



## Newsletter 6:

**Friday 25th November 2016**

*Learning to learn*



Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of Streatley Primary School,  
55 days of school, 4 weeks until Christmas Day and 36 days until 2017.

### DISCO UPDATE FROM FOSS

FOSS will be holding their annual Christmas Disco on Wednesday 7th December.  
Timings as follows:

Infant disco - 5-6pm

Junior disco - 6.30-7.30pm

There will be great music, prizes for the best dancing, and the tuck shop will be open as usual for sugary treats.



Please email [janevictoriastafford@gmail.com](mailto:janevictoriastafford@gmail.com) (Thomas' mum, Year 1) if you can help set up from 3.30pm or if you are able to help at any time during the discos. Any help gratefully received, it can't happen without volunteers!

### Community Links

**Vicar Paul** has had his operation and is now recuperating well. The children and staff are putting together a bundle of prayers, good wishes and messages for him to read. If you have any cards or prayers you'd like us to pass on, please leave them with the office.

**Parent lunch:** each short half term we offer you the chance to eat with your child for school lunch. We are very proud of the meals Sarah, our cook, delivers. Thanks to Mrs Thornton for sending the reminder; we look forward to seeing those who placed orders next Tuesday. We are still looking for lunchtime assistance. At present as a staff we are four weeks into sharing the role. We have asked Steve our curate to also mention it at church.

### Football Trials

Dear Streatley,  
Premier Football Trials Ltd is hosting a football scouting event on the 2nd January 2017 at Reading Football Club, The Dome, Madjeski Stadium for children 5 to 11 to showcase their football skills in front of some of the top football club academy scouts in the South East.

We would love for all children to be given the opportunity to participate in this event and give them the best chance to be identified by some of the top football academies. Please check out our website for further information.



## *Our Christmas Celebration 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 @2pm*

*Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Family you are invited to celebrate Jesus's birthday with us at St Mary's Church, Streatley.*

We are aiming for it to be a great end to a fabulous term along with a super send off for the children to begin their Christmas festivities with you.

It will be a combination of narration, celebration, joyful singing and performance. You will also take part by joining us in song and supporting any costumes or practice.

Readings, costumes, parts and prop requests coming out the beginning of next week.

### **Pride**

**Swimming:** In the last two weeks our year 5/6 children completed their lessons at the Downs School. They finished with swimming in pyjamas and thoroughly enjoyed it. Mr White said the children kept saying how heavy they were and how weird it was. At least if they were to find themselves in difficulty they would have this experience to hand.



### **West Berkshire Sports Hall Championships**

Seven Streatley pupils represented the school at the West Berkshire Indoor Sports Hall Championships in Newbury on Saturday 19th November going up against 21 other local schools who all had the maximum size teams of 12 children.



The events comprise a mixture of jumping, throwing and running relays over the course of the morning. Streatley came a respectable 9th of the 11 teams in the small schools Plate competition, with Falkland School winning the overall competition (for the 7th year in a row!).

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and hard work of our pupils both in terms of their efforts in each event and support for each other. Well done to Andrew Owen, Fraser Howe, Eloise Hanson, Elsie Waite, Gus Dellowe, Euan McInnes and Fleur Illingworth.

## Request for help

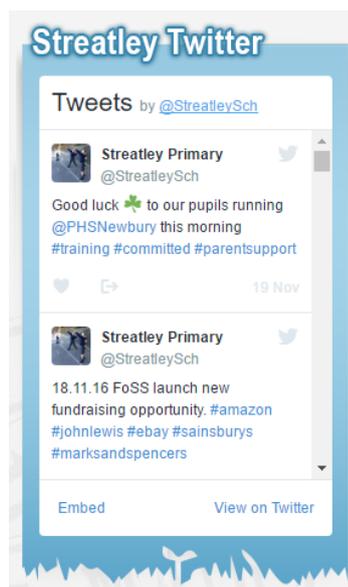
On the last day of term we need your **support to walk to and from the church**. We need 5 helpers both ways as we don't know how many children we will be walking back. Please give your name to the office and let them know if it's one way or return.

## Safety

- ✓ Designated Child Protection Officer: If you are concerned for a child's welfare please speak to Miss Roberts who is our designated child protection officer.
- ✓ To ensure your child is registered and has their lunch ordered, please enter the **school via the office after 8.55**. We shut the lower and upper side gate at 8.55 to ensure all children are registered for fire and do not miss out on ordering lunch.
- ✓ **E-Safety:** Are you concerned about apps or online chatting? See our [Parent page](#) to learn how to protect your family.
- ✓ **The manhole cover.** Thanks to Mrs Thornton's tenacious approach to finding out how to get this fixed. She has gone from company to company, back to the council and round again. We have on behalf of Streatley Pre School pursued this for 4 weeks.

