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Dear Parent and Carers,

What a busy month it's been! The children are very settled in their new routines at school, and we are all very proud with their achievements and attitudes both in class and around school.

EYFS have been busy exploring their topic all about me, making new friends and enjoying playing both inside and outside. Key stage 1 have been creating their own family trees and writing the most amazing descriptive stories. Key stage 2 have been to the moon, around space and back again exploring their topic on space and forces.

In maths, children have been working on numbers, counting, place value and are moving onto addition and subtraction. Please keep supporting the older children with their times tables - this really helps their overall fluency and access to everyday maths.



There have been new reading books across school and EYFS and key stage 1 are now enjoying our new Rhino Readers which link to our Phonics scheme. The Enterprise Team bought some new sets of books for key stage 2, and these are proving to be very popular. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and please help support us with their reading by writing in their reading records.



We continue to enrich the children's learning experience through a range of clubs and activities. Key stage 2 have now started their wider opportunities lesson and the violins arrived in school this week and coming home during the next couple of weeks. EYFS and Key stage 1 have enjoyed a term of forest schools, including a very wet walk in the local area last week. In key stage 2, the children have been practising their skills in pace ball and swimming. The whole school enjoyed a fabulous theatre presentation of The Sword in the Stone by Image Theatre Company and football and table tennis club have now started.

Keeping Safe in School
 Keeping safe in school is very important to us and there are many ways we continue to keep each other safe in school. Our playground buddies work hard to support children in the playground. Adults are always available for children to talk to and through our PSHCE lessons, we encourage children to share their thoughts, feelings and worries. We recently had our fire practice and the children were great at leaving the building safely and following the fire safety procedures. Anti-Bullying week is the 14th November to 18th November and we will be exploring friendship and how to support each other as well as continuing to develop an understanding of the importance of online safety.



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival is on **Friday 14th October at 2.30pm**. Friends, Family and the local community are welcome to come along and share our celebrations.

This year, we will be collecting items for Clay Cross Food Bank.

Items can be brought into school from Monday and will be displayed in school for our Harvest service.

The top ten items include UHT milk, powdered milk, pasta sauce, tinned soup, instant mash, sponge puddings, toilet rolls, men's and ladies shower gel and shampoo, tinned items, pasta and rice.



School Disco

Parents of Stretton Handley School have been busy organising their first event of the year which will be the school disco. This will be on

Thursday 20th October 4.30pm - 6.00pm. Tickets will be £4.50, which will include food and drinks and is payable through parent pay.

Upcoming dates / new dates for your diaries

Spring INSET - Monday 27th February

Friday 21st October - Grape and wafer service. This will now be on Friday 4th November

Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th - parents evening

Wednesday 19th October - no forest schools

Friday 21st October - Good to be Green day / last day of half term

Tuesday 1st November - Children return to school after half term

Wednesday 2nd November - forest school starts for Y5/6

Friday 4th November - Grape and Wafer service (changed from Friday 21st October)

Thursday 10th November - Badminton club starts

14th - 18th November - Anti Bullying week in school

Friday 18th November - Children in Need day

Monday 28th November - School Photographer in school. Family photos from 8.15am

2nd December - Winter fair - 1.30 - 3.00pm



Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if there is anything you wish to discuss about your child at any time.

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