



Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER February 2019

Dear Parents/carers

As we move towards half term there is still such a lot to tell you about and to look forward to...



PTFA BINGO night

We have a PTFA bingo night for adults coming up soon on Friday 22 March at 7pm for 7.30pm start. There will be licensed bar and a raffle for the PTFA playground fund. The charge will be £5 for a book of tickets and an extra £1 for a star prize on top. We will be holding a non- uniform day on Friday 15 March where the children can wear what they like and in return send in donations for prizes of tea, coffee, chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, wine etc , do please support us with prizes and come along on the night- its great fun and the prizes are super! The children on the school council are keen to have their own bingo night too so watch this space!

Netball team

Our amazing netballers have had a fabulous tournament afternoon at The Cotswold School. Here are a few pictures of our wonderful team. They played really well and showed perfect behaviour and good team spirit, we came fourth overall and we hope for a certificate to be arriving soon! It was the first time that they had been to a competition and they did so well. A big thank you to Lesley Webley and to Mrs Stubbs and Miss Betley for helping with transport and coaching the team!



NEW YEAR, NEW PLAYGROUND



Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School PTFA have been busy fundraising over the past few years for a new adventure playground. The current one was funded by parents 14 years ago and is now looking rather tired and in need of replacement. The improved playground will provide new and challenging physical play opportunities for all the children at the school.

The PTFA and school have to raise a whopping £24,000 for the installation of the new equipment and rubber safety play surface. We are now delighted to announce that, boosted by a generous donation from Carole Bamford and donations from other members of the community, we have now raised over £17,000! Whilst this is a magnificent achievement it still leaves a further £7000 to raise by the Easter holidays, when we plan to install the new playground. Therefore we are not resting on our laurels and have further events coming up. March 22nd is Bingo night at the school. Tickets are £5, which includes bingo tickets and snacks. There will be a licensed bar, brilliant prizes and a fantastic raffle. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the school office. Doors open at 7pm. It promises to be a really fun night! (This is an adults only event).

Alternatively if there are any other individuals or businesses who would like to make a donation to help us reach our target that would be fantastic. All the teachers, parents and especially children will be extremely grateful.

Donations can be made directly to the school, a parent, a member of staff or if making a BACS transfer is more convenient please contact us at stowptfa@gmail.com for bank details.

Football

Our football team enjoyed a match against Bourton after school. Our Y3/Y4 played really well and won 4-0. Y5/Y6 had a very good match. A big thanks to Mr Hartley for organising this lovely event. It makes it very interesting for the children when all their hard work practising pays off with a match!

House treat afternoon

The house point teams had a treat afternoon at the park, as always their behaviour was exemplary- well done all!



PTFA Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA quiz night last Friday. Very special thanks to our amazing Quiz Master Nigel Harrison (school governor) and his able assistance ex pupil Scott Harrison, along with our band of PTFA members who worked incredibly hard setting up the room, making supper, manning the bar and of course clearing away afterwards! With the support of over 70 happy quiz participants we managed to raise £1300 on the night towards the playground fund which included £200 on the raffle for our terms charity the Oxford Cystic

Fibrosis Ward. The event, as well as being a great money spinner, was also extremely enjoyable evening for all involved. There was a wide range of rounds including general knowledge, literature, sport, TV shows, pictures, maps and even something for the ladies (say no more). The supper of soup, rolls and butter, chocolate cakes, and never ending crisps and nibbles was much enjoyed along with the odd glass or two of bubbly to focus the mind on the questions. A massive thank you to everyone for supporting the event, prizes for the raffle, coming along or helping- what a fabulous community effort.

Golf Lessons with Burford Golf Club!

These have continued this week with some of the younger ones getting their turn- you may get a flier in the book bag about the gold course and what it can offer. In the meantime the children are enjoying this new sport at school!

FUNDING MESSAGE

A message about a petition to increase school funding being sent to all schools from the F40 group who petition for better funding for the 40 worst funded local authorities of which Gloucestershire is one.

