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Stretton Handley CE (VC) Primary School Newsletter

'Growing, caring and learning together.'

Welcome back to the start of the summer term and what will hopefully be the start of the better weather.

We have identified some key areas which we would like to focus on for the summer term:

- Behaviour and Readiness to Learn
- School uniform
- Attendance
- Stretton Handley's Christian ethos
- Safeguarding and Child Protection
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

Behaviour and Readiness to Learn

Stretton Handley CE (VC) Primary School is committed to promoting positive behaviour in an environment of mutual respect and positive relationships. We celebrate success and are committed to continuous improvement and the fulfilment of every child's potential. Everyone within the school has an important role to play in sharing responsibility for the development of positive behaviour and attitudes.

We have introduced 4 new rules which are simple, clear and memorable for all:

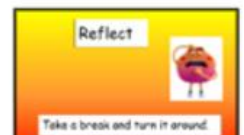
**Be Kind,
Be Respectful,
Be Safe,
Be Ready to Learn.**

We are replacing our 'Good to be Green' at the end of term to a 'Golden Time' every Friday afternoon. Rewards for children who make consistently great and outstanding choices are therefore more immediate. Likewise, consequences are addressed and resolved weekly rather than at the end of a half term.

Our Behaviour system

Our 'ladder' behaviour system provides an effective way to promote positive behaviour in the classroom. It allows for recognition of pupils who are always ready to learn and supports those who need support focussing on their learning. It is a fair approach and ensures that pupils know the rules and behaviours expected in school regardless of what classroom they are in or who is teaching them.

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THE STEPS TO MANAGE CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

EYFS

The children are taught about kind and thoughtful conduct from day 1 in Reception. When necessary, they are gradually introduced to the whole school behaviour consequences. This includes a warning with reference to the golden rule they have broken. This gives the child the opportunity to change their behaviour. If needed, their name will be taken off the ladder and a restorative conversation about being ready to learn will be had before putting their name back up. If needed, they may be sent for time out in another class. A parent will be contacted if this happens.

Key Stage 1 & 2

1. Reminder	A reminder of the expectations of the learner: 'Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Ready to Learn' delivered privately. The adult makes them aware of their expectations using positive reminders.	
2. Warning	The teacher or TA will give a clear, verbal warning, making the child aware of their behaviour and outlining that there will be consequences if the behaviour continues. Use the phrase "think carefully about your next step as there will be consequences." The learner has a chance to make the right choice. Remind them of their previous good conduct wherever possible.	
3. Last Chance	Using these words, 'last chance' , give a final opportunity for the child to engage in making the right choices.	
4. Think about it - refocus	First time out	5 minutes in another class A restorative conversation with class teacher
	Second time out	Repeat time out in another class. Further restorative conversation with class teacher
	Third time out	Repeat time out in another class. Further restorative conversation with class teacher Letter sent to parents
5. Reflect	Fourth time out	Work outside the school office until the end of the lesson. Miss playtime or lunchtime and spend time in reflection room. Miss golden time and treat tuck shop. Complete a reflection sheet. Restorative conversation with Mrs Nicholson or Mr Cook. Letter to parent requesting a meeting. Meeting with parent.
6. Reset	Fifth time out	Seclusion in school for 1 day. Letter to parent requesting a meeting. Meeting with parent. After 2 days of seclusion in school, a suspension will be issued. Letter to parents, Local Authority, Chair of Governors



A Reminder about School Uniform

PLEASE MAKE SURE **ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS LABELLED** – we have a huge box of lost property if you have lost any uniform. None of the uniform in the box has been labelled. We have a very good pre-loved school uniform shop which is run by the Friends of Stretton Handley and raises much needed funds for school rather than buying new items every time.

School uniform is as follows:

- Red sweatshirt with school logo, red cardigan or sweater
- Grey or black trousers, grey or black skirt or pinafore (grey or black shorts or red gingham dress in the summer)
- White polo shirt
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers.