## Communication: @StreatleySch - Follow us

Lots of tweets, welcome tweets, new followings and retweets. Are you following us? Have you signed up to the website updates using the RSS button? It doesn't like being opened in google chrome.



## E-LEARNING

On the school website we have a section on the end of the tabs called E-LEARNING. This section is designed to help children and parents with learning that takes place in school. It is arranged into year groups to help you with knowing what is age-related in terms of expectations. On the landing page of the E-LEARNING you will see whole school support that is year group-related when you click on the links.

*Help your child* and *Curriculum* links under the *Parent Area* heading will offer you further guidance.

**Blind auditions update:** we listened again to the 13 children who were initially shortlisted, and reduced them down to 7 then 2. We can announce that Miss Felicity Drage is the new voice of Streatley C of E Primary School. Give us a call and have a listen to our new personalised, friendly answering message.

## **Learning Stars: Children recognised for excellent learning behaviours**

Congratulations to all of FS for excellent learning behaviours and Miss E. Hayward FS, Miss A. Kernan and Miss E. Chadwick Yr1, Master T. Schubel and Miss F. Drage Yr2, Master G. Illingworth and Master O. Arnold-Baker Yr3, Miss A. Mc Clean and Miss K. Webb Yr4, Master J. Radbourne Yr5 and Master G. Dellowe, Master A. Owen and Miss I. Howcutt Yr6.

## **Respect and Responsibility**



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November I met with Year 5/6. We talked about 'What are governors? What are their roles within our school? How do they fit with our British values?'

We looked at other governor public profiles to pick out interesting parts to help us form questions for our governors.

They came up with 12 questions and Chris Shannon our Chair of Governors has answered them first.

### **Chris Shannon: Chair of Governing Board**

I have been a Governor since September 2009, and I have been the Chairman of the governing board since 2012. I really wanted to give some time to helping the School and the Church become stronger both in performance and in their relevance to the village. I want to help the School to become the best it can possibly be, making it a fun and interesting place for you, the Children, to reach the best of your potential ready for when you move on to your next Schools.

As a Governor, you have to learn about what makes the School work, how we can spend the money we are given by the Government to make the best opportunities for you - our Children and how we can ensure everyone learns successfully in a safe and vibrant environment. We pull all of this together by meeting 6 times a year to discuss and understand all of the above, and setting ourselves tasks to help the Headteacher and staff perform at the highest levels possible. We try and involve ourselves in looking at your work, being proud of the excellent parts, and understanding how best to help you and the staff to improve other areas.

We also have to take part in smaller committees that look at the National Curriculum (what we are being asked to teach you), quality of your work, test results, which new staff we need to employ, and how much money we have to do all of that with! I sit on the committee known as the 'Finance & Staffing Committee'.

I will remain a Governor until July 2017. After that it will be time for someone new to take over the Chairperson role.

I lead the meetings of the Full Governing Board, meet regularly with Miss Roberts to understand how things are going and where I / we can help more, and I sit on the Finance & Staffing committee. My main priorities at the moment are to focus on improving School performance to reach the levels of 'Outstanding' as set by the government, and to complete the selection of a strong Headteacher for the long term benefit of the School.

My reward of this role is the joy of seeing a happy and vibrant group of children enjoy their learning, reach the highest levels of success and move on to their next Schools with confidence, experience and the knowledge that they can succeed.

**What do you find fun about being a governor?**

The fact that this is so different to my 'day job' and allows me to help with things that I feel are very important to the village and people of Streatley.

**Do you have another job or hobbies?**

Most of my time is spent running a business which installs security equipment on oil and gas pipelines and railways which help to improve safety, prevent leaks and accidents, terrorist activity and theft. We work in the strangest parts of the world - at the moment I have people working in the jungles in Ecuador, deserts in the Middle East and villages in India.

For hobbies, I love playing and listening to music, and when I really get the time - making recordings of my own music that no-one else will ever have to listen to!!

**What do you do in your spare time?** When I am not running my own kids around to various sports clubs and activities, I like to do gardening and looking after our pigs, sheep and chickens which we keep in our field.

**Do you have any children and what ages are they?** Finlay, aged 15 and Jossy aged 17 - they are both at the Downs School. Lauren, aged 18 has just left home to be a ski instructor in Canada.

**How would you like to work with children in the school?** I would like to spend time understanding what you like about being at Streatley School, and also what you'd like to improve! Your ideas can help us make the improvements to make Streatley School the best it can be.

**What are your aspirations for Streatley School?** I want to see Streatley School be the best it possibly can be, ensuring that you - the Children - learn as much as you possibly can, being safe and happy and getting you ready for the next stage of your life as teenagers.

After School Club letter out next week and it will be on our website.

News about the Christmas Jesse Tree also coming out next week.

**Last day of term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Return on: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Best wishes,

Miss L Roberts.

Acting Headteacher