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Rushbury CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our school values:

Curiosity, Friendship, Perseverance, Respect.

Value of the month for September:

FRIENDSHIP



Dear parents/carers,

It's been both a busy and productive week in school this week, along with one surprise! Firstly, our KS1 pupils (15 of them) travelled by minibus to the Carding Mill Valley on Tuesday, for the Y1/2 Cross Country Race. Seven or eight other schools took part, meaning that each race had sixty or so runners. Overall, our Y1 children came first out of all schools, which is a super achievement especially when you consider most schools had more runners than we did. A special mention to Evie Hartley and Maya Bright who came a fantastic 4th and 2nd respectively, in their Year 1 Girls' Race. It is Gretton's turn to attend next week. Parents are welcome to come along and support if available (10.00am start at Carding Mill Valley). It's always a boost for the children to see members of their family cheering them on.

Then on Wednesday, Stanway travelled to RAF Cosford for their annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day. Whilst there, Floss and Ellis won a competition for 'Design a Computer for the Future' as well the pupils completing a variety of interesting activities. Well worthy of note was the feedback from staff and volunteers at RAF Cosford, who commented on how fantastically well behaved, polite and patient our pupils were.

The surprise I refer to occurred at 12:40pm, during Thursday lunchtime, when the fire detectors sounded meaning we had to evacuate school in a hurry, right in the middle of lunch. This caught everybody out but our routine, termed evacuation of the school paid dividends with all pupils, staff and the school dog safely over in the churchyard and all accounted for in a little over three minutes. The children (including Little Acorns) were fantastic, barely batted an eyelid and once back on site, went back to their playground games or in some cases their sausage rolls and beans! That is the first 'unexpected' evacuation in recent memory. We were also quickly able to identify the cause... not too difficult with the thick smoke emanating from a relatively nearby bonfire, from the garden of a local resident!

In class this week, Ticklerton Y1/2 pupils have been writing their explanation report about how to grow a flower, with Reception starting their new book, 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'; in Science they have been using their sense of sight to spot the difference; practiced harvest songs in singing and created their Christmas Card designs in Art. Gretton have considered the vows a bride and groom make to each other during a Christian wedding; in Maths they have worked on comparing numbers to 10,000 including rounding them; in English they have focused on adventurous vocabulary and how to move a story forward in between dialogue; explored capillary action and water transportation in plants through experimentation and looked at how various climates around the world lend themselves to growing different types of foods. As well as their Cosford visit, Stanway have looked at tenses and phrases about the passage of time through the story of the creation of LEGO; rounded numbers to 100,000 in Maths along with comparing negative numbers and in Geography they have drawn scatter graphs showing the contrasting environments of the Grand Canyon.

Finally, a quick but important reminder that we have our Harvest Service at St. Edith's Church this Monday. You are most welcome to join us if you'd like? We plan to set off at about 9:10 approx. from the school playground. If you do walk with us, please do not bring any dogs on the walk. Please give some thought to appropriate footwear too. We hope to see you then.

Steve Morris

HOUSE POINTS

The children have had another busy week collecting house points. The current position is shown below:

Callow 161

Ragleth 147

Lawley 119

Caradoc 90



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

- **Ticklerton** – Evie H for working hard to have a go independently
- **Ticklerton** – James C for working so hard on his handwriting this week
- **Gretton** – Sidney E for being such a thoughtful and kind person, all of the time
- **Gretton** – Joel H for focus, positivity and maturity in all that he does
- **Stanway** – Jess McB for forward planning – timely preparation of her presentation
- **Stanway** – Riley T for being cool, calm and collected all day at RAF Cosford



HEADTEACHER'S SPORTS AWARD

Penelope L – for super encouragement for Ticklerton's pupils

STANWAY'S TRIP TO RAF COSFORD (WITH A STEM FOCUS OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS)

Stanway had an excellent time at Cosford this week. Quite a few of the adults who were organising the day, commented on how well-behaved, interested and polite our children were. Well done Stanway, you have represented our school brilliantly!





Mr Pound also joined the trip and enjoyed dressing up too!



YEAR 1 AND 2 – CROSS COUNTRY AT CARDINGMILL VALLEY



Putting our best
foot forward ...





MISS CARTER STARTS HER MATERNITY LEAVE

Miss Carter starts her maternity leave today and we all wish her the very best and look forward to the safe arrival of her little one. The children shared some limericks and sang a special song for her in our assembly earlier today. From the words of the song,

“We’ll all really miss her and wish her luck and we’ll see her baby soon!”

ANOTHER REQUEST FOR HELP FOR WENDY PLEASE

We had no response from our request last week, so we thought we might try the community again! This is another ‘shout out’ to see if there’s anyone who might be willing to regularly agree to taking some potatoes home to peel and returning them the next day? It’s cost effective for us to purchase potatoes unpeeled and we are keen not to increase the cost of our school dinners. We currently have Stef and Matt Mills who have been doing a sterling job but wondered if we might now ask our lovely community. If you are able to help, either pop in to see Wendy before school or leave a message with Sian and Julia in the office.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

You will now have had our ParentMail regarding Harvest Festival on Monday 28th September. One of our parents, Hayley, has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the donated cakes for this (which the children ‘earn’ after walking to St Ediths. If you are able to help/donate, Hayley has been happy to share her number so please contact her directly:

Hayley Johnson: 07531 358 449



CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Lord

I am thankful for the harvest and the grain.
Thank you for people's lives and for making things happy.
I love my life and my animals.
I love my friends and I love my teachers and staff.

Please look after Miss Carter as she leaves today to have her baby.

By
Amelie D

	<u>KEY DIARY DATES</u>
Monday 28th September	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 30th September	Cross Country for Gretton – come to school in PE kit/bring uniform to change into after lunch
Wednesday 14th October	Year 1 and 2 Parents in school (2-3pm) for an activity afternoon
Tuesday 20th October	Morning trip for Ticklerton to Stokesay Castle (packed lunches)
Tuesday 20th October	Reception Parents in school (2-3pm) for an activity afternoon
Wednesday 21st October	School Open Afternoon
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day – School closed to children
Half Term	w/c 26th October 2026

SOME ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST



Mr. ALAN WICKETT
PROFESSIONAL DRUM KIT & PERCUSSION TEACHER



Times

Start at 3.20pm

Finish at 4.15pm

Dates

September 8

Sept. 15

Sept. 22

Sept. 29

October 13

Oct. 20

Half Term Break

November 3

Nov. 10

Nov. 17

Nov. 24

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that the Head Teacher of your school has invited me to provide pupils with the opportunity to have 10 after school drumming lessons. These are to be held on Tuesdays starting on September 8th. The cost will be £15 per lesson. See times and dates.

The parents of any interested pupils will be offered 6 lessons before half term and 4 lessons after half term ending on Tuesday November 10th. Please contact me on alanwickett@sky.com for further details.

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COSTS

£15 PER LESSON
Whole Term £125
55min group lessons
max of 6 pupils

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PAYMENTS

Direct to Drum Teacher
Per lesson or per Half
or Whole Term

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CONTACT

Any enquiries please to
alanwickett@sky.com



**Stretton
Parish**

CRUMBS

An after school space for yrs 7-11



**FREE
ENTRY**

MONDAYS 3:30- 5PM

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, CHURCH STRETTON

GAMES . TOAST . CHILL

starts 14th September



A consent form must be completed for each young person before they can attend any CRUMBS session, form can be found via the QR code.

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