be the same place without her.

Headteacher Appointment

I am very pleased to announce that I have been offered and enthusiastically accepted the permanent position of Headteacher here at Stickland's. I am so excited to take up this role permanently and am very much looking forward to working with the staff, governors and you as parents, to move our already fabulous school forward.

Pool Tidy This Weekend!!!

Just a quick reminder that the Pool Committee are having a pool tidy up day this Saturday 29th April starting around 10am. Any help towards getting the pool up and ready for the summer season would be greatly appreciated!

Results of the Social Media Questionnaire

Thank you to those people that completed the above questionnaire. The majority of people would like us to have a social media presence with most people being on Facebook and Instagram we will be looking into both of these platforms before making our final decision.



King's Coronation Celebration - If you are attending please email the office to confirm!

Please join us for the King's Coronation tea party on Friday 5th May @2pm.

Your fabulous children will be singing and performing Coronation themed songs, prayers and dances.

We are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits to share at the event. If you are able to help us with this, please bring cakes/biscuits etc to school on the morning of 5th May.

'Design a Crown Fit for the King'

Local Food Links are running a 'Design a Crown Fit for the King' Competition, details of which are on the attached poster.

Headlice

There have been quite a few cases of headlice across the school recently.

Please could you help us by checking your child's hair this week and treating any eggs/lice that you find.

If all children are checked at the same time we should be able to eradicate the issue. See the links below to the NHS website and also a link for natural/home remedies for getting rid of lice and eggs.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/325844#home-remedies>

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.

Forest School and Ticks

We would like to remind you that it is good practice to check your child for ticks if they have had a forest school session in school. Ticks can carry diseases such as Lyme Disease and Encephalitis which can both have serious consequences so prompt removal (using the correct method) is recommended.

Bags2Schools Thursday 30 March 2023

Thank you we raised £85 which will be used to buy resources for the classes.

Inappropriate content

It has been brought to our attention that quite a few children are watching Netflix/Prime/Disney+ series that are rated 12/15 or even 18.

Please be aware that lots of programmes/films/series that are available on streaming sites contain upsetting, inappropriate content. Parents and carers can stop children accessing inappropriate videos by setting parental controls on all platforms.

This website explains how to set parental controls for all platforms.

<https://roostermoney.com/gb/a-complete-guide-to-parental-controls-on-streaming-services/>

Christian Values

This half term we will be focussing on Respect 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.

Summer Term Reading Challenge - Water Slide Fun Day!

The Summer Reading Challenge will begin on Friday 21st April and run for 12 weeks, finishing on Friday, 7th July.

Your child must read to someone at home **a minimum of 3 times per week (ideally 5) for 10 weeks** to achieve the challenge. This reading must be recorded in your child's reading record or homework folder and those children who read during all 12 weeks will get an additional reward.

The reading reward will take place in the week commencing 10th July and will be a return of the hugely popular water slide, hot dogs, choc ices, music & fun!

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.

Adult Reading Volunteers - Do you have an hour or two each week to help children develop their reading?

We are very lucky to have volunteers who regularly give up their time each week to read with children on a 1:1 basis. This has a huge impact on the children's motivation, confidence and progress in reading. The adults who already volunteer say that they also enjoy and benefit from the time spent with the children.

Do you (or someone you know) have some time that you would be able to spend in this rewarding activity? If so, we would really love to hear from you. Please call the office on 01935 83287 or email Anna Low directly (a.low@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk).

Access Mental Health – supporting you in a crisis

We have been asked by the Dorset Council's Family Information Service to make parents aware of the following website:-

<https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/access-mental-health>

The Family Information Service also have their own website which you may find useful:-

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/family-information-service>

Fossa Second Hand Uniform

Fossa sells Second Hand Uniform for £1 per item. The second hand uniform is kept in the unit in the school foyer and there is a box for donations on the top of the unit. Please pop in if you are looking for some uniform.

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,
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Acting Headteacher