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Newsletter 3 – 18th September 2026

Class News

Nursery	- have enjoyed going on a bear hunt!
YR	- have been learning about our 5 senses and playing lots of games to test them such as 'guess the smell' and 'what's in the bag?'
Y1	- have had a great time in forest school learning about all the different trees in our woodland areas!
Y2	- have thoroughly enjoyed our Art afternoon exploring our artist, Claude Monet.
Y3	- have had a wonderful time visiting the Tutankhamun Exhibition. They learnt lots of great facts and represented the school impeccably.
Y4	- have loved finding out about how Stone Age people survived.
Y5	- have enjoyed doing Bikeability this week.
Y6	- have really enjoyed the inspirational visit from Kylie Grimes, wheelchair rugby Paralympian and Taylor Gough, para-canoeist.

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been a busy week, we have had Team Captain speeches and voting, swimming for KS2, forest school, Bikeability and lots more.

Value of the week –Happiness

Inspirational Paralympians Visit

We were very lucky to welcome two Paralympians to school this week - Kylie Grimes MBE and Taylor Gough.

Kylie is a triple Paralympian who represented Team GB at London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020, making history in Tokyo as the first woman ever to win a Paralympic gold medal in Wheelchair Rugby. Taylor is a former professional rugby player for Leicester Tigers who, following a life-changing injury in 2020, has gone on to become a para-athlete and is now pursuing his Paralympic journey.

They spoke to the children about the determination, grit and dedication needed to achieve success in sport, sharing some truly powerful and inspiring messages. They also led a series of circuits which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We are so grateful for their visit!

DPCC Big Event

We are pleased to share details of the Dorset Parent Carer Council Big Event 2026, a free information event for families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The event offers an opportunity to meet local services and organisations, access information and support, and connect with other parents and carers in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Please see the attached flyer for further information and event details.

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: @stivesprimaryYN

Reception: @stivesprimaryyr

Year 1: @stives_year1

Year 2: @stivesprimaryy2

Year 3: @stivesprimary3

Year 4: @year4stives

Year 5: @stivesprimaryy5

Year 6: @stivesprimary6

Mrs Crossley: @stivesprimary

Polite reminders

- If your child has long hair it must be tied up please.
- Any children arriving to school after appointments must be signed in by an adult at the office and not sent in unaccompanied.
- There should be no chocolate bars/sweets in lunchboxes please.
- Uniform – please ensure children are looking smart and ready learn.
- Children should only bring in clear water bottles with water.

KS2 Swimming

KS2 will continue swimming on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout September. Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit with them on those days. Any changes will be sent out via text.

PE Kit days for September 2026

YR- Monday & Wednesday

Y1- Monday & Wednesday

Y2- Monday & Wednesday

Y3- Monday & Thursday

Y4- Wednesday & Thursday

Y5- Wednesday & Thursday

Y6- Monday & Thursday



Team Captains

The whole school has taken part in learning about Democracy and have taken part in the election process for our new Team Captains.

Congratulations to:

<u>Blue Team</u>	<u>Red Team</u>	<u>Yellow Team</u>	<u>Green Team</u>
<u>Betsy</u>	<u>Ben</u>	<u>Leo</u>	<u>Grace</u>
<u>Jacob</u>	<u>Sophie</u>	<u>Jasmine</u>	<u>Hudson</u>

Online Safety

Talking to children about mental health can be hard sometimes: even to the point that adults can put off raising the topic, not wanting to unearth problems or discuss overwhelming subjects that we perceive our child is too young or not ready for. Rather than keeping children in the dark, however, this guide is designed to help you confidently talk about mental health, so that youngsters feel comfortable talking about their own worries and end any stigma before it begins.

In the guide, you'll find tips on talking about mental health naturally, being open and honest and asking twice.

Secondary School Applications –Closing date 31st October 2026

For those children that are due to be starting secondary school in September 2027, 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 2027- Closing date 15th January 2027

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

Dates for Diary

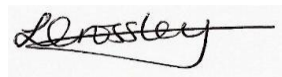
October

9 th	Flu Immunisations
13 th	Individual Photographs
23 rd	INSET Day
WC 26 th	October Half Term

November

4 th – 6 th	Y4 Leeson House Residential
19 th	Y4 Assembly

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher

