

Weekly Parent Bulletin



Monday 2nd December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see our Year 6's embark on their first residential adventure of the year on Thursday. They were all rightly excited for their 2-day break in Bristol, and full of smiles as they waved goodbye from the coach. At the time of writing, Mrs Clement has let us all know they are having a wonderful time, and we are sure they will have plenty of stories to tell when you pick them up today. These are the school memories that stay with you a lifetime and can never be replicated in a class or on a screen. Many thanks to all the staff and parents that supported the children on the trip and allowing them to have this special experience.

As we prepare for our very busy Christmas run-in, we also have so much to look forward to across the school, with nativities, carol concerts, special Christmas Dinners, PTFA Xmas Fair and our very own annual Carols in the Courtyard end of term extravaganza - Phew! Make sure everyone gets some rest this weekend as we will all need to have our batteries fully charged in the final weeks of this term.

We wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Ms Warner and Mr Blunt

The PTFA will be putting the Christmas decorations up on Tuesday 3rd December at 3pm. If anyone would like to volunteer it would be appreciated.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 6th December

In exchange for Tombola, Hamper or cake donations.

Please bring to school on Friday morning.

Amelia M , Amelia M, Millie and Sophia will be selling bracelets and cakes at the school Christmas fair on Friday 6th December to raise money for the North Devon Hospice. Please make sure to visit them at their stall.



Growth Mindset



Congratulations to all our Growth Mindset Award Winners!

Freya O

Leo B

Orla H

Johnny B

Seth G

D-Jay E-T

Gracie O'S

Ariana T

Elsie Be

Esme-rose M

Agnes W

James Dean K

Forest School



This week we have celebrated trees as it is 'National Tree Week on the 23rd November -1st December by dressing them and planting more trees in the ground.

We have also investigated owls, finding out about our 5 native owls, and how to tell the difference between female and male tawny owls by listening to their calls. We read 'Good- Night Owl!' by Pat Hutchings.

Two Year 5 boys built a fantastic bird table as they had noticed hungry Robins looking for food.



Christmas Fair

The PTFA need volunteers to help them set up in the afternoon and running stalls. Any help would be appreciated. Please contact Emma via email: emmawptfa@gmail.com



Sticklepath School Christmas Fair

Friday 6th December
5-7pm

Tombola, Children's
Tombola, Christmas Stalls,
Games, Raffles, Hot Food,
Refreshments, Bar,
Father Christmas.
Everyone Welcome



Christmas Hamper Raffle
1st Prize. £100 and Hamper
2nd Prize. £50 and Hamper
3rd Prize. Hamper

Tombolas: Main, bottle and Children's.

Games: Splat The Elf, Christmas Stocking Money Tree, Lucky
Christmas Present, Find Santa.

Stalls: Made by Lauren, Forest School, Children's Jewellery,
Sign O Times,
Toy Raffle.
Santa

Hot Food: Bacon Rolls.
Refreshments

Jay's Doughnuts, Marilyn's Cakes.



Sticklepath Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch

Fresh Roast Chicken
Stuffing Ball
Sausage
Sliced Carrots
Sprouts
Peas
Roast Potatoes
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

Vegetarian Christmas Lunch

Mushroom & Stilton Wellington
Stuffing Ball
Sausage
Sliced Carrots
Sprouts
Peas
Roast Potatoes
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

Pudding

Christmas Pudding & Cream
Christmas Ice Cream



Tuesday 10th December – Nursery, Reception & Year 1

Wednesday 11th December – Year 2 & 3



Thursday 12th December – Year 4 & 5

Friday 13th December – Year 6

Payments of £2.50 can be made via MCAS.

Christmas lunch is included for Free School Meal entitled students and all of Key Stage 1



Current vacancies at Sticklepath

Current Vacancy:



Position: Mealtime Assistant
Salary: £14.03 per hour (inclusive of holiday pay)
Term: Permanent
Hours: 10 hours per week / 38 weeks per year (term-time only)
Start date: Tuesday 7th January 2025
Closing Date: Friday 6th December 2024
Interview: Tuesday 10th December 2024

Sticklepath Community Primary Academy is a partner school of the Tarka Learning Partnership based in North Devon.

