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A Weekly Bulletin

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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents / Carers

It is a privilege to write to you to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Church Preen Primary School.

I am delighted to have been appointed and will work tirelessly to promote the best interests of the children, parents, staff and local community.

A good education is crucial for the wellbeing and fulfilment of our children. As society continues to change, it is important that schools provide a safe and stable environment where all young people feel valued and where they can learn and achieve. A child's education is not a dress rehearsal; they only get one chance.

I have been teaching since leaving the RAF 13 years ago and have been fortunate to work in four diverse and inspiring schools during my career: Joint Service Aeronautical Engineering Training College (RAF Cosford), Woodside Junior School, Donnington Wood CE Junior School and St Mary's CE Primary School (Albrighton)

I believe that high quality learning is at the heart of every good school and I look forward to working with the staff at Church Preen to ensure our children have the best opportunities to be successful.

Church Preen Primary School has many strengths and I have been struck by the warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. I would like to thank Mr Perkins for his excellent work during the autumn term that has ensured that the school has continued to move forward.

Church Preen has tremendous potential and I am excited about the prospect of leading the school in its next phase of development.

I look forward to meeting you in the future,

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Introducing Miss Strachan – Class 1

My name is Claire Strachan and I am very excited to be the new Class 1 teacher. I come to Church Preen from Wistanstow Primary School, and look forward to becoming an active part of the school community. Outside of school my daughter and I share a love for all things adventurous. We travel widely, ranging from back-packing in the Alps, exploring in Goa and scuba diving in the Red Sea. I enjoy hill-walking, climbing and mountain-biking, reading, painting and cooking. My house is filled with an ever expanding menagerie; tree-frogs in the kitchen, a snake in the sitting room, guinea-pigs in the garden and occasionally the odd fostered hedgehog in the bathroom. I will never say no to a new challenge or experience, and always try to incorporate this attitude into my classroom.

PE and Swimming

Just a quick reminder that KS1 and KS2 be going to William Brookes School on Monday afternoons this half term to do PE and swimming.

However there is a small change in that this Monday, 10th January, coincides with a Key Stage 2 Cross Country competition at William Brookes and they do not have enough staff to support Key Stage 2 swimming on this date. Therefore we will be entering our KS2 children into the Cross Country event en-masse and will also have some time for games in the gym. As the weather may be inclement could you please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor PE kit and a coat.

As for KS1, please ensure that your child has both PE and swimming kit with them.

Note: Our reception children will be staying at school with Miss Strachan.

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY - It's a big hit.

Quicksticks and hockey sessions are running again at Church Stretton Leisure Centre on Mondays from January 10th. Each session runs from 3.30-5.00 but you can arrive when you can get there. Boys & girls, beginners or improvers are very welcome to attend and it only costs £1 per session. Why not come along and have a go, and why not bring a friend too.

Details: 01694 723543.

Christmas Card Recycling

Once again we will be collecting your Christmas cards for recycling.

Thank you

Gentle reminder

Mrs Bowen would appreciate all dinner money paid on a Monday morning to aid administration and banking.

Many thanks!

Tutpup

Class 3 were introduced to a great website called tutpup (I know, it's a silly name!) whose aim "is to provide simple, fun, competitive games that help children learn and gain confidence with Maths, English and other key skills and knowledge".

They compete against children from around the world in a safe interactive environment. I will be registering the class in the very near future so that they can all have their own login and begin to work towards the awards available on the site.

Give it a go at:

<http://www.tutpup.com>

Child minding

If you are in need of a registered child minder for after school care then Jemma Pugh may be able to help.

Contact: 01694 771258

07837556107

Can you smell paint?

During the Christmas break Class 1 has been completely transformed with new displays and a coat of paint. Huge thanks go to Miss Strachan and her daughter, Megan, for their efforts and I would like to complement them on a job well done!

