



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

# Happiness

### STREETS BROOK INFANT & EARLY YEARS ACADEMY PTA



#### AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Time:** 8:00pm (after PTA meet and greet at 7.00pm)

**Venue:** Streetsbrook Academy, Ralph Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 3LB

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Annual Treasurer Report
4. Synopsis of PTA activity and committee roles
5. Election of committee members:
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Vice Treasurer
  - Secretary
6. Calendar of events
7. Any other business related to AGM
8. Sign off and set date for 2018



### DIARY DATES: OCTOBER

Monday 9	- 3.15pm Magical Maths
Tuesday 10	- 10.30am Harvest Festival - 7.00pm PTA Meeting,
Wednesday 11	- PM – Governors Childcare Committee Mtg
Friday 13	- 12.00 - ECO Team Meeting & School Council Meeting




### MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

#### SEPTEMBER 2017


Well done to 1D for receiving the first Attendance Award this year with 98.9% for SEPTEMBER!

R1	98.4%
R2	98.2%
<b>1D</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
1S	98.0%
2A	97.6%
2F	97.6%



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING


Our Coffee Morning was a great success, with thanks to those that joined us. Delicious cakes were on sale, lots of mingling and young children enjoyed the soft play area.



Thank you to all those who have bought raffle tickets, this will be drawn on Monday! Thanks go to our PTA for arranging the event. The final figure will be announced next week and raffle prize winners will be displayed on the PTA noticeboard.

### Swimming change for R2

Due to Harvest Festival taking place on Tuesday R2 will now be swimming on Monday morning. Please ensure all swim kits are with the children. Thank you for your understanding.



### THANK YOU TO OUR PTA FOR THE NEW ENGLISH & MATHS RESOURCES

Huge thanks go to our amazing PTA for enabling us to purchase some new English resources such as books and electronic books which are already in use and proving to be very popular indeed. We have also been able to purchase some new Maths resources which Mrs Miller was able to report back on at our Governors Meeting last night. We are thrilled with the new resources and they are having a significant impact on learning.






### POLITE NOTICE TO NURSERY/WRAPAROUND PARENTS

When arriving at school to drop or collect Nursery children, can we politely ask that you do not attempt to get the attention of your elder children in their classrooms. Children are engaged in activities at these times, and the disruption can be off putting for your children as well as others. We understand that seeing your children is very heart warming, but if this can be avoided we would really appreciate it. Thank you

### LOST ITEMS

This week we have had several parents asking about lost items. As a general reminder can you ensure all items are labelled and please check your child has the correct items, many of the children have similar things and they are easily mixed up.



### Octobers Parent Observations – Nursery & Reception

Technology Early Learning Goal; Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes. Please identify and record all the ICT equipment the child/family uses in 1 day. Please return by the **end of October** to the Class Teacher. We apologise for the delay, but a copy of the overview of observation sheet will be sent home via email on Monday.

## Anniversary Celebrations

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### Streetsbrook 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Competition Winners!

Thank you to all the children that entered the Art Competition - we are very excited to announce the overall winners:

**Evie-Rae from 2A**

**Joseph from 1D**

Our year group winners are

Summer	Nursery AM
Steven	Nursery AM
James	R1
Sienna	R2
Austin	1S
Nathan	1S
Sophia	1D
Thomas	1D
Abby	2A
Jaida	2A
Evie	2F
Remi	2F

## Happy days past and present and Happy Birthday Streetsbrook!

The celebrations culminated on Friday after a week of celebrations.

We had hoped to have a street party with parents, staff and children but the fine September days of last year were not to forecast for the 29 September 2017 this year! Never to be beaten, the party moved indoors with Reception and Nursery classes in the hall and Years 1 & 2 in their classrooms. A 60<sup>th</sup> picnic for each child had been prepared by the kitchen staff and parents were welcomed to join their children. There was a real buzz around school which had been decorated resplendently by the children along with balloons and decorations in our school colours adding a celebratory feel. The children were so excited and as you can see the parents obviously enjoyed their 60<sup>th</sup> picnic too, even though most were sitting on infant chairs for their lunch.

Following lunch, parents departed and the hall was transformed with balloons and memorabilia of the past six decades including many photographs of past staff. We were therefore delighted to welcome some of them to our celebration assembly in this the school's 60<sup>th</sup> year. Mrs Minter hosted the event and the children performed songs and dances over the past sixty years.

It was particularly exciting to have the first female pupil join us, who started on the first day of the school opening in 1957. The school cost £42,000 to build, compared to the building extension of 2009 which cost £1.5 million!

