



**Stretton Handley C of E (Controlled)  
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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new headteacher at Stretton Handley Church of England Primary and would like to thank all the staff and children for their friendly welcome. I am proud to have the opportunity to work with you, the parents, the children, and the whole school team, to lead the school to further success. I would also like to thank Mr Philip Searson for his work over the last three years and for making the handover so smooth.

As we start the autumn term there are further changes for the school. We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Fiona Goodyear who leaves on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September to take up a new teaching post in Staffordshire. Mrs Goodyear has worked at Stretton Handley for twelve years and done an excellent job in helping to develop provision in the Reception /KS1 class. She has been a valued member of the team and we wish her 'Good Luck' and say a massive thank you for all her hard work. Miss Natasha Westcott will now be teaching full time in the Reception/Infant class. She and Mrs Goodyear have been busy over the summer, planning and preparing for the new term.

I believe all the children at Stretton Handley CE Primary School deserve the best and have the ability to go even further. I expect them to work hard but also enjoy their time at school. As a parent myself I understand how important it is that children feel happy and safe at school. At all times the well-being and progress of the children are my priorities. I hope we can work together to support children and develop in them a love of learning, helping them to be confident, independent, responsible and to achieve their potential. If there are any questions/problems please come and tell us so we solve them together. It would be helpful, when possible for you to make an appointment if there is something you would like to discuss.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few days and each term we will be inviting you to share in one of our 'achievement' assemblies. (Details to follow) There will also be opportunities for you to come along and learn more about the school, the curriculum and how you can help at home. Please remember to check your child's bookbag and take time to read any letters/leaflets that we send home as we really want you to feel informed and included.

It is important to aim high and build on all the great things that already go on at Stretton Handley CE Primary. The school team are committed and determined and I look forward to working in partnership with you to provide the best for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Dunbar  
Headteacher

Please Note: School meal prices increase to £1.90 per day (£9.50 per week) from Sept 2011.

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