



STRETTON SUGWAS BEE

Newsletter – Friday 9th September 2016

Happy Birthday to
 Daisy F, Beau M, Harvey P, Dexter L, Jaya M & Daisy H

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year, and a special welcome to new families in the school and the reception children. The staff have all worked hard before the children started the year, planning exciting lessons and preparing the classrooms. Safeguarding Children training has also taken place and remains at the forefront of the work we do. In order to help us, please ensure all of the details we hold for your children are kept up to date and the office is told of any changes. It is also important to inform us of any absence from school before the start of the school day, and any subsequent days, along with communicating any changes to your child being picked up at the end of the school day. All the children have settled back into the school routines well and already some fantastic work has been completed. The reception children already seem very happy and making lots of new friends across the school. I even think I have managed to learn most of their names already! Please keep a look out for lots of forms to fill out next week coming to you via ParentMail, we really do require these back as soon as possible and a prompt return will be appreciated.

Have a great weekend, here's to the academic year 2016-2017!

Alex Davies

Bees of The Week



Evie –
 For being a sensible, helpful and thoughtful member of Honey Bees.

Poppy –
 For excellent work, super listening and following instructions carefully.

Ned –
 For your wonderful handwriting in your first piece of English work.



Harry –
 For settling in really well and always having a beaming smile.



Will –
 For coming back to Busy Bees as a helpful, kind and enthusiastic star!



This half term's Christian Value is –Generosity



As you may already be aware Tuesday 13th September marks 100 years since the birth of Roald Dahl - the world's number one storyteller. Children at Stretton Sugwas will be celebrating this special day by participating in a range of Roald Dahl themed lessons and activities. To make the day even more fantastic we are asking if children could please bring with them their favourite Dahl storybook to share with their peers. We are looking forward to a super day!

New Starters

We would like to welcome all of our new Bumble Bees to our school, they all seem to have been having a great week so far settling in to their new class and getting to know their year 6 buddies, they seem a very confident bunch!

We have also had a number of other new students join us in classes across the school, so we welcome them too and hope that they are enjoying their new school.



Payments

Just a reminder that we are now a cashless school. This means that we will no longer be able to accept cash or cheque payments at the office, any payments will need to be made using your ParentMail accounts or directly into the school bank account using BACs. Please ask at the office for our bank account details if you wish to use this method. This does not include dinner money which can still be paid by cheque, cash or directly into the account of JP Catering. Any questions then please ask at the office.

Volunteers

Volunteers play an enormous role in any school; from listening to readers, helping running clubs or just coming in to share information about a subject. If you have regular time each week and would like to come in for an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. Please see the office or your child's class teacher if you can help. Safeguarding (DBS) checks are carried out on all volunteers, governors and staff.

Swimming

Here are the details for swimming lessons for this academic year.

Years 2, 4 & 6 will start their swimming lessons next **Friday 16th September** and will swim each Friday up to and including **Friday 9th December**. They will then swim again from **Friday 9th June** up to and including **Friday July 14th**.

Years 1, 3 & 5 will start their swimming session on **Friday 6th January** and will swim each Friday up to and including **Friday 26th May**.

The cost per child for the year is £36 which can be paid for using Parent Mail where you will find the option to pay for the full year or half of the year now and half later.

Please do not forget to send swimming hats & goggles. Boys are not allowed to wear long swimming shorts, and any asthma sufferers must have a named inhaler with them in their swimming bags please.

Diary Dates

Tues 13th September
Roald Dahl Day

Wed 14th September
First Forest Schools session for Year 5

Mon 26th – Friday 30th September
Woodlands Residential Trip for Year 6

Tues 27th September
Year 5 Multi Faith day at Whitecross School

Tues 4th October
Year 2 & 3 Tag Rugby Tournament Bromyard

Tues 11th October
Harvest Festival
Stretton Sugwas Church 1 – 3 pm

Wed 12th October
Rags2Riches Charity bag collection

Tues 18th Oct
Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Thurs 20th Oct
Reception starters 2017 Open Morning 9 am – 12 pm
Parents Evening 5.30 – 7.30 pm

Mon 24th – Fri 28th October
Half Term