Sticklepath Community Primary Academy are looking to appoint a highly motivated and reliable Mealtime Assistant to join our hardworking and dedicated team. You will play a vital role in ensuring our children have a positive dining experience and help keep our lunchtimes running smoothly.

Duties will include but not limited to; setting up the dining hall ready for service, assist children to eat their lunch always ensuring positive behaviour, organise games and outdoor/indoor play, supervise all areas where children are playing, administer first aid in accordance with the relevant policies and training.

Previous experience would be desirable but not essential as full training will be given to the right candidate.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This role requires an enhanced DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

Please contact Ellen Mitchell on 01271 342455 if you would like further information about this post; telephone appointments can be made.

An application form and job description can be downloaded from the Trust website: <https://tarkatrust.org.uk> or the school website www.sticklepathschool.org.uk

Completed application forms are to be submitted by 12 noon on the closing date to ellen.mitchell@sticklepath.tarkatrust.org.uk

Please note, in line with our Safer Recruitment policy, references will be requested after shortlisting as part of the selection process.

Current Vacancy:



Position: Cleaner
Salary: £14.03 per hour (inclusive of holiday pay)
Term: Permanent
Hours: 10 hours per week / 41 weeks per year (term-time + additional 3 weeks)
Start date: Tuesday 7th January 2025
Closing Date: Friday 6th December 2024
Interview: Monday 9th December 2024

Sticklepath Community Primary Academy is a partner school of the Tarka Learning Partnership based in North Devon.

Sticklepath Community Primary Academy are looking to appoint a highly motivated and reliable Cleaner to join our hardworking and dedicated premises team. You will be required to undertake the cleaning of buildings within the school site comprising the main building, outside classrooms and nursery. The areas include toilets and outside areas to ensure a clean and safe learning environment.

Duties will include:

- Cleaning, washing, sweeping, dusting of classroom and emptying of bins
 - Use of machinery in cleaning soft and hard surfaces, e.g. carpet cleaners, polishers & buffers
- Previous experience and knowledge of COSHH would be desirable but not essential as full training will be given to the right candidate.

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Was your child born between
1st September 2020 and
31st August 2021?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019

or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given details
to a primary school, you must apply
for a place through the Admissions
Team. This is the only way to apply;
other forms or lists held by schools
will not count.

Important Dates

Friday 6th December- PTFA Christmas Fair 5-7pm.

Tuesday 10th December – Nursery, Reception and Yr 1 Christmas dinner

Wednesday 11th December – Year 2 and 3 Christmas dinner

Thursday 12th December – Year 4 and 5 Christmas dinner

Friday 13th December – Year 6 Christmas dinner



Wednesday 4th December - Year 2: Christmas Carol concert 6-7pm St Paul's Church, Sticklepath

Thursday 5th December 6-7pm – Year 3: Christmas Carol concert 6-7pm St Paul's Church, Sticklepath

GTU Reception Nativity play to parents - 9.30-10.15 Wednesday 18th December

DPA Reception Nativity play to parents - 9.30 -10.15 Thursday 19th December

Term ends - Friday 20th December

Autumn Timetable

TEMPORARY CHANGE – EFI forest school this week is now Monday.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Forest School	EFI	LLO	AWE CDI	DMO DSM	TRG AJA
PE	TRG CDI AJA DSM DMO	TRG CDI DSM DMO	EFI AWE AJA BPH BCL RSO	LLO LWA RSO BCL	LLO LWA EFI AWE BPH

Drama Club

Drama finishes at 4:30pm. There was a mistake on the original letter – Please see dates below.

Date	Year Group
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5
Thursday 14 th November	Year 6
Thursday 21 st November	Year 5
Thursday 28 th November	No Drama Club
Thursday 5 th December	Year 6
Thursday 12 th December	Years 5 & 6 Production Reveal and Audition Information

Lunchtime Cross Country



No need to register - just turn up!
Children should wear their PE kits to school that day.

