

Press release



Breakfast Club fuels appetite for education

Primary school children are being given a kick-start to their day with a nutritious breakfast, thanks to the help of two Coventry-based housing associations and the Greggs Foundation.

Whitefriars Housing and Orbit Heart of England have joined forces to fund a Breakfast Club run by Stanton Bridge Primary School in Coventry. The club - which is supported by the Greggs Foundation, who provide fresh bread for pupils from their local bakeries - aims to improve the health and wellbeing of children by providing them with a hearty breakfast before school.

Whitefriars and Orbit Heart of England have each pledged £1750 to keep the club running for two years. This has provided Stanton Bridge Primary with essential start-up equipment and enables the school to offer children a selection of breakfast choices including cereal, yoghurts and fruit juices.

It is hoped that the Breakfast Club, which will run from 8am until 8.40am every school day, will bring a number of benefits to both pupils and parents. The Greggs Foundation already supports a number of clubs nationwide which have been a great success.

Parents are also given the chance to get involved with the club , enabling them to improve relations with school staff.

Ravinder Kaur, Community Cohesion Manager at Whitefriars, said: “As an organisation, we are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of local communities. Through our work with the Greggs Foundation and Orbit Heart

of England, we can really make a difference to the everyday lives of children at Stanton Bridge School.

“The scheme is open to any pupil wishing to fuel up for a school day, and already teachers are noticing an increase in engagement among those who have attended the club.”

Thuhel Abul, Senior Learning Mentor at Stanton Bridge Primary, added: “This initiative has been driven by our desire to ensure that our pupils are ready for the start of the school day. We have already noticed improved attendance and punctuality and pupils are more focused and alert in lesson. We’ve also seen how pupils are developing better social skills with their peers and staff.” Pupils get the opportunity to develop relationships with other pupils from different classes. It’s nice to see our year 6 pupils playing with year 1-3 during break times.

“We would like to thank Whitefriars, Orbit Heart of England and the Greggs Foundation and look forward to continuing our work with them.”