Increase funding for schools

Schools are having to make difficult choices on how to spend their limited funding as their income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. All schools are working very hard to "make ends meet" but this is becoming increasingly difficult and verging on almost impossible. There is a petition being presented to parliament on this subject. Parliament will debate this petition on 4 March 2019. You'll be able to watch online at parliamentlive.tv. The petition currently has 71,500 signatures – an increase of 18,000 since f40 put its weight behind it a few weeks ago. If you haven't yet signed it please consider doing so by following this link:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/2322>
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Thanks

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Attendance

We are continuing with our attendance raffle each week putting a ticket in for each child who is in school on time every day. At the end of half term all those with 100% since September will have a certificate in assembly- so look out for those!

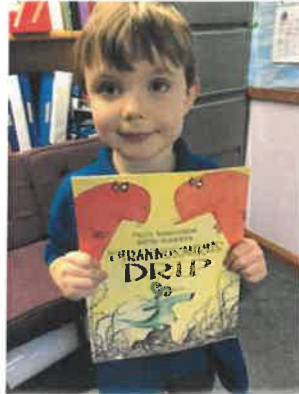
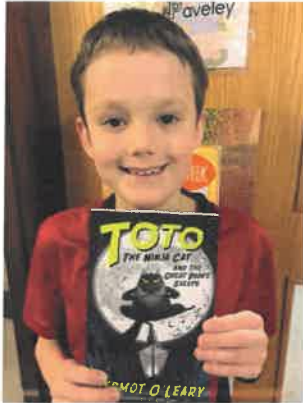
PTFA Raffle for Valentines Day

Valentines day raffle was called in the dining hall on Valentines Day. The lucky winners were: Eric Rothera, Hollie Buckley, Jessica Stubbs, Logan Taylor, Harrison Jones, Alfie Morris and Bailey Buckley. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle and to the children for doing such a great job selling the tickets , well done all. We raised £70.50 for the PTFA – Hurray!



Birthday books

Here are some more of the wonderful books that are being donated to school to mark children's birthdays, they are so proud and pleased about their donations and they are being much enjoyed by their classmates, thank you all as always for your fabulous support of this idea.



Painting

Ryan in Class 4 painted these beautiful pictures. The whole class have created some wonderful artwork, well done!



Chinese New Year

As I mentioned in our last newsletter we are going to repeat the very popular Chinese menu that was offered last week for Chinese new year on Thursday 28 February (First Thursday after half term). We have now got 120 sets of chop sticks so we are armed and ready! Please order as usual if you would like to take part in this.

GOOD NEWS



As mentioned in my last newsletter, Mrs Taylor and Miss Cato won second prize in the school Christmas biscuit competition and they had a lovely surprise this week when they were visited by their manager and awarded a gift voucher in recognition of their great efforts. Well done ladies. Also you might like to know that in a recent inspection they scored 98% which is classed as OUTSTANDING practice.





500 words Competition

BBC2 are running the 500 words competition again this year and we are keen that as many of our children enter if possible.

WHO CAN ENTER 500 WORDS?

500 Words is open to any child who is aged between 5 and 13 years old on 14th June 2019, and is a full time resident of the UK.

The competition celebrates imagination and creativity - not spelling and grammar! - so all children of all abilities are invited to enter. For more details visit the link below, there are amazing prizes to be won but most of all is the fun of entering, we will read out any stories in assembly to inspire others. Sadie Rogers in Class 2 is the first child that we know who has entered so we look forward to reading her story first

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/.../submit-your-500-words-story>



New Technology

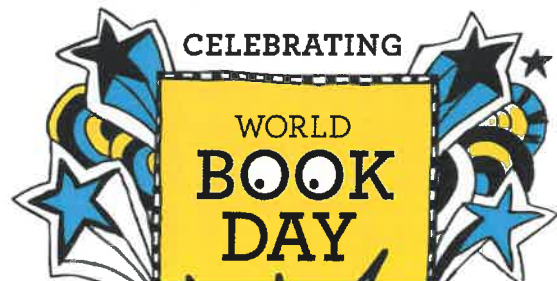
Class 4 have made such good use of their new smart TV that we have ordered one for Class 3 and then Class One will be next – hurray!!