Yr 2 - Tuesdays

Yr 3/4 - Fridays

Yr 5/6 – Wednesdays (Cancelled next week, sorry)

After School Sports Timetable



Day	Club	Dates	Collection Time
Monday	Girls Football (long socks and shin pads compulsory)	Yr 4: 11/11, 25/11	4.15 pm
		Yr 5/6: 18/11, 2/12	
Tuesday	KS2 Boccia/Curling	5/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11	4.15 pm
Wednesday	Yr 5 & 6 Hockey (gum shield, long socks and shin pads compulsory)	Group 1: 13/11, 27/11 (cancelled)	4.15 pm
		Group 2: 6/11, 20/11 (cancelled)	
Thursday	Yr 4 Golf	AJA: 7/11	4.15 pm
		DSM: 14/11, 21/11	
Friday	Yr 5 & 6 Netball	Yr 5: 15/11 (cancelled) 29/11	4.15 pm
		Yr 6: 8/11, 22/11	

Gymnastics

Gymnastics returns in January 2025.

Tara has tried to see everyone from Gymnastics club for the competition letter, if you have missed this please come and see Tara.

Menu from Monday 2nd December 2024

Please find below the **Food Standards Agency's** List of **Allergens** – Numbered **1-14**
Some of our dishes contain Allergens which are monitored closely and are listed alongside the corresponding dish.

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|------------------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1. Celery | 4. Eggs | 8. Molluscs | 12. Sesame Seeds |
| 2. Cereals Containing Gluten | 5. Fish | 9. Mustard | 13. Soya |
| 3. Crustaceans | 6. Lupin | 10. Nuts | 14. Sulphur Dioxide |
| | 7. Milk | 11. Peanuts | |

Monday

SM1: Homemade tomato pasta with green salad and bread **(2.14.)**

Pudding: Homemade wholemeal shortcake **(2.)**

Tuesday

SM1: Beefburger in a roll with tomato ketchup and herby diced potatoes and mixed vegetables **(2.7.)**

Vegetarian: Veggie burger in a roll with tomato ketchup and herby diced potatoes and mixed vegetables **(2.7.)**

Pudding: Homemade vanilla sponge with icing and sprinkles **(2.4.)**

Wednesday

SM1: Homemade chicken korma served with fluffy tilda rice and a choice of sides **(7.10.)**

SM2: Homemade sweet and sour chicken served with fluffy tilda rice and a choice of sides **(2.)**

Vegetarian: Homemade red pepper, spinach and sweet potato madras served with fluffy tilda rice and a choice of sides **(2.)**

Pudding: Fruit cocktail and cream or strawberry Ubley yoghurt **(.7.)**

Thursday

SM1: Chicago town stuffed crust pizza served with potato twisters and peas or sweetcorn **(2.7.)**

Pudding: Fresh blueberry muffin **(2.4.7.)**

Friday

SM1: Breaded small fry alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables **(2.5.)**

Vegetarian: Spicy beanburger alongside golden fries and mushy peas or seasonal vegetables **(2.)**

Pudding: Freshly baked white chocolate chip cookie **(2.4.7.13.)**

Payments for dinners (£2.50) are to be made online at 'www.mychildatschool.com' or via MCAS app.

Jacket Potato with beans is available most days.

Fresh salad available every day.

Fresh fruit platter and yoghurt available every day as an alternative to pudding.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday from everyone at Sticklepath!



Alfie M

Mia M

Amaya S-D

Darcy M

Eleanor B

Lenny C

Ralph O

Community news...