Delphine Quiney is listed on the original register that was displayed in the hall. Delphine recounted her special memories and her love for the school all those years ago under the headship of Miss Appleby. Mrs Blakely followed for approximately 6 years and then Kay-Luther Jones became Head for over 20 years. Mrs Minter, who was the Deputy at that time, became Headteacher in 2007 to bring us right up to date here in 2017.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Luther-Jones to school and she was joined by other ex staff and present governors on this auspicious day. Mrs Dorothy Tongue was also present who, since 1963, has worked at Streetsbrook, been a parent and now still continues to help by listening to readers. The visitors loved seeing the children perform and the finale of the cutting of the special cake made by our own Miss Dorow.

Children enjoyed their own class cake as the culmination of the celebrations came to a close and memories were made that will be shared once again as the school moves into the 7<sup>th</sup> Decade .....2027.

The future of Streetsbrook is in good hands and the last 60 years has seen so many children and adults pass through its doors - what amazing memories the school could tell.



## YEAR 1

We have had another busy week in Year 1! In English we have been learning and writing lists. Maybe your child could help you to write a shopping list for the weekend?



Next week the children will be reading the story of the Little Match Girl and using lots of descriptive language in their writing.

Our Maths learning this week has been focused on number bonds and we have been investigating which numbers make 10. Next week will see us applying our learning to a variety of addition and subtraction problems.



We have also been rehearsing for the Harvest Festival and can't wait to share our songs with those of you who are able to attend on Tuesday. If you are available to help with walking the children to and from the church, and haven't already, could you please speak to a member of staff. We will be leaving straight after registration and should be back in time for lunch. We hope that you have a lovely weekend!

## RECEPTION



This week in Reception the children have been helping Peg Leg Sam, the pirate to design a new flag for his pirate ship. Working with a given set of criteria, the children have designed some amazing flags. All of them include a repeating pattern of 2D shapes. We have also helped Peg Leg Sam solve his treasure problem and work out how to share it fairly with his friends.



During writing sessions we have been applying our phonics by segmenting simple words (using our sound robot voice), writing the sounds we can hear and blending the sounds together again to read what we have written. In PSHE the children have been exploring the idea of 'Working as a team' and discussing ways to resolve conflicts with our play. Next week we will be exploring the concept of floating and sinking.

The children will be making their junk model boats on Monday and Tuesday. If you have any junk that we could use please send this in. Thank you to those parents who have sent in observations from home relating to physical development. This will influence our assessment of the children's abilities.

**Note: Due to the Harvest Festival taking place next Tuesday, R2 will be swimming Monday Morning. Please could all children bring their swimming kits on Monday Morning. Thank you**

## Streetsbrook Childcare

Little Stars have had a great time exploring the woodland area this week, collecting leaves, twigs and conkers for our 'seasons' board. We have also loved engaging in imaginary play, feeding and dressing the babies in our role play area. In Little Rockets this week we have shown that we are great at overcoming challenges, completing the tricky task of threading cheerios on to straws and spaghetti! The staff also want to say a big "WELL DONE" to all of our Little Rockets who are beginning to access their snack independently throughout the day, as well as getting to grips with the daily routine. We love going outside and are able to come in and out as we choose whenever the doors are open! Please could we politely ask you to provide your child with a book bag (these are available from the office for £5.50). This will give your child the opportunity to take part in visits to the library and take a book home every 1-2 weeks.



## NURSERY

This week, Nursery have loved learning all about Goldilocks And The Three Bears. The children have been making porridge, looking at 'big, medium and small' and have even built Goldilocks' house!



We also had a fabulous 'WOW Friday' with our teddy bear's picnic. Last Wednesday, Nursery took part in their first ever P.E lesson. We were extremely impressed with their listening and participation skills! Well Done!



Next week we will be learning all about Autumn. We will be going on a nature walk to look for signs of the changing seasons. The children will be looking at autumnal colours and learning all about Harry the Hedgehog.



Thank you to everyone who has sent in a physical observation. Your input is extremely helpful and deeply appreciated.



**Plea: Please send in a family photo by end of next week to support the children with their discussions in the final week. Thank you, Team Nursery**

## YEAR 2



This week, our work about Florence Nightingale has continued, with us learning to write in the first person to visualise what it was like to be her. We imagined writing a letter to her parents, using 'I, me and my' instead of 'she and her'. All week in Maths, our focus has been on addition, using a variety of strategies that can help us.

We've learnt by drawing the tens and ones in a number, it can really help, which we've done whilst using early column addition practical grids.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help walk to the Harvest Festival. If anyone else would like to, please let a member of the Year 2 staff know.