



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Achievements

We are very proud to be able to tell you that one of our former students Arlo has become a DJ and he has not only performed on Radio One but also at Glastonbury last month.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Firstly I wanted to remind you that 1st and 4th September are inset days therefore the **children return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023.**

Secondly, as per my previous email the school day is being extended from the Autumn term. To meet government guidelines school will finish at 3.15pm from September.

Forest School

We would like to say a huge thank you to a brilliant group of parents; Tom, Lauren, Gavin, Sadie and James for starting the work of clearing the paths of nettles in Forest School, we really appreciate your hard work especially in this weather. They have made it a much better environment for the children to explore.

Also just a reminder 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

Thank you to everyone who attended Sports Day and the Summer Fair. This was a lovely day and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! A big thank you in particular to Sadie Watson for organising all of the sports events and the majority of the fayre! Also to Elaine for donating so many games for us to use as well as lots of fabulous prizes!

I would also like to thank Kerry Jones for doing the ice-creams, drinks, cakes and refreshments. Everyone really appreciated your hard work and organisation.

I am pleased to tell you that we raised £340 which will be split between the classes to buy additional classroom resources. This does not include the money raised by Fossa on the day!



Reminder -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) - 3.15-3.45pm

Raven (years 5 and 6) 3.45-4.15pm

Wednesday 5th July

Woodpecker (years 1 and 2) - 3.15-3.45pm

Goldfinch (Reception) - 3.45-4.1pm

Reminder- Hot weather

With the warm weather we have had, 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.

Children will not be allowed outside when it is hot without a sun hat to protect them from heat stroke.

Whole School Summer Reading Fun! - Friday, 7th July

This is the final celebration of all of the progress made and hard work that has taken place in reading this year, both in school and at home.

Hopefully, the weather will remain warm and dry so please send your child to school with the following:

- Dressed in their PE kit
- Swimming kit & spare T-shirt to wear on the water slide.
- Sunhat & water bottle
- Sun cream applied before school

Thank you for your continued support with reading and please keep reading with your child over the summer holiday. There is the Summer Reading Challenge in the local libraries (See below) and the children have all attended an assembly presented by the Dorset Library Service.

Dorchester Library - Summer Reading Challenge 2023

The Summer Reading Challenge is back from 1 July to 23 September. Get ready to join the team! This year's challenge 'Ready, Set, Read!' is all about games and sports. Join our superstar team and their animal mascots as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course. Developed in collaboration with Youth Sport Trust, the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge celebrates play and participation with games and sports by keeping imaginations moving over the school holiday.

Look out for events and activities online and in your library this summer.

Free school meals

Further to my message earlier this term, just a reminder that if you are entitled to claim certain benefits, then you can claim for free school meals at school, and that this will also entitle you to certain other financial help. This includes a uniform contribution and payment towards the cost of trips and visitors. It also means that the school will receive extra money to help support your child. If you think that you may be entitled (**even if you do not wish to claim for the meals, or if your child is in Key Stage 1**) please visit the

Dorset For You website for further information.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals>

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.

Last Week of Term

The last week of term is always very busy and this term is no exception.

Monday 17 July- Whole School Walk

The children will come to school dressed as they would for any other Monday however, they will need suitable shoes for walking, sun cream, water and a raincoat.

Tuesday 18 July - Fossa Fun Day

The children will come to school in PE kit and will need their swimming kit. Children will need a packed lunch on this day.

Wednesday 19 July - Ravens' Beach Party

Ravens' class will need to come into school dressed in appropriate beach themed clothes, e.g. shorts and t-shirts, hawaiian shirts, trainers, etc. (**no sandals**). The children will also need to bring with them their swimming kits. **Lunch will be provided for Ravens' on this day, so no packed lunches will be required.**

Thursday 20 July - Leavers Service.

This year's Leavers Service will take place at 2pm. We would like to invite Year 6 families to join us. Could you please email the office with an indication of how many people are likely to be attending.

Friday 21 July Last Day of Term

As with previous years we would like to invite families to join the children for a picnic lunch on the field at 12pm. We will be open until 3pm, however, if you wish to join us for the picnic and take your children home afterwards then that will be fine. Please could you email the office if you will be taking your child / ren early.

For the 18th and 21st we have ordered packed lunches for children in Key Stage One and also for children in receipt of means tested free school meals. If you would like to change or cancel the packed lunch you should be able to do this on the Local Food Links site.

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