**** Leggings, jumpers / tee-shirts with logo's (except the school logo), heeled shoes and coloured or decorated trainers are not part of our uniform.**

PE kit is as follows:

- Red t-shirt with school logo on
- Plain black or dark navy shorts
- Plain black or dark navy Jumper/sweatshirt and jogging bottoms or school tracksuit
- Plain trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor sports.

Water bottles / school bags

Please only send **plain** or **flavoured water** in water bottles. We are having increasing problems with wasps and ants around bottles which contain juice, and the health benefits of water are far greater than drinking juice. Please also make sure your child's bottle is a reasonable size. The bottles continue to get bigger, and we do not have the storage for large bottles in school.

Please make sure your child has a schoolbook bag or bag of a similar size. We do not have the storage in the cloakrooms for large ruck sacks, especially when children have swimming, forest schools, football kits and kits for sports clubs.

Attendance

A huge thank you to everyone for ensuring that children are in school for a prompt start to the school day. Getting in to school promptly means that children are able to get organized, catch up with friends and be ready to start learning at 8.50pm

Breakfast club will now open at 8.00am if you would like to drop children any earlier. The doors open for all other children at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am. Children have morning tasks ready for them as they go into class. This includes spelling, reading and handwriting. Children also read to their class teachers first thing in a morning and Key stag 2 children use i-hub for additional reading practice and keeping up to date with current affairs.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Safeguarding & Child Protection is the most important issue for our children and young people. At Stretton Handley CE (VC) Primary School, we feel it is crucial to work with our parents and the high-quality agencies that support schools and young people, so that we can offer a safe environment allowing children to be aware of the risks they may face and how to respond to them safely.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's responsibility.**

Our safeguarding team consists of Mrs Nicholson (Lead DSL) and Mr Cooke (Deputy DSL). Both members of staff have enhanced safeguarding training and have a vital role in taking lead responsibility for child protection issues in school. A DSL is always available during school hours for pupils, parents and staff to discuss any safeguarding concerns. Outside of school hours a DSL can always be reached via the dedicated safeguarding email:

safeguarding@strettonhandley.derbyshire.sch.uk
information sent to this email is highly confidential.

If you believe that any child is in danger ring Call Derbyshire Tel: 01629 533190 choosing the option for urgent child protection calls at any time.

Online life and offline life is just life

The NSPCC share advice about online safety. For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life. Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace, and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary

CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

RoSPA: Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

DSL: Designated Safeguarding Lead

PREVENT: Part of the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

LADO: Local Authority Designated Officer -who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues

KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education (available on the school web pages)

My Concern: Safeguarding record system (safeguarding and child protection software for schools used at Stretton Handley).

EHA: Early Help Assessment

SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Cyberbullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets adults and children can be victims.

CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-line Protection Centre

PCSO: Police Community Support Officers

We have a wealth of information on our school website for parents to access, including important documents and contact details. Please visit:

<https://www.strettonhandley.derbyshire.sch.uk/>





Dates for the summer term

Easter Holidays	
Monday 15 th April	Return to school after Easter Spanish starts for Woodpeckers class 2.15 - 3.15pm
Tuesday 16 th April	Reverend Bold Collective Worship 1.10pm
Wednesday 17 th April	Forest Schools starts for Y3/4 Sex Education and SAT's meeting for parents 3.15pm
Thursday 18 th April	Cricket Club starts for Y2 - Y6 3.15 - 4.15
Friday 19 th April	Swimming starts back 8.50 - 10.30 (Y3 - Y5 only)
Monday 22 nd April	Full Governors meeting
Thursday 25 th April	Y3/4 Tag Rugby 10-12 Tupton Rugby Club
Sunday 28 th April	Indoor car boot at Ashover Parish Hall 10.00 - 1.00pm
Monday 29 th April	Spanish after school club starts 3.20 - 3.50 (further details will be sent the first week back)
Tuesday 30 th April	Weighing and Measuring for Reception and Y6
Friday 3 rd May	Non uniform day - bring a bottle for May day bottle tombola
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday - Ashover May Day event
Tuesday 7 th May	Breakfast / revision club starts for Year 6 - 8.00am (will run until Thursday 16 th May)
Friday 10 th May	CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS (outside if weather allows)
Monday 13 th May	Key stage 2 Spelling, grammar and punctuation SATs
Tuesday 14 th May	Key stage 2 reading SAT's
Wednesday 15 th May	Key stage 2 Maths Paper A and arithmetic paper
Thursday 16 th May	Key stage 2 Maths Paper B Last cricket club for Y2 - Y6
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y3/4 mini tennis competition (8 children) Alfreton Places for people 10.00 - 12.00
Thursday 23 rd May	Grape and Wafer service at St Marks Church 2.30pm
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	School returns
Wednesday 5 th June	Forest schools starts for Woodpeckers
Thursday 6 th June	Faith walk at Derby Open Centre (approx. £10.00) Whole School
Friday 7 th June	Swimming starts 8.50 - 10.30 (Y3 - Y5)



