



# STRETTON SUGWAS BEE

Newsletter – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

## Happy Birthday to Jack C-H

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we come to the end of the third week of term, in which our Christian value is "thankfulness", I feel the need to praise my openly welcoming staff for the tireless way in which they have helped the children to settle quickly into the bustling busyness of a new academic year and for the exceptionally high standards of teaching and care provided. I must also praise the pupils for showing excellent attitudes towards their work, friendships and conduct in the school. Furthermore, I'd like to thank the many dedicated parents/relatives who showed support to the school by attending the *All About English* evening as well as volunteering to come and read or work with various classes. What a fantastic team we all make!

As I particularly reflected on all the outstanding progress being made by the pupils, I thought of the phrase "Above and Bee-yond". For me, this accurately describes how much additional effort is put in by the staff in excess of their job description. This week, however, I have also heard a very small peppering of unfair and unjust comments directed to staff about lost (often unlabelled) uniform, something we have little control over and wastes an awful amount of our time. Also regarding fully-booked places in some of our **eight** extra-curricular clubs (which are fairly offered on a first come first served basis). I know of no other school offering this many clubs, let alone for the Key Stage 1 children and in schools with 4 times the amount of staff.

Let us all join together this weekend and be thankful for the staff, pupils and parents who go "Above and Bee-yond" at Stretton Sugwas.

Alex Davies



## Bees of The Week



Jamie –  
For being a super Year 5  
Queen Bee, who always  
listens and works hard.

Kate –  
For excellent effort in all of her  
work and increased confidence  
with everything. Well done!

Annie –  
For fantastic writing.  
Your postcard was a joy  
to read.

Tilly –  
For being amazing at  
tidying up and showing  
good listening.



Rylan –  
For being a super  
sensible Year 2 and for  
showing lots of  
enthusiasm and maturity.



This half term's Christian Value is –Thankfulness



## FOSS

Our FOSS (Friends of Stretton Sugwas) team work hard throughout the year to put on fantastic events for our children and families, to help raise funds for the school. Already this year they have dates in the diary for a variety of events that everyone can enjoy.

On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** FOSS will be holding its AGM at school at 3.30 pm. All parents, old & new are encouraged to come along to find out how to get involved, no matter how much or how little time you have to spare, any help is always gratefully received. The AGM will be brief and then discussions will turn to planning for the Christmas Fete! There will be a crèche provided for children by Mrs O'Reilly during the meeting.

### FOSS Events for your diary-

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Coffee & cake afternoon from 3pm in the hall.

Donations of cakes would be much appreciated & if you can spare time to help set up, serve or clear up that would be great.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – School Disco

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fete

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Movie Night

### Spare Clothes Request

Mrs O'Reilly has asked that if anyone has any old age 3 – 4 yrs or 5 -6 yrs school uniform trousers, skirts, underwear, socks or tights that you no longer need would you mind donating them to our spares box for Bumble & Busy Bees Classes please?

### Printer Cartridge Recycling

Unfortunately the company that we have been using to collect printer cartridges for recycling have informed us that they are no longer able to collect from us. So, thank you for all of those that have been dropped into our recycling box in the past, but we will no longer have this facility available.

### Club Stretton

The number to call or text is:

**Tel: 07376 777825.**

**Any children not collected by 3.30 pm will automatically be placed into after school club & a charge will be made.**



## Uniform and Lost Property

A lot of time has been spent recently, by members of staff, looking for items of lost property belonging to children, and trying to reunite children with items that have been left lying around the school.

This task is made much more difficult purely by the fact that many items of clothing are not labelled with children's names. Please can you ensure that **ALL** items have your child's name on, including their coats, and for our younger children, names in shoes would be helpful. Pen does wash off, so please make sure they are labelled properly with something longer lasting, and full name rather than just initials are more helpful.

It really is not the responsibility of staff at the school to spend time hunting for items of lost clothing. At the end of each day items left lying around are now put into the large wooden box in the school reception area, so please come in and make this your first port of call to look in before asking staff to spend time looking for you. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 6 Woodlands Residential trip

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 5 Multi Faith Day at Whitecross

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Harvest Festival at Stretton Sugwas Church – 2.00 pm

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents Evenings

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Open Morning - 9.30 am – 12 pm

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Half Term Holiday**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November**

School Photographs – Individual photographs

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Spring Term begins**

**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL DATES FOR THIS HOLIDAY\***

For more dates please visit the school website calendar.