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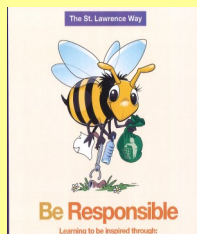
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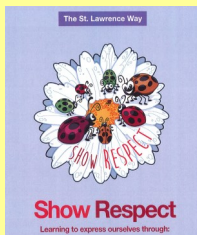
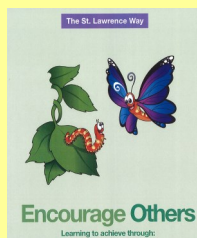
Headteacher's Spotlight

And so a new school year starts in the heat and glorious sunshine. We have fortunately not got any RAAC in our walls, even though our building is fairly old and could do with a refurbishment! We do our best to make it look smart with our beautiful displays along with all the smiling faces of pupils and staff. It was sad to lose so many Y6 pupils and staff last term but we have welcomed in 16 new Reception pupils, lots of new children into nursery and eight in other year groups!

I have had the absolute pleasure of returning to the classroom to teach Oak Class along with Mr Reynolds. It is unusual for a headteacher of a school of our size to have such a substantial teaching commitment but such is our financial situation. Plans are afoot to protect Music and the Performing Arts from cuts but everything else is a bit vulnerable. If only we could get more pupils to join our lovely Reception Class. The main issue would appear to be the lack of new housing in the local area, in contrast with nearly every other part of Shropshire!



Obviously with so much time given over to teaching, I'll be a bit stretched to manage everything I normally do. Our governors will need to make a lot more decisions without me and some members of staff will be taking on extra responsibilities. The newsletter will come out every other week, the bike shed gate won't be used, you'll find my communications to be shorter and there'll be other changes too. Hopefully, parents/carers will understand the predicament we are in. Despite all of this, I am confident that our school can still be amazing. The parent survey last term told us just how impressed everyone is with our school and we'll keep doing our utmost to keep standards high. If anyone out there can lend a hand and volunteer, then please get in touch.



Alan Brannen
Headteacher

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Friends' News ...

Hello



We hope you've all enjoyed a lovely summer! Great to see the KS1 children are enjoying the new clamber stack that has been installed over the Summer, funded by us, Friends of St Lawrence Primary school.

Our preloved uniform shop will be open at pick up time 18th-21st September. We can also take donations of any unwanted uniform then too.

Our AGM will be on Monday 18th September, straight after drop off. If you've always considered being a part of our fundraising team please pop along, have a chat and find out more! Whether you want to participate in a big way, or can only offer an hour of your time once in a while, or a cake here and there, that's fab! We look forward to seeing you then.

Friends'



Stretton Parish

'Faithful Friends'



Thursday 14th September

3:30 - 5:45pm

The Parish Centre, St. Lawrence's Church, CS



Please pre-book your place:

www.strettonparish.org.uk, use the QR code

or email sally@strettonparish.org.uk

ALL WELCOME



Dates for your diary:

15th September - pm	Y1/Y2 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
18th September - 9.15	Friends AGM in the School Hall All Welcome
19th September	Individual School photos
21st September - pm	Y3/4 Cross Country at Carding Mill Valley
2nd October - am	Whole school Harvest Festival at St Laurence's Church. Parents of Reception children and new starters in September 2023 are all welcome to attend.
5th October - pm	Y5/6 Cross country at Carding Mill Valley
3rd October - 9th October	Travelling Book Fair Arrives in school
12th October - pm	Y1/2 Invasion Games sporting event at Church Stretton School
17th October - pm	KS1 Invasion Games sporting event at Church Stretton School
18th October	PSP Meetings (SEND children)
24th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.20pm
26th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.20pm
27th October	PD Day - School closed to children
30th October - 3rd Nov	Half -term
14th November - 2pm	Safer school meeting
7th December - pm	Y3/4 Dodgeball at Church Stretton school
12th December - pm	Reception Santa Sports Workshop at Church Stretton school
19th December - 10am	KS2 Christmas Service at St Laurence's Church
22nd December - am	Cinderella performance in school
25th December-4th Jan '24	Christmas holidays
5th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children

 **Stretton Parish**

As part of our harvest celebrations
Stretton Parish is hosting a

HARVEST HOEDOWN

FEATURING THE ODD SOCKS CEILIDH BAND



Saturday 30 September
6pm-9pm

St Laurence Church, Church Stretton

Tickets: £6 per adult
children free (up to two per adult)

A simple harvest supper will be served

Donations gratefully received on the night for the supper

Book tickets via www.strettonparish.org.uk
or call the Parish office on 01694 724224
or use this QR code 



CLUB ENGLAND
Affiliated Club

BE inspired

Badminton for All

Church Stretton Badminton Club invite you to try out our fantastic sport

In these playing/coaching sessions open to anyone.

Come along and have a go
Church Stretton Leisure Centre
Commences 13th September 2023
6.30pm to 8.00pm

All abilities welcome from 7 years upwards
Sports wheelchairs and rackets available FOC

For more info call Alan Fox on 01694725588 or 07977060303

RAISE your wellbeing

Respect + Achieve + Inspire + Skill + Enjoy

FREE **Term**

STRETTON SHARKS Hockey

NEW STARTERS WELCOME
Bring your friends
Make new friends
@ CHURCH STRETTON SCHOOL

 **EVERY SCHOOL MONDAY**
3.30 TO 5.00



Sessions run by DBS vetted, experienced, Level 2 certified hockey coaches

Come along for some hockey fun at Church Stretton Leisure Centre. All primary school children & new starters welcome.
Just join in at Church Stretton after school or email strettonsharks@gmail.com OR tel 01694 723543

TAKE THE BAIT & GET HOOKED ON HOCKEY