



St. Nicholas and St. Laurence CE VA Primary School

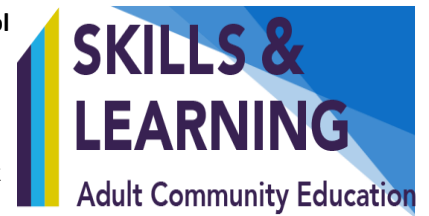
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Dear School parent/carer/grandparent,

Skills and Learning are the biggest provider of Family Learning across the southern region and in this way, we support schools to assist parents, carers and grandparents to in turn support the children, so they succeed and begin to love learning. It is a well-recognised fact that children with the support of your families at home can achieve higher than those who do not.

We are delighted to be able to offer a **free 10 week course** – beginning 28/02/2022 (3.15pm to 5.15pm) to families of the pupils of St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School in Weymouth. As we know, developing early stage reading skills and a love of reading has a proven positive impact on a young person's future employability, increasing their chance of success both in school and later in life.

This course is structured so that parents, carers and grandparents are supported to develop your own skills in the subject, giving you the confidence and credibility to engage with your child's education and are able to offer at home support when your child is lacking in confidence in their own skills.

This is what to expect from the: -

**Aim Higher – Supporting your Child to Read: -**

Activities, exercises and practice to

- Support the development of reading for pleasure in your children.
- Support the development of reading ability in your children.
- Ensure your children have the reading skills to access the curriculum successfully.
- Ensure your children have the reading skills to develop your knowledge of the world.
- Ensure your children have the reading skills to successfully access subject specific texts.
- Ensure your children have the reading skills to better navigate exam challenges.

Our tutor will work with the parents/carers/grandparents within families to tailor the support that can be offered. This is part of the National Literacy Trust Project, see <https://literacytrust.org.uk/> and we can use any of the resources that they have created over the two years this has been running. Examples are reading activities to encourage those who love sport, football, cookery – any hobby, which will engage all pupils in different ways to pick up a book, or comic, or instruction manual, whichever type of reading matter that suits them.

If you are interested in this course, please make contact with the school office 01305 812534.

**Please let us know if you would like a place for your child in after school club by contacting Mrs Bedford by email at [asc@stnicholasstlaurence.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:asc@stnicholasstlaurence.dorset.sch.uk).**

We look forward to working with you,

Jo Neale

English lead and Year 6 teacher