

Streethay News

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As we approach the half-way point of the academic year I thought I would get in touch and provide our community with some updates. It has been a very busy half-term here at Streethay. Spring term is always a time when school is very settled with lots of learning and progress. The children have enjoyed many curriculum inspiration experiences, from Stone Age visitors through to hatching chicks! Thank you for supporting us with these, they bring learning to life and make a real difference to our curriculum offer.

During the half-term we have also welcomed parents to Learning Alongside Workshops or after school information evenings. Hopefully parents have found these useful. Team Badgers and Hedgehogs are getting very excited about their future arts residential at Ingestre Hall!

Exceptional Work

Mr Taylor enjoys visiting classes and spotting exceptional work across school. Below are some recently rewarded children.



School Day Timing Change

From Monday 6th March the school day timings will change to:

8:35am–3:15pm

We are making this change to ease timetable pressure in the afternoon and also to comply with advice written by the Department for Education.

As we are extending the school day we are hoping this will positively impact parents. If you have any questions or worries about collecting at the later time please contact the school office.

Half-Term Superstars!

Each half-term we celebrate the children that have demonstrated our values and/or made improvements in each class. Photographs of our Superstars are displayed outside our classrooms.

Daisies – Caleb & Olivia
Daffodils – Mila & Charles
Sunflowers – Austin & Oscar S
Rabbits – Molly Ann & Oliver
Meadow – Macey & Zac
Badgers – Kiera & Lily C
Hedgehogs – Ruby F

Headteacher Award

Each half-term teachers choose children that impress them all the time to receive Headteacher award. The dedication of these children is celebrated through an enrichment activity.

Daffodils – Amelia P
Sunflowers – Hetty
Rabbits – Arthur
Meadow – Sophia P
Badgers – Poppy W
Hedgehogs – Amit

Strike Update

Thank you to parents of children within Team Badgers and Rabbits for supporting us through the first national Strike day. You will be aware there is further industrial action planned on [Wednesday 1st March](#). At this stage, after carrying out risk assessments, I can confirm that we will be closed to [Team Rabbits and Team Badgers](#) children once more. If there is any change to this I will of course be in touch. We would ask that parents find alternative childcare. If you are unable to find alternative childcare and you believe you are a critical worker, and/or you feel vulnerable, please contact the school office directly.

Class teachers from these classes will share an overview of learning to be completed once the new term starts.

Should further national action take place as planned on 15th and 16th March, we may decide to close alternative classes to mitigate the amount of school time missed by any group of learners. More updates to follow.

Curriculum Update

We have an exciting curriculum enhancement to share. From next term older classes at Streethay will have the chance to study Geography, History and Religious Education through a programme called Opening Worlds. Every child in KS2 will have History, Geography and R.E. for an hour and 15 minutes weekly.

Opening Worlds is an structured and ambitious approach that takes learning within the humanities much further than the national curriculum. Forward thinking and broad themes align well with our vision and values.

If you would like to find out more about Opening Worlds, please click the link icon below:

<https://openingworlds.uk>

Parking and Road Safety

You will be aware that road restrictions and adjustments are due around the school. Parking along Yoxall Way will soon be prohibited so please adjust your routines, walk where and when you can and/or find alternative safe places to park.

You may be aware that the bus got stuck outside school this week. Please keep our children safe. PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK ON YOXALL WAY AS THIS INCREASES HAZARDS ALONG THE ROAD. The council and Police are monitoring the situation and may take enforcement action if a driver has parked dangerously.

Safety railings are due to be installed directly outside our main entrance, we will notify you when these works begin.

Punctuality

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their child is on time everyday. Good punctuality is incredibly important. When your child is late they miss key learning and checkin times with staff.

The school day starts at 8:35am with a Wellbeing Welcome. This session is essential as it settles children into a positive mindset for the day. Formal learning starts at 8:45am with most children in reading groups at this time.

If we feel a family needs support with punctuality we may refer to our Educational Welfare Officer.

Attendance Update

Whole school target: 97%

Year to date: 96.1%

We are so very close to our target and much higher than regional averages. Well done everyone!

Team Badgers continue to dominate our attendance leadership board, do not let their winning streak continue!

A reminder that Holidays are not authorised during term time and are likely to trigger referrals to both Educational Welfare Services and Staffordshire County Council for potential fining.

| Team | Attendance |
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| Sunflowers | 95% |
| Rabbits | 96% |
| Meadow | 97% |
| Badgers | 98% |
| Hedgehogs | 94% |

PTA Update

Thank you for your support with the Uniform Swap this has been a huge success. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at school on Monday 13th March at 5pm please feel free to come along!