



The

STRETTON BEE

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The newsletter of Stretton Sugwas Church of England Academy

*"Each bee plays a part in the hive." inspired by 1 Corinthians 12 : 12-31
"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*

To strive to help everyone discover and use their gifts as part of a team, we encourage them to "bee"long, "bee"lieve and "bee"have.



"Bee"long – How has the team been working together this month?



I love this time of year as I get to attend so many choir outings and services. Seeing the children present is magical, especially as I see them grow during their time at Stretton. This year, I saw pupils participate and lead who've never done it before and that was special. Seeing everyone part of a team is what makes Stretton such a great place to "bee".
Mr Davies- Executive Headteacher

This month has been busy in and out of school. The theme for this month has been "Christmas Countdown of Hope". In assemblies we've looked at the Christmas story as well as the Jewish celebration of Hannukah- both stories of hope and God's love. I try my best to make Stretton a school that shows love and this month I had the privilege to show a new parent around who said just that. We have a beautiful school that is filled with love. I hope that is everyone's experience.
Mr Ford- Head of School

We've been helping Mr Ford to look at the Homework Policy and give our opinions on what should be in it. That was good because it means that we can make things easier for people and a bit more relaxed.
School Councillors



We think there should be two refs outside during a game of football now so we might start doing that idea if there are enough leaders who don't mind reffing. We'll need to get more whistles though.
Sports Leaders



Some of the Beekeepers have mentioned that they would like some help in learning more ways to help people in the yard. It can be tricky if lots of children come up to you for help. The grown-ups are going to give us more training.
Beekeepers



Many comments this month have been about the Christmas performances and services that the children have been involved in. A lot of hard work goes into these and staff strive to give the pupils opportunities to shine and participate. The group of children that attended the village coffee morning need a special mention as they brought joy to the community.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th January
1st day of the Spring term

Monday 22nd January
Young Voices Concert

Tuesday 23rd January
Rags2Riches

Monday 12th February—Friday
16th February
Half Term

Monday 26th February
3.30pm—6pm
Parents Evening

Wednesday 28th February
4.30pm—7pm
Parents Evening

Friday 22nd March
Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 8th April
First Day of Summer Term



Congratulations to: Charlie CH, Finlay B, Arthur, Alice, Ederson, Rupert, Bertie, Henry, Isabelle, Ella-May, Katherine, Jacob H, Charlie H, Hugo T, Oscar, Seren, Edie, Dottie, Joseph, Jessica, Rowan and Alessandra.



“Bee”lieve – What skills have we seen this month?

Bees of the Week

Images taken by members of the BUZZERS tech team



Bumbles—Charlotte for always working hard.
 Busies—Hannah for always having a smile on her face!
 Honies—Alice for always listening and working hard.
 Queens—Ruby for super singing in the church and super effort in class.
 Workers—Tilly for such a wonderful effort in the Christingle.
 Sports Leaders—Sami for playing really well on his debut for the football team.
 BeeKeepers—Kiah for caring and kind.
 Attendance Award- Bumble Bees 100%



Bumbles—Otilie Hayter for always working hard.
 Busies—Kiah for trying really hard all week.
 Honies—Alessandra for always hard, especially in Maths.
 Queens—Charlie for helping everyone tie knots whilst Christmas crafting.
 Workers—Cara-Diane for being an excellent representative of the school at the coffee morning.
 BeeKeepers—Charlie for doing his best in helping at the coffee morning.
 Sports Leaders—Sebastian for playing fairly in football.
 Attendance Award- Bumble Bees 99%



Bumbles—Willow for always working hard and listening beautifully.
 Busies—Caleb for excellent improvement and trying really hard.
 Honies—Lottie for always giving 100% and being a kind friend.
 Queens—Lizzie for settling in brilliantly.
 Workers—Myla for being a wonderful Worker Bee.
 Sports Leaders - Lullah for always involving in the sports outside.
 Bee Keepers—Seb for caring for others.
 Attendance Award- Queen Bees 99%



Congratulations to our Christmas lunch placemat winners

Ruby D
 Harry P
 Finley H
 Toby
 Harry L
 Mya

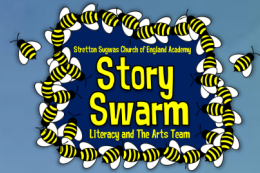




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Around The Hive

Articles written by members of the Story Swarm team



EYFS News

Congratulations to Ruby in New Bees for her "Perfect Christmas" placemat design.



Key Stage 1 News

Congratulations to Harry in Bumbles for his "Perfect Christmas" placemat design.

Congratulations to Finley in Busy Bees for his "Perfect Christmas" placemat design.



Key Stage 2 News

Congratulations to Toby in Honey Bees for his "Perfect Christmas" placemat design.



Congratulations to Harry L in Queen Bees for his "Perfect Christmas" placemat design.

Congratulations to Mya in Workers for her "Perfect Christmas"



Other News

The boys and girls in each class were visited by someone very special on the last week of term. Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, went around all the classes in school and took time to read stories and answer questions. Each child got a gift and a huge thank you to FOSS for making this magical moment possible.

"Bee"have – What else is important for our team this month? What's The Buzz?



Congratulations

Well done to Caleb who scored 9 tries and got man of the match in his rugby match.



Partnerschool News

Busy Bees met with their friends from Wales again in Ysgol Tycroes for a videocall and talked about their lists to Santa in Welsh as well as singing Christmas songs to each other.



Time To Reflect

Thank you to Rev Phill from the local church for supporting our services this Christmas. The carols, nativities and Christingles were a great success.



**St Mary Magdalene Church,
Stretton Sugwas,
01432 761821**



Our friends at Stretton Sugwas church would like to make you aware of the following events:

The **first Sunday of every month** is a family service at 10am. *Everyone welcome.*

Contact Rev Dr Phill Brown for more details.

And Finally...

The children raised over £70 at the village hall coffee morning. Gail, who runs the event, was incredibly generous and donated the money to the school to help with children's ideas.



MAYBE YOU COULD CALL...

THE B-BEES TEAM
PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

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STRETTON SUGWAS C OF E ACADEMY SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

Next month's theme is Religious Harmony Month



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