



Stretton Handley CE (VC) Primary School Newsletter

'Growing, caring and learning together.'

September 1st 2023

A huge welcome to the new term.

School starts on Tuesday 5th September

The autumn term is always an exciting term with opportunities to start everything fresh, make new friends, move into new year groups, and start the next part of your learning journey. We are looking forward to seeing everyone returning to Stretton Handley and to meeting all the new children who will be starting with us on Tuesday 5th September.

Staffing for September:

Head Teacher - Mrs Nicholson

Kingfishers - Mr Cooke / Mrs Brown

Peregrines - Miss Gibbs / Mrs Mahadaven

Woodpeckers - Miss Barratt / Miss Leaf (*Miss Leaf will continue to teach the class when Miss Barratt takes her maternity leave in November*)

Forest Schools - Mrs Forest

Teaching and learning support - Mrs White / Mrs Sykes

Mid day - Mrs White / Mrs Sykes

Cook - Miss Michelle

Caretaker - Mr Marriott

Piano - Maria Hughues

Ukulele (KS2) - Sarah Evans

Cello and double base - Sarah Brown

Musical explorers (Woodpeckers) - Debbie Castles

Sports - Qualitas

We continue to wish Mrs Fox a speedy recovery and miss her very much in school. In Mrs Fox's absence, we welcome Mrs Timmins, who will be working in the school office on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - do pop in and say hello. Miss Davison (Tilly) will continue to work in the office alongside Mrs Timmins and will also be working in a teaching and learning capacity in school. Mrs Eyre will also be supporting teaching and learning from September.



Things to remember for the start of term

- Bring a big smile and lots of enthusiasm
- Wear your school uniform - be smart and ready for learning
- School will open at **8.40am** - the school day starts at **8.50am**
- You will need your book bag for homework/reading books and letters.
- Bring a water bottle - finally, the sun is shining!
- Bring 20p for tuck shop if you would like a snack at break - you can also bring your own piece of fresh fruit (fruit is provided for all children in Woodpeckers class)

*During school times, please continue to use the one way system when dropping off and collecting children.

PE / Forest Schools / Swimming

Please make sure you are wearing a school PE kit for PE (red tee-shirt (available with logo), black or blue shorts, white socks, trainers. For the colder weather, black or blue joggers or tracksuit and a red, blue or black top. Earrings are not allowed on PE or swimming days.

For forest schools, children can wear their own clothes. Clothes must be suitable for outdoor (often wet and muddy) activities. They will need to bring a coat and wellies (or change of shoes)

For Swimming, children come in their costume under their school uniform. Remember to bring underwear for changing as well as a towel / goggles.

Tuesday (starting Tuesday 12 th September)	PE	Woodpeckers
Wednesday (starting Wednesday 6 th September)	Forest School	Autumn term 1 - Woodpeckers Autumn term 2 - Kingfishers Spring term 1 - Peregrines Spring term 2 - Kingfishers Summer term 1 - Peregrines Summer term 2 - Woodpeckers
Thursday (Starting Thursday 7 th September)	PE	Kingfisher and Peregrines
Friday - 9.00am (Starting Friday 15 th September)	Swimming	Kingfisher and Peregrines (This will change to a Tuesday 8.45am at Alfreton Pool in January)



Friends of Stretton Handley School

A huge thank you for everyone who helped during the Woolley Moor Show running the car park - It was a very wet one!

Don't forget, you can sign up and help raise money for the school through your online purchases <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

First meeting for the new year - Wednesday 6th September 3.15pm at school. This will be an opportunity to set up a committee, look at fundraisers for the year and decide what the friends would like to fund raise for.

School Dinners

We are very proud of the school dinners, which are cooked fresh every day in our school kitchen by Miss Michelle. Michelle goes above and beyond to make sure school dinners are healthy, nutritious and enjoyed by the children. She helps to make mealtimes very much part of the family feel of Stretton Handley, providing the children with special menus, birthday cakes for their birthday week and ensuring individual tastes are catered for.

Woodpeckers will continue to get a free school meal as part of the universal free school meal scheme. If you think you might be eligible for a free school meal, please contact Derbyshire who will be able to give you more information or pop into the office for further details.

From September, School meal prices will be **£3.25**. These are bookable and paid through Parent pay. Children can have a school dinner any day of the week. If you forget to book, children can still have a dinner if you let us know in the morning.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can support in any way.

Staff are available via email and through class dojo. You can ring or email the school office, or pop in to school at the start or the end of the day.

Very many thanks

Mrs Nicholson