

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take the time to read the newsletter, it contains lots of important information and dates.

Pupil and Contact Information

Just a reminder to ensure that the details we hold on Arbor are correct. We would also be grateful if you could ensure that we have at least two emergency contacts for your child/children.

Attendance/Lateness/Unauthorised holidays

Regular attendance at school is key to children's success.

REMINDER - Gates close at 8.40 - please ensure your child is in school on time to enable a smooth start to the school day.

As per previous letters, holidays taken in term time will not be authorised and are likely to result in a fine.

Parents' Information evening

Thank you to those parents that attended the Parents Information Evening in September. It was a very useful evening, run by Miss Stone, detailing our PSHE and RSE curriculum.

Lost Property

We are only a few weeks into the new school year and we already have a relatively large amount of lost property. Please could you ensure that your child/children's uniform is named to enable us to return it to you if it becomes lost. Our lost property box is in the school foyer.

Christmas Gift Orders -Please return to school on Monday 9 October

Please can you ensure that you have placed your Christmas Gift Order online by Monday and that you return the forms back to school on the same day.

If your child would like to add to their designs at home then that is absolutely fine.

Harvest Service 12 October

This is planned for Thursday 12 October at 9.15am, at St Osmund's Church in Evershot. Families are welcome to attend.

Please can you send your child into school with a non-perishable food item on Thursday 12th October - this will be donated to the Lord's Larder food bank.



Fossa Fancy Dress Disco 19 October

As per our email Fossa are holding a fancy dress disco for the children between 5.30 and 7.00pm on Thursday 19 October. Please come and support them!

Parents' Evening 30 and 31 October

Parents' Evening appointments will be available to book on Arbor from Monday morning.

School Photos 7 November

Just to let you know that the school photographer is coming into school on Tuesday 7 November (**please put it in your diaries**). If you would like your child photographed with younger siblings who do not attend Sticklands then please bring them along between 1.00 and 1.15pm. We cannot guarantee how long you will have to wait as the photographer will be setting up just before 1.00pm.

Other Upcoming Events in November

1st Nov	Cake Sale for Children in Need
2nd Nov	Flu Vaccinations
6th Nov	School Pyjama Day for Children with Cancer
7th Nov	Individual School Photos
13-17th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
13th Nov	Odd Socks Day
14th Nov	Sports for Champions Athlete Visit
17th Nov	Non-school Uniform/Spotty Clothes for Children in Need

Please remember to keep an eye on the website calendar for school dates!

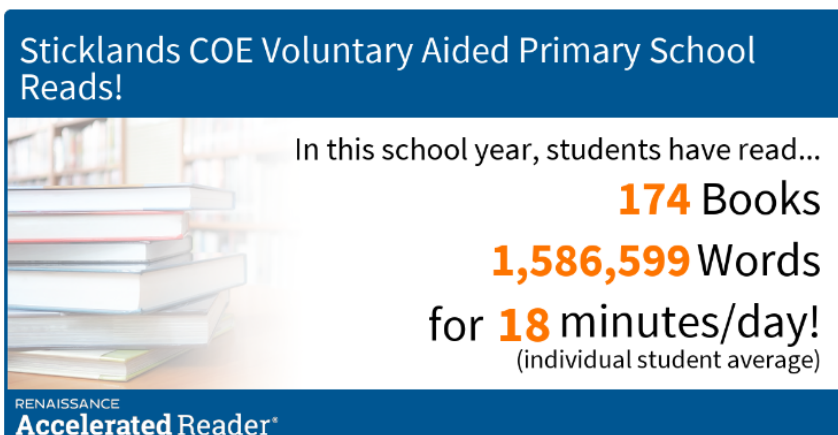
Hometime and Buses

A quick reminder that if you need to make any changes to hometime arrangements, then please ensure that you notify us **by 12pm**, by emailing hometime@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk to ensure that the correct members of staff are aware.

Clubs

Now the clubs have started I would like to remind you that we ask that the children show commitment to the club. Also if their behaviour is unacceptable then we will contact you and their place will be offered to another child. [The staff provide these clubs during their own time and we would therefore be grateful if you could collect your child promptly at the end of these clubs.](#)

Reading at Stickland's - Celebrating Success!



Sticklands COE Voluntary Aided Primary School
Reads!

In this school year, students have read...

174 Books
1,586,599 Words
for **18 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
Accelerated Reader®

Our aim is that children leave Stickand's as confident, enthusiastic and lifelong readers and your support is vital in achieving this. Listening to them read regularly at home from their first days in Reception until the end of Year 6 helps us to reach this goal. Thank you for getting the school year off to such a great start.

National Poetry Day – Thursday, 5th October

Learning and creating poems is very important for children. It allows them to play with words, rhymes, rhythm and patterns in a way that encourages creativity and helps to develop reading, writing and emotional literacy skills in an engaging and exciting way.

The children learn and share poems with the other classes each term in school, but on this occasion we had a visitor to inspire creativity and have fun to mark National Poetry Day.

Martin Maudsley is a local, professional storyteller who retells traditional tales & magical myths in a fresh, new way. He has a passion for our local countryside and uses poetry, music and song alongside his stories.

To start the day, Martin had the whole school enthralled (& laughing) with his poems, songs and stories before working with each class outside in Forest School - using nature to inspire their own poems. The day was brought to a close, with a sharing assembly. This gave the children the chance to perform their poems to an audience and celebrate their achievements.

It was a fantastic experience and if you would like any more information about Martin. Here is the link to his website (<https://martinmaudsley.co.uk/>).



Bags2Schools Friday 22 September

Thank you for your donations we raised £65 to go towards classroom resources.

Free trips / visits and uniform!

With the current economic situation, and following on from the welcome letter, please remember 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.

Whilst children in Reception and Key Stage 1 already receive free school meals, unless you apply, you will not receive the other benefits and school will not receive the extra funding. 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 (and 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 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 the Harvest Service, Nativity and Christmas Service - for you to get them into your diary as soon as possible.

Safeguarding

At Stickland's we are committed to safeguarding children. It is the duty and responsibility of everyone to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

If you have concerns surrounding a child's safety contact Dorset's Children's Advice and Duty Service (CHAD) on 01305 228866 immediately.

If you would like to talk to someone in school about safeguarding issues

Please email or speak to

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ruth Adler**
- **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Marie Stone or Kath Will**
- **Nominated Safeguarding Governor – Gay Lewis (g.lewis@sticklands.dorset.sch.uk)**
- **Please also see the E-safety page on our website for information on how to safeguard children online.**

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Adler

Headteacher