North Devon GIRLS ONLY Hub Information

Taster

Session: Thursday 5 December 2024, 5:30 PM - 7 PM at The Park Community School, Barnstaple EX32 9AX

Weekly

Sessions: Wednesdays 7 PM - 8:30 PM, 8 January - 5 February and 5 March - 2 April 2025 at Pilton Community College, Chaddiford Ln, Barnstaple EX31 1RB

Cost: FREE

Parents can complete the expression of interest form here

- <https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/ba7c7851/> - or scan



**FOUNDATION
HUBS**

**TASTER SESSION
5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
5:30 - 7 PM**

**WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7 PM - 8:30 PM**

**NORTH
DEVON
GIRLS' HUB**

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

**Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are not eligible.*

Sign Up



For more information contact
martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk
01392 262509 / 07939 015663
or visit www.devoncricket.co.uk/mccf-hubs

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1, 2 & 3**

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Mon - Fri**

Daily sessions

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2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

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★ Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3 starting on 2nd December!

Sessions will be available with our employment engagement officers after course completion! ★

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website.

www.studysmartuk.online

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available.

Please go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information.

Our next course starts on 2nd December, with a break over the Christmas period (18th December - 6th January) and finishing on 24th January.

SANTAS ON A BIKE
14TH DECEMBER 2024
ANNUAL CHARITY MOTORBIKE RIDE
 The Annual Santa Ride from Taunton to Little Bridge House Children's Hospice will be visiting South Molton Town Square for

THE MAYOR'S FUNDRAISER FOR CHSW
 Fundraising for Children's Hospice South West

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS ALONG TO ENJOY THE FESTIVE EVENT!
 14th December 2024 - From 10.30am - 1pm
 Santas arrive at 11AM

FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN THE TOWN SQUARE!
 Join us for a magical day filled with festive fun:
 Reindeer Petting - Meet & Greet Santa's reindeer!
 Snow in the Square - Experience the magic of a winter wonderland
 Santa Sleigh Photo Opportunities - Capture the moment with Santa himself
 Live Carols - Enjoy the beautiful sounds of the South Molton Town Band
 Christmas Pannier Market - Shop for unique gifts & festive treats
 Win amazing prizes at the Children's Hospice Raffle Stall

Be amazed as over 100 Santas arrive on bikes, trikes & quads!
 Marvel at the spectacular sight & check out the magnificent bikes on display

We will also be fundraising in the town for Children's Hospice South West - YOUR support makes a difference!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

ALL RIDERS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FESTIVE RIDE!
 FOR MORE INFO & HOW TO JOIN THE RIDE- CLICK [HERE](#)
 ANY PRIZE DONATIONS OR VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
 CONTACT LYNDA - 07801 988264 / CHSW - 01271 313 311

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Christmas
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Roundswell Community Hall, Barnstaple
 December 7th 2024
 1:30pm-4:00pm
FREE ENTRY

- Decorations
- Handmade Craft
- Raffle
- Face Painting
- Seasonal Cakes
- Afternoon Tea

Held in aid of Dementia Care in North Devon

The Penguin Sports Foundation
 Registered Charity Number: 1208051

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Carols by Candlelight



Hello Sticklepath,

Join us for our special free Carol by Candlelight evenings in North Devon.

When and where:

These festive evenings will feature:

- Thursday 5 December, 6pm - Barnstaple Pannier Market
- Thursday 5 December, 6pm - Bideford Pannier Market
- Sunday 8 December, 6pm - South Molton Pannier Market

- Carol services accompanied by local bands
- Choir performances
- Christmas readings
- Complimentary mince pies and mulled wine

Carols by Candlelight

Admission is free, with [donations](#) gratefully received.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAYS

DATES:

- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY



Primary Sports and Education North Devon

VENUE- STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

8.30AM-3.30PM
ONLY £20
A DAY

5-11
YEAR OLDS



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For More information, contact us :



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Primary Sports and Education North Devon

DATES:

- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

STICKLEPATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

9.00AM-1.00PM

Extended options available

5-11 YEAR OLDS



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Nativity Service

St Paul's Church, Barnstaple
24th December 3.30-4.30pm

Christmas songs, Lego nativity & a festive goody bag! Children are invited to come dressed as a nativity character or animal (optional). All

welcome. For more information, contact -
 St Paul's Church vicarestpaulsbarnstaple.co.uk **LEGO**

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

VOLLEYBALL TRAINING

AGE 7-13
 SATURDAYS 9:30-10:30
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