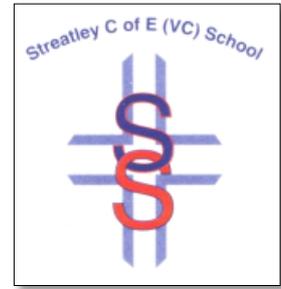




Newsletter 10:
Friday 24th February 2017

Learning to learn



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of Streatley Primary School,

Exciting times – thank you very much for your kind messages, words and cards following my recent appointment as permanent Headteacher here at Streatley. As part of my interview the governors and local authority asked me to present my vision for the next 5 years. My long term strands involved making us a venue for exceptional outdoor learning provision, support for other schools, being at the forefront using media and IT, as well as collecting awards for providing a broader curriculum. In the short and medium term, we are focusing on improving our maths and English results to be back in line with national average or above. Children and staff have embraced learning behaviours, shared target setting and raised expectations in presentation, spelling and maths recall facts.

Last year, 47% of schools nationally fell below the new expected standard. This was the case for many schools as government exemplification came out 6 months after the academic year had started. With new tests and no government information on pass marks, schools were struggling to know the expectations. Streatley was one of the schools moderated for writing, and like other moderated schools, their outcomes were lower than those who were not moderated. This has been recognised by the government.

The government has also recognised that there are regional differences between counties. This is due to it having been the first year of new testing regimes that were not finalised until after the tests were taken. We believe that we are in a better situation this year due to training, inter-school moderation and robust knowledge of our small cohort. Our target this year is at least 75% combined in reading, writing and maths to achieve national or better; the national average last year was 53%.

Mr White is working extremely hard to collect evidence for writing as this is the area last year along with grammar, punctuation and spelling that brought down Streatley's average.

All children:

- Have received a study guide from the school to help them rehearse their class grammar teaching
- Have subsidised maths tutoring focusing on test technique and strategies building on lesson content
- Are working on their spellings to ensure this doesn't distract the moderators from the quality of the language they are using

During the summer term I will hold coffee mornings for parents to help shape our school improvement plan for 2017-2018 by evaluating elements from our current plan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Community Links

VISIT FROM WALLINGFORD BOOKSHOP – MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Alison Jinks contacted us following a discussion with Mrs Goyder about celebrating her love of books with the children. We accepted her kind offer, which will help us to prepare for World Book Day on Thursday.

PANCAKE DAY – TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

With support from FoSS, the school will be holding a Pancake Day event for the children from 2pm on Tuesday 28th February. As well as eating tasty pancakes, there will be an inter-house competition comprising a quiz, pancake flipping obstacle race and colouring competition. Please join us for Prize Giving, which will be held on the field at pick up time. Who is going to win the golden frying pan?

Participation fee: £1 – please bring into school on **Monday 27th February**. Teachers will be collecting this.

LIFE EDUCATION BUS – WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

The life education bus is an excellent learning resource which I am delighted to have back at the school. The children always remember and talk about this as a memorable school experience. Look out for our tweets - window into school life.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

Children will dress up to celebrate the fabulous World Book Day. We will tweet throughout the day as we also have a parent shared lunch. Please tweet us photos from the event after school at Goring library and we will retweet. Children are to come to school dressed as a book character and with their school coat (rain or shine, we go outside to play).

Pride

Learning Stars from last week of term

Class	
FS	Miss D. Hibais
1	Miss E. Webb
2	Master D. Mitchell
3	Miss. C Davies
4	Master C. Forder
5	Master S. Webb
6	Master C. Payne

FoSS Update

January and February have been busy months for FoSS members organising the first FoSS quiz, which we are looking forward to tonight at the Morrell Rooms (bar opens at 8.00). Although this event is sold out, we are planning to host another similar event in the future – watch this space!

FoSS have also been busy liaising with the school about pancake day activities and the adventure play area, which we hope to support as our major fundraising cause this year.

We would also like to thank **Craig Bowers** for donating his time to design a new Friends of Streatley School logo, which we look forward to sharing with you in the next newsletter. We

believe that this will make everything we are involved with immediately recognisable and illustrate our aims of supporting the school and the children.

Respect

Awesome turnout for Streatley Running Club: New T Shirts too!



32 'perfectly behaved' kids rocked up for our inaugural 2017 running club this morning as well as a host of adults (thank-you!) including birthday girl Alex I.

We had one of our shorter zig-zagging through the woods runs which everyone seemed to enjoy and also had the added benefit of a few random turns which means the whippets at the front who aren't concentrating have to turn back on themselves - always very satisfying!

It was great to see so many people out in their new T-shirts and I hope we might get a few more folk in the coming weeks so that we can beat last year's record attendance of 37!

Athlete of the week awards went to Cory for excellent running up the hill which sadly hasn't got any easier over the last few months, and to Francesca for good competitive spirit in the main run (taking down the birthday girl) and in the sprints - check out her knees at pick up time this afternoon...

Thanks again for all your support. It's great to be back into the Wednesday morning routine again, don't forget to mark March 28th in your diaries for the Cross Country Champs.

Best wishes, Jeremy

FoSS dates for your diary

FoSS meeting: 9th March at 8.00pm at The Bull (all parents welcome, please come along) – this is a very important meeting, as we will be planning our two most important fundraising events: The Summer Fete and Hairy Legs. It's a great time to come along and get involved!

Hairy Legs Race: 14th May – we will need lots of parents to sign up to help out at our refreshments and bacon butties stall so please keep an eye out for the rota soon at the school gates!

Safety

- ✓ If you are concerned for a child's welfare please speak to Miss Roberts our designated lead child protection officer or Mrs Fenwick-Stubbs our deputy designated child protection officer.
- ✓ **E-Safety:** Parentinfo.org Developed by CEOP and Internet parenting charity Parent Zone, Parent Info provides up to date, expert information for parents on a range of concerns they may have about children and young people, which is designed for schools to post on their website.
- ✓ **Storm Doris:** Wow that was a windy day yesterday! [Click here to see a video 1 of 2 posted. Thermal Thursday Yr1/2 Kite flying.](#)



Looking forward to next week already!

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