Indy in Class 2

Just to update you on Indy in Class 2. As many of you may be aware Indy is in Great Ormond Street Hospital in London for a serious operation to replace/mend a faulty heart valve. The operation was lengthy and parents are awaiting more scans to see how effective the repair has been. The family are grateful for all your good wishes and kind thoughts and Indy liked the card sent by Class 2. We will keep you posted as to his progress and any further developments.

Money to the office

Please can any money or forms for the office come in a named envelope so that we know exactly who has sent in what.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World book day is coming up in March on Thursday 7 March, we are aiming to have books on sale for the £1 vouchers and activities for the children. The school council are keen for each class to be able to choose the child who has put a lot of thought into their selected costume- we have decided that the children will dress up as an animal character from a book. They will need to bring in the book that the character is from. We are planning on lots of reading activities such as whole school buddy reading and a possible sponsored event. (Sponsor forms to go out after half term). What we DON'T want

is for parents to have to buy expensive costumes when the focus is on READING!!!

Rebecca Scutt, Head teacher



SWIMARATHON

We are delighted to have volunteers already for the swimarathon- so far 13 swimmers (adults and children) have come forward but we need more to make up two teams, please let us know at the office if you are willing to swim a few lengths, every little helps, it's going to be on Saturday 13 April at Cheltenham College, times to be confirmed. The session is only 45 minutes in the pool and we swim as many lengths as we can in a rota system.



We hope that you have a really lovely half term and a great rest. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you all again next term

As always please do not let small concerns become big worries, pop in and see me and I will help you however I can.

Together we can and often do succeed

STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

NB This may be subject to changes as necessary

- 15/02/2019 Class One assembly and Book Look
- 15/02/2019 Break up for half term
- 25/02/2019 Back to school.
- 25/02/2019 Bookings open for parents evening
- 27/02/2019 Open the Book assembly
- 01/03/2019 Class Two assembly and book look 2.30pm
- 04/03/2019 Lockdown drill this week
- 04/03/2019 MDSAs meeting with head
- 04/03/2019 Stow Book Awards
- 05/03/2019 Shrove Tuesday and pancake races tbc
- 07/03/2019 Sponsored read this week linked to World Book Day
- 07/03/2019 World Book Day. International Theme
- 07/03/2019 My Plan Reviews
- 07/03/2019 Staff meeting with the head
- 07/03/2019 Teaching partners meeting with head
- 11/03/2019 Parents evenings
- 12/03/2019 Parents evenings
- 12/03/2018 Science day Human Body
- 13/03/2019 Open the Book assembly
- 14/03/2019 Parents evening
- 15/03/2019 School council
- 18/03/2019 Fire drill this week
- 18/03/2019 Full Governors meeting 6 pm
- 21/03/2019 Staff meeting with the head
- 22/03/2019 Class 3 assembly and book look
- 22/03/2019 Comic Relief Day 2018
- 27/03/2019 Open the Book assembly
- 28/03/2019 Staff meeting with the head
- 29/03/2019 Gecko Maths Day
- 31/03/2019 Mothering Sunday

01/04/2019 Governors Committee meetings 3-6pm

02/04/2019 PTFA Easter Egg Scramble on the field 1.30 onwards

04/04/2019 SMT meeting with the head

04/04/2019 Easter Tea for the elderly and grandparents 2pm

05/04/2019 Class One assembly and book look

05/04/2019 Break up for Easter holidays

22/04/2019 Easter Monday, no school

23/04/2019 Back to school today (Tuesday)