Friday 7 th June	INSET DAY
Monday 10 th June	Religious Education Quality Mark Assessment Phonics testing for year 1 (throughout the week) Year 4 x tables testing (throughout the week)
Wednesday 12 th June	9.15 - 9.45am ukulele concert - parents and carers welcome
Thursday 13 th June	Key stage 1 sports club starts 3.15 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Road safety morning (Whole school)
Thursday 20 th June	Water Polo Y5/6 Alfreton Leisure Centre (10 children) <i>Tupton Transition day 1</i>
Tuesday 25 th June	Peter Bold Collective Worship 1.10pm New reception children visit 1.30 - 3.00pm Meeting for New reception children 1.45 - 2.45pm Children in September classes for the afternoon
Wednesday 26 th June	New reception visit 9.30 - 11.30 Children in September classes for the morning
Thursday 27 th June	<i>Tupton Transition day 2</i> Y5/6 mini tennis 10.00 - 12.00 Alfreton Leisure Centre
Friday 28 th June	Last swimming session
Wednesday 3 rd July	Sports day 1.30 - all welcome
Thursday 4 th July	New reception visit and stay for lunch 9.30 - 12.30pm <i>Tupton Transition day 3</i>
Friday 5 th July	EIS Sports Day - EIS Sheffield Y2 - Y6 (9.30 start 3.30 finish). Coach to pick up from school at 8.45am - return for 4.15pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Key stage 2 STA's results
Wednesday 10 th July	School fundraising day Sponsored walk around the Woolley Moor Trail (am) Games and stalls on the field 2.30 - 4.00pm
Thursday 11 th July	Last key stage 1 sports club after school
Tuesday 16 th July	Reports go out to parents
Wednesday 17 th - 19 th	Lea Green Residential for year 4 / 5 / 6 (Approx £170)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 3 activity day (TBC)
Friday 19 th July	Year 3 activity day (TBC)
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers disco 4.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term Leaver's service 2.00pm (at school)



Coming Soon – Look out for our New Mental Health Strategy



Positive mental health and wellbeing is something that is really important at Stretton Handley Primary School. When children and young people look after their mental health and develop their coping skills it can help them to boost their resilience, self-esteem and confidence. It can also help them learn to manage their emotions, feel calm, and engage positively with their education - which can, in turn, improve their academic attainment.

'SMILERS' is an initiative from Derbyshire County Council, and is an acronym to help us all to remember the things we can do – physically and mentally – to help us in our wellbeing, through all of our ups and downs.

Kingfishers have already been trained to be 'SMILERS' ambassadors and are ready to lead a Collective Worship to introduce 'Smilers' to the rest of the school.

Church News



Next academic year, we will have our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) church inspection. SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish. Church schools will employ a variety of strategies and styles appropriate to, and reflective of, their particular context in order to be distinctively and effectively Christian in their character and ethos.

In June, we will be applying for the Religious Education Quality Mark which will help us to identify our strengths as a church school and our next steps for development.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. 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.