

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Inset Day

Just a quick reminder that **Monday 5 June is an inset day**. After half term the children return to school on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

Please download the Arbor App to save the school money!

If you haven't already downloaded the app we would really appreciate it if you could. When we send you an email or App message we do not get charged however, we do get charged if we have to send you a text if you don't have the app!

We get charged 4 pence for each text we have to send to people who do not have the App. At the moment that's working out at £1.20 per message!

Meet the Teacher session

This year we would like to offer a 'Meet the Teacher' session for parents. This will be an opportunity for class teachers to introduce themselves, to explain the curriculum and topics that will be being taught and also the homework expectations and routines of the new classes. It will also be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about the new year group/key stage. Please come along, even if it is your child's second year in the same class.

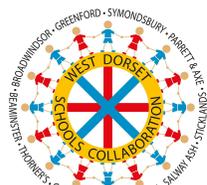
The days and times for this are

Tuesday 4th July -
Kingfisher (years 3 and 4) - 3.15-3.45
Raven (years 5 and 6) 3.45-4.15

Wednesday 5th July
Woodpecker (years 1 and 2) - 3.15-3.45
Goldfinch (Reception) - 3.45-4.15

After School Clubs

As a school, we are looking to extend our range of after school clubs. However, I do not want to ask any more of the school staff as they already work incredibly hard and give up a lot of their own time. If you have any skills/talents (sports/arts/DT/ICT/craft/cooking/music/languages/gardening/board games/writing.....)that you would like to share



with us, please do get in touch. Alternatively, if you have contacts with a club/team/individual that would be interested in running a 'paid for' club, please forward me their contact details.

Hot weather

With the weather warming up, we would ask that you send your child into school with a named sun hat and lots of water. It is also a good idea to apply sun-cream to your child before coming to school.

School uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing school shoes on the days that they are in school uniform. We do, however, understand that shoes can be expensive; please do contact me or the school office if you are having difficulty raising the money for school shoes.

King's Coronation Celebration

Thank you to everyone who attended our celebration in school on Friday 6 May. I think everyone who attended will agree that this was a great event which brought the community together.

We would like to say a special thank you to Summer Lodge who provided scones, clotted cream and jam for the occasion which were delicious!

Forest School - Help needed and a few reminders!

Firstly, we are aware that some children are using our Forest School out of school hours and we would be grateful if you could remind your children that this is not a safe environment for children to use unsupervised.

Forest School which has become overrun with stinging nettles and we are putting out a plea for someone to come and stem their growth. If you could spare the time to do this it would very much be appreciated, please contact the office if you are able to help.

We would also be very grateful for any pallets or cable reels that you are able to donate for the children to use in Forest School

Finally, 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.

Sports Day

This year's sports day and summer fair will be held on Wednesday 28 June with a reserve date of Wednesday 5 July, in case of bad weather. Please add this date to your diary. More details will follow nearer the time.

Summer Term Reading Challenge - Water Slide Fun Day!

The Summer Reading Challenge began on Friday 21st April and runs 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.

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,
Ruth Adler
Acting Headteacher