

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.

Welcome to June Jach

June Jach has started in the office as Clerk to the Governors and Clerical Officer. June will be working one day a week so please say hello if you see her!

IMPORTANT - Permission to Collect!!!

Following the flooding today it has become apparent that some people have not got more than one person as a contact which made it very difficult to get permission for their child to be collected by another parent/relative.

Arbor allows you to add extra contacts that have permission to collect your child.

We would ideally like at least 3 people that we can contact in the case of an emergency and we would be very grateful if you could update this immediately.

Sports Day and Non-School Uniform Day - DATE CHANGE

We are really sorry but an event has been added to the diary which has meant that we have had to change the date of next year's Sports Day and Non-school Uniform day. This have been changed to the following:-

Non-school Uniform Day for Tombola Prizes - Friday 14 June 2024
Sports Day - Thursday 20 June 2024

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

As per my recent email, the attendance awards will start from January. Thank you for your support in improving school attendance.

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Service and who donated food items to be donated to the Lord's Larder Food Bank.

I hope that you all agree that this was a lovely service bringing the school and local community together.



Parents' Evening

Thank you very much to all parents who attended the parents' evenings. It is a really important way for class teachers to talk to you about how your children have settled into their classes this term.

Sports For Champions 14th November

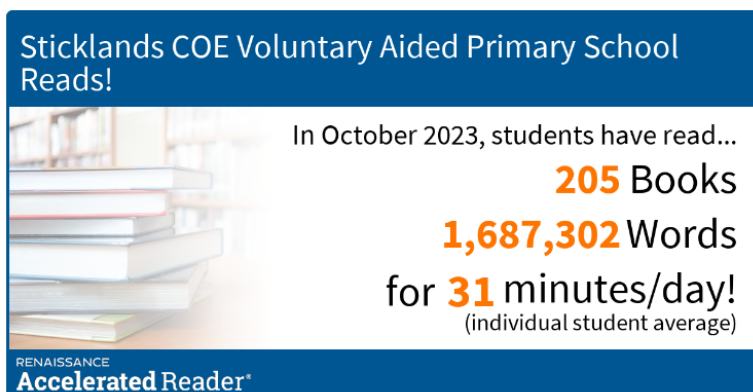
Just a reminder, the Sports for Champions sponsored event will take place on 14th November. If you have not received a sponsor form please do let us know. There is no minimum sponsorship amount expected. **Please send in all completed forms before the 14th November - please put it in your diaries.**

School Photos 7 November

Just a reminder 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.

Please could Ravens wear their school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

Reading at Stickland's - November 'Flash' Target of 2 million words



As mentioned at the end of last half-term, we have much to celebrate in our reading this school year - a fantastic start across the board!

To keep motivation high, we have a target of reading 2 million words in November and the reward will be a much-loved, whole school, Forest School afternoon with camp-fire, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

An online counter (like the one above) will be on the Stickland's website for you to track our progress. Your support at home is much appreciated and will help us to achieve our goal.

Good luck Stickland's and keep reading!

School Pyjama Day for Children with Cancer 6 November

On **Monday 6 November** we are going to take part in **Pyjamarama**, this is a day designed to raise funds for **Children with Cancer UK**, an incredibly important charity.

What is Pyjamarama all about?

Many children undergoing treatment will stay overnight in hospitals and their familiar pyjamas can be a great source of comfort. During recovery, families can go through multiple pairs of sleepwear in a short space of time as their child will spend most of their time in bed or on a sofa. By asking children to participate in Pyjamarama, you will raise awareness of childhood cancer and create a sense of solidarity as every child can relate to being in their pyjamas when unwell.

By making a donation of £1 (or more, if you wish to), to wear pyjamas to lessons and sessions, your children will help fund research into less toxic and kinder treatments for childhood cancer patients.

Children In Need 17 November

Friday 17 November is Children in Need. The children may come to school in non-school uniform for a voluntary donation of £1, all money raised will go to the charity.

As Kingfisher and Ravens' classes have PE, they will need to come to school in their PE kits as normal, but they may bring a change of clothes to get changed into, so they too can then take part in the day, along with everyone else.

Local Food Links Christmas Meal - 13 December

We are really pleased to let you know that the school will once again be paying for the whole school to have the Local Food Links Christmas meal on 13 December 2023. It is a lovely occasion where all of the staff and children eat together in the hall with Christmas music.

We have ordered the main meal for all of the children, **if you require the vegetarian option then you will need to go in and change the order for that day.**

Finally if your child suffers from a food allergy and you have not already told Local Food Links please can you contact the office for an allergy form so that we can inform Local Food Links.

Reception Children for September 2024

Can I remind parents with younger children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2023. You can apply for a place by [clicking here](#). If you know of any parents outside of school who have children in this age range, we would really appreciate it if you could also mention it to them.

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.

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.

<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.

Upcoming Events in November

6th Nov	School Pyjama Day for Children with Cancer
7th Nov	Individual School Photos
9th Nov	Raven's Sharing Assembly
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
21st Nov	Film Club Cancelled

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

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