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Newsletter 3 – 20th September 2024

Class News

Nursery	- have been exploring icy treasures and learning the 'why do leaves go crispy' poem
YR	- have been learning all about our 5 senses. Our favourite game was, 'guess the smell!'
Y1	- have really enjoyed our PE lessons, improving on our football and multiskills
Y2	- have loved using pastels to copy Monet's 'Houses of Parliament'
Y3	- really enjoyed their first recorder lesson this week
Y4	- have loved applying and using their scientific knowledge to create simple circuits
Y5	- have enjoyed learning how to make a pop up book
Y6	- have enjoyed learning about the alliance systems in place during World War 1

Dear Parents,

In true British Values manner, what a beautiful week of some warm sunshine! The whole school has enjoyed lots of learning outside and the field is being very well utilised, our children are so lucky to have such amazing space. I am sorry this is a particularly long newsletter however there is lots to share!

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property with no names. We cannot return it to its rightful owner if we don't know who it belongs to - please label it!

X (Twitter)

We regularly post pictures and updates via X (formally Twitter). If you would like to see what your child's class has been up to, please follow the X usernames below:

Nursery: @stivesnursery
Reception: @stivesprimaryyr
Year 1: @stives_year1
Year 2: @stivesprimaryy2
Year 3: @stivesprimary3
Year 4: @year4stives
Year 5: @stivesprimaryy5
Year 6: @stivesprimary6
Mrs Crossley: @stivesprimary



Theatre Production of War Horse

Tickets are currently on sale at the Mayflower, Southampton, for the production of War Horse. It is running from 8-19 October 2024. Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, it is a powerfully moving and imaginative drama, recommended for those aged over 10 years old. Year 6 are currently studying the book as part of their Group Reading sessions and if you are able to take your child, it is sure to be a fantastic experience. There are still tickets available although availability is now limited on some dates.

East Dorset Family Information Service

Please find attached a Family Hub calendar and information from the East Dorset Family Information Service about advice, groups and courses that are available during the Autumn Term for families living in East Dorset.

There is a Facebook Group run by the Family Information Service which includes: parental support, local information, activities and events, as well as information about Dorset Council run groups. [East Dorset Locality | Facebook](#)

Please also find attached a letter from Dorset HealthCare’s Children and Young People’s Speech and Language Therapy Service (CYP SALT Service) that we have been asked to send out to all parents / guardians.

Breakfast Club/ Afterschool Club

Breakfast club is available from 7.45am and after school club is available until 6pm. Please ensure you book in for these on <https://bookwhen.com/stivesprimary>. There is currently a limit on spaces so book early to avoid disappointment.

Online Safety

Final Fantasy XIV is an online game which allows thousands of players to occupy a far-reaching world simultaneously - embarking on quests and fighting monsters alongside one another - which has risen to a high level of popularity in more recent years. Several safety concerns can arise when playing this PEGI 16-rated multiplayer title – especially for young people.

As a trusted adult, it can be intimidating to figure out where the risks lie when dealing with such a huge and expansive game - but being aware of these concerns and how to mitigate them is absolutely vital when making online safety decisions if there are younger gamers in your care - especially under-16s, for whom the game is unsuitable according to its PEGI 16 rating. Fortunately, this week’s guide offers expert advice on the risks present in Final Fantasy XIV, and suggests steps you can take to ensure young people are as safe as possible online.

Value of the week – Teamwork

This week we have been discussing what British Values mean and how we replicate these in school. Picture News is all about ‘How can photos shape the world?’ as we await the winner of the Wildlife Photographer of the year.

Ambassadors

Congratulations to:

Sports: Archie C Rory Halle Skyla Georgia Zac Livi Y5 Tylor Y5	IT: Dhaya Ben Maizie Jasmine	Science: Arlo Evie	Art: Olivia M Hunter Elliott Mya Tia Isabella Molly Freddie Raneem
Music: Alex Emily	Reading: William Olivia R-B Tate Saisree Florence	Maths: Miles Archie B	

Secondary School Applications –Closing date 31st October 2024

For those children that are due to be starting secondary school in September 2025, you can apply online at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place

If you live in Hampshire please ensure you apply via Hampshire. www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

School Starters 2024- Closing date 15th January 2025

Apply online: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place



Parking, Parking, Parking!

Please park sensibly, it is to ensure our children's safety. A concerned citizen sent this picture in, not only parking on double yellow lines but over-hanging the corner. Let's be more considerate of our children.

Dates for Diary

September

WC 23rd Clubs start (including Homework club)
26th Y5/6 Cross Country

October

15th SISA Disco
17th Y3 Class Assembly
21st & 22nd Parent Consultations
25th INSET Day
W/C 28th October Half Term

November

12th Individual Photographs
29th SISA Christmas Fair

December

2nd Treehouse Theatre
WC 16th KS1 Christmas Performances
18th KS2 Christmas Performance @ Verwood Hub

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher

