

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

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Let your light shine - Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

## Christian Values

This half term we will be focussing on Love 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.

## Sports Day & The School Fair including Car Park

Sports Day is on Thursday 20 June 1-3pm but PLEASE do not arrive before 12:45 as the children will be outside playing and this will be followed by our Summer Fair.

**On Thursday 20 June, Melbury Estate have kindly agreed to allow parents to park on the field just above the staff car park. We are asking for parents not to park down the main road as this then allows access for emergency vehicles, lorries, tractors etc. We also ask you not to park in the bus stop as this is also for emergency vehicles. The field will not be supervised so please be mindful of how you park, ensuring that you leave enough space to keep the entrance clear and to allow other cars to be able to leave. If you use the car park you do so at your own risk.**

**Please don't forget to bring in your tombola prize donations and any good quality bric-a-brac this week - this is in exchange for a non-school uniform day this Friday 14 June!**

## Meet the Teacher session

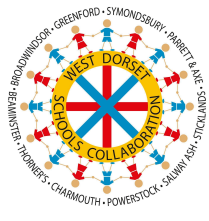
This year we would like to offer a 'Meet the Teacher' session for parents. This will be an opportunity for class teachers to introduce themselves, to explain the curriculum and topics that will be being taught and also the homework expectations and routines of the new classes. It will also be an opportunity 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.

We will be running a creche for these sessions for any younger children that you may need to bring with you.

The days and times for this are:-

### Monday 8 July

- 2.30 - 3.00pm - Goldfinches
- 3.20 - 3.40pm Woodpecker
- 3.40 - 4.00pm - Kingfisher
- 4.00 - 4.20pm Ravens



### **Reminder- Hot weather**

With the warm weather we are having, 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.**

### **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.

#### Thursday 18 July - Ravens' Beach Party & Fossa School Disco

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.**

#### Monday 22 July - Fossa Fun Day

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

#### Tuesday 23 July - Leavers Service.

This year's Leavers Service will take place at 11.00-12.00pm. We would like to invite Year 6 families and the families of award winners to join us. Invitations will be sent out at the beginning of July

#### Tuesday 23 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 22nd and 23rd July 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.**

### **Reading at Stickland's - New 'Flash' Reading Challenge - 3 million words in June!**

Let's finish this school year as we started - with a celebration of fantastic reading! The children have achieved so much this year and they have the opportunity for one final reward, for all the combined hard efforts of the children, support at home and the dedicated staff and team of reading volunteers in school.

As a reward for reading **3 million words in June**, we will round off the year with the extremely popular Water Slide Fun Day! The results will be announced to the children in Achiever's Assembly on Friday, 5th July and the reward will take place on Friday, July 12th.

All that half-term reading will count towards the June total and, as before, you can keep track of their progress on the website word counter.

### **No Shelf Control - Reading Newsletter**

Attached with the school news is a reading newsletter called, No Shelf Control. It is packed full of reviews and ideas for the latest must-have reads for children of all ages at Stickland's - great to refer to when you have a holiday, birthday or Christmas coming up! It will be sent out to you as a new edition is released.

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### **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.

### **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.

### **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 Fossa School Disco and the cake sale - get them into your diary as soon as possible.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Rounders tournament at Beaminster School - Thursday 13 June**

**Kingfisher Class Trip to Monkey World - Thursday 13 June**

**Non-school Uniform Day in exchange for tombola prize donation - Friday 14 June**

**Maths Cafe for Key Stage 1 - Monday 17 June**

**Maths Cafe for Key Stage 2 - Tuesday 18 June**

**Maths Cafe for Parents (9.00 - 10.00) - Wednesday 19 June**

**Sports Day and Summer Fair. Pool open - Thursday 20 June**

**Bona-Fide Trombone Quartet at Greenford School for years 4 & 5 only - Thursday 27 June**

**Handball county tournament - Monday 1st July**

**Reserve Sports Day - Thursday 4 July**

**Moving Up Day - Monday 8 July**

**Moving Up Day - Tuesday 9 July (Year 6 Beaminster School only)**

**Beaminster School new Year 6 parent and student information session - Wednesday 10 July**

**Reading Reward - Water Slide Fun - Friday 12 July**

**Headteacher's Tea Party Friday 12 July**

**Y6 Water Fight - Wednesday 17 July**

**Ravens' Beach Party - Thursday 18 July**

**Fossa Disco - Thursday 18 July**

**Fossa Fun Day - Monday 22 July**

**Leavers' Service and Last Day of Term - Tuesday 23 July**

**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](mailto: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,  
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Headteacher