25/04/2019 Staff meeting with the head

30/04/2019 MDSAS meeting with the head

02/05/2019 Staff meeting with the head

02/05/2019 Teaching partners meeting with the head

03/05/2019 School council

06/05/2019 May Day, no school

08/05/2019 Open the Book assembly

09/05/2019 SMT meeting with the head

09/05/2019 Teaching partners meeting with the head (SATS)

13/05/2019 English SPAG Paper 1 short answers and Spelling Paper 2

13/05/2019 Staff meeting (international week)

13/05/2019 SATS Week Y6

13/05/2019 MDSAS meeting with the head

14/05/2019 English Paper 3 Reading Comprehension

15/05/2019 Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic Paper 2 Problem solving and Reasoning

16/05/2019 3.15 phonics workshop for all Year 1 and 2 retake parents

16/05/2019 Maths Paper 3 Problem solving and Reasoning

17/05/2019 Whole KS2 School Athletics Meet at Temple Guiting

20/05/2019 Full Governors meeting 6pm

20/05/2019 Fire drill this week

20/05/2019 Library visits this week

22/05/2019 Open the Book assembly

23/05/2019 Staff meeting with the head
24/05/2019 Break up for half term
24/05/2019 Class assembly and book look 2.30pm
03/06/2019 Naturesbase set off for Y5 and Y6
05/06/2019 Open the Book assembly
06/06/2019 Naturesbase return for Y5 and Y6
10/06/2019 Staff meeting with the Head
10/06/2019 Phonics screening check week for Year Ones
10/06/2019 MDSAs meeting with the head
12/06/2019 7pm New Parents Induction Evening
13/06/2019 Teaching partners meeting with the head
13/06/2019 Sports Day, all day picnic at 12 races from 1 pm
13/06/2019 SMT meeting with the head
16/06/2019 Fathers Day
17/06/2019 Lockdown drill this week
17/06/2019 Governors Committee Meetings 3-6pm
18/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm
19/06/2019 Open the Book assembly
20/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm
20/06/2019 Staff meeting with the head
20/06/2019 Science day – living plants/ materials
21/06/2019 PTFA Summer Disco 530-630 infants, 645-8pm juniors
25/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm
27/06/2019 Staff meeting with the head
27/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm
28/06/2019 Non uniform day in lieu of raffle donations
01/07/2019 Fire drill this week
01/07/2019 Staff meeting with the Head
03/07/2019 Cotswold School Induction Days for Yr 6
03/07/2019 Open the Book assembly
04/07/2019 Cotswold School Induction Day for Yr 6
04/07/2019 Class Swap Afternoon
04/07/2019 SMT meeting with the head

05/07/2019 PTFA summer event 5-7pm
08/07/2019 KS2 production Dress Rehearsal 2pm
08/07/2019 Full Governors meeting
09/07/2019 6pm Juniors Summer Performance
09/07/2019 MDSAS meeting with the head
11/07/2019 6pm Juniors Summer Performance
11/07/2019 Teaching Partners meeting with the head
12/07/2019 Children's Annual School Reports out today
15/07/2019 Annual Talent Show pm
15/07/2019 Annual Sponsored Walk am
15/07/2019 Y6 parents evening (SATS)
16/07/2019 Y6 parents evening (SATS)
17/07/2019 100% attendance treat morning
17/07/2019 Open the Book assembly
18/07/2019 Y6 Sleepover party
19/07/2019 Break up for summer holidays
19/07/2019 Leavers Assembly coffees/teas 9am, assembly
930 am
22/07/2019 INSET Day, staff only
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**EYES DOWN FOR OUR FANTASTIC BINGO NIGHT
PRESENTED BY STOW PRIMARY PTFA**

**FRIDAY 22nd MARCH
DOORS OPEN AT 7pm
1ST GAME STARTS AT 7.30pm**

**AT STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST EDWARDS DRIVE,
STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GL54 1AW (01451 830