

Streethay News

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December 2023



What a fantastic half-term we have had at Streethay! The end of the Autumn half-term is always busy and this year has been no exception. The children have filled us with pride as they have taken performances seriously and continued to work hard right up until the end of term! There has been lots of festive fun with opportunities to engage in community concerts, the Polar Express Experience and a visit from the man in red himself!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL

Please can I thank our entire community, parents, carers, and staff for continued togetherness around our children. We are immensely grateful for the support and engagement our parents and carers show towards school life. You always show up for us and the community and recent events have reminded us of this.

During December we partook in the St Giles Rudolf Run and raised over £2000. We were the best school in the region! St Giles have agreed to come and see us in Spring Term to share with the children the impact of their fundraising. We have also had many successful PTA events; including the raffle and Santa Sleigh visits. Please enjoy the photographs below in the Newsletter!

The first day of the new term is Monday 8th January. On behalf of Team Streethay please can I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 97%. It has been a very difficult term with many illnesses impacting attendance. Our whole school attendance is below our target but above national averages. Thank you for your support!

We would like all parents to be aware that regardless of the reason we are required to monitor attendance that is below our target and more specifically below 90%. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as persistently absent. In these circumstances it is likely we will contact you to notify you of this formally. We will monitor attendance below 90% very closely and we are obliged to make referrals to the local authority and our Educational Welfare partners if attendance does not improve.

Communication Update

From January onwards we will be using our application called Famly for communication and our school calendar. The application is very intuitive and similar to Facebook in layout.

In the first instance we will be using Famly for the following:

- Communication from the school office
- Weekly updates, class newsletters and homework
- Direct messaging to and from teachers
- School calendar (this is found by selecting the person icon – bottom right 'my-calendar')

Photograph Consents

We will be using existing social media consents when posting on Famly. If you wish to change these please get in touch with the school office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Please note all urgent messages should continue to come through the school info email address or phone line. This includes reporting absence and anything related to medication. Famly may not be checked during the day by Teachers.

It is very important that you check your child and family is set up correctly on Famly. In the first instance the first contact we hold on our system has been set up, please note, you can add other contacts that you wish to receive updates from school.

Staffing Updates

- This half-term both Mrs Hurcombe and Miss Pitcher have started their maternity leave. We wish them well and can't wait to hear what names they have chosen.
- We have welcomed Mrs Pannell into Team Daffodils and she has done a brilliant job of bringing festive cheer to the class.
- We now have a permanent sports coach Miss Doocey, who has settled in very well and is now supporting the children at lunch time too!
- We have congratulated Miss Hems on her pregnancy, she will start her maternity leave at Easter. We have recruited an experienced teacher called Mrs Kirby who will start with us in February to support Team Rabbits.

iPad Update KS2

Thank you for returning iPad Agreements. We are planning to send the iPads home in January. Expectations around homework and use of the iPads for this will be shared in January.

Online Safety Reminder

Over the next couple of weeks children are likely to be accessing their devices a little more than usual, or even accessing new devices that they (and you) may be less familiar with. The below link allows you to access the 'Skips Educational' website, which has guidance for parents on safer use of social media, gaming and privacy settings. Hopefully a quick read now might avoid any sticky situations later on. **CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO ACCESS THE LINK** <https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/>



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Family Support

We are always striving to do the best for our community. We have welcomed a Family Support Worker into our team (Mrs Whitehead) and have been developing our support offer further. This half-term we have been working on our offer to support mental health and wellbeing. We have developed a pathway of support in school and the role of emotion coaches. Next half-term the focus is on staying safe online and this is well timed with our iPads coming home for older children.

Support Services

We know this time of year can be difficult. We have worked hard to respond to any requests for help and support. If you need help please reach out.

You're not alone this CHRISTMAS

AnxietyUK
03444 775 774
www.anxietyuk.org.uk

SAMARITANS
16 123
www.samaritans.org

mind
0300 123 3393
www.mind.org.uk

PAPYRUS
0800 068 41 41
www.papyrus-uk.org

ChildLine
0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

Refuge
0808 2000 247
www.refuge.org.uk

YOUNG MINDS
TEXT YM to 85258
www.youngminds.org.uk

Switchboard LGBT+ helpline
0300 330 0630
www.switchboardlgbt

shout
85258
here for you 24/7
TEXT SHOUT to 85258
www.giveusashout.org

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY CALM
0800 58 58 58
www.thecalmzone.net

Beat
Eating disorders
0808 801 0677
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

AA RECOVERY
0800 9177 650
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

Other support organisations are available
Please don't suffer in silence

Cruse Bereavement Support
You're not alone
0808 808 1677
www.cruse.org.uk

Lichfield Foodbank

If you require a foodbank voucher you will need to contact the numbers below.

clientvoucher@lichfield.foodbank.org.uk or contact 07833 844873

Safeguarding Worries

Urgent safeguarding concerns about a young person can be raised with First Response on 0300 111 8007 or through the Emergency Duty Team during evenings and weekends on 0345 604 2886

Support with Drug/Alcohol

Better Way Recovery

71 Upper St John St, Lichfield WS14 9DT

07915 781496 ~ 07897 280476

Domestic abuse support

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police.

If you need support, call the freephone 24 hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Mental Health Support for adults

If you need urgent mental health support you can call : [0808 196 3002](tel:08081963002). Alternatively, you can attend your nearest A&E department for an assessment.