



STRETTON SUGWAS BEE

Newsletter – Friday 6th January 2017

Happy New Year
We have no Birthdays this week!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely break over the festive period. We always like to think that the Spring term is nice and quiet, however the diary is already beginning to fill up! I know many are interested in keeping up to date with the progress of additional parking along with the possible pre-school. We are still very much ploughing on in this area, and will hopefully see some signs of progress on the car park this half term. Once this is in place we will have a better idea of how we will proceed with the pre-school. I will endeavour to keep you posted and up to date with any information.

Best wishes,

Alex Davies

Bees of The Week



Isla –
 For being a hardworking, caring and super kind member of the Queen Bees.

Alistair –
 For trying to improve the tidiness of his work.

Huey –
 For fantastic Maths, super handwriting and for being a lovely friend.

Holly –
 For wonderful writing, which is a joy to read!



Archie –
 For fantastic work in Maths, adding to make teen numbers using Numicon.



This half term's Christian Value is –Courage





Book Fair

Our school needs you!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon and we need volunteers to help with selling, setting up and running it. Our school can earn FREE BOOKS for every book sold at the Fair so this is a great opportunity to stock up our classrooms with brand new resources.

If you can spare some time to help our school, please let Miss Bowen or the Office know.

The Book Fair will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday 26th January (3.20pm-4pm)
- Friday 27th January (3.20pm-4pm)
- Tuesday 31st January (3.20pm-4pm)
- Wednesday 1st Feb (3.20pm-4pm)

Swimming

Just a reminder that swimming sessions start again for Years 1, 3 & 5 next Friday 13th January. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school with them on that morning, including goggles and a swimming hat.

Sickness Bugs

The winter season unfortunately often seems to bring about an abundance of vomiting and diarrhoea illnesses. In a school environment, as you probably know, these viruses can spread very quickly and easily. Therefore, with the health and wellbeing of every child in our school in mind, and also our staff, we would just like to take the opportunity to remind all families of the Government's Public Health Agency

Recommendations for these illnesses which is that: **Children should be kept away from school until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.**

We understand that it can be frustrating for children to be off school if they start to feel better again quickly after having a sickness bug, however it is important to remember that they can still be contagious for this 48 hour period afterwards. We ask all families to please adhere to these guidelines when their child has been unwell in this way.

We will ask for children to be collected from school straight away if we find that they have returned to school before this 48 hour period is over. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this. Also just a reminder that if your child is unwell, with any illness, and needs to be kept at home please ensure that you call the school to report your child's absence by 9.30 am at the very latest stating the reason for absence when you leave a message. It is important that you do this for each day of their absence.

Year 6 SATS Preparation

Year 6 pupils will be busily preparing for their SATS this term in readiness for May.

We are often asked by parents if we can recommend any materials to help support their children at home in preparation for the SATs tests. There is a huge range of books available in many of the high street stores, but through experience we have found a company called CPG to be very good. The books are very child friendly and cover all aspects of the curriculum that have been covered in school. In light of the new National Curriculum, these are a very good resource. We are happy to bulk order the revision books for parents. Please note that the prices shown are at least a 50% reduction on what you will pay on the high street or even yourselves online. To see the books the website is:

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/School>

If you wish to make an order then please visit the Parent Mail shop and make payment for the books that you would like. Please don't feel you have to order them all, decide what you think is right for your child. The following are the books available priced at £4.50 each. We will place a bulk order with the company on **27th January**, please make your orders by then.

- Complete Maths SATs Buster (3 books inc. answer book)
- Complete Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (3 books inc. answer book)
- Complete Reading SATs Buster (3 books inc. answer book)
- Maths & English 10minute test bundle (Reading, Grammar & Maths)

Diary Dates

Thurs 12th January

Maths Ambassadors training at Gardner HUF club

Fri 13th January

First swimming session of term for Years 1,3 & 5

Thurs 26th January – Wed 1st February

Scholastic Book Fair 3.20pm – 4pm

Not Mon 30th January

Tues 31st January

Young Voices Concert – Genting Arena Birmingham.

Tues 7th February

Bumble Bees Visit to Westons Farm

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February

Half Term

Please keep an eye on the school website as a new school calendar will soon be appearing which will have even more dates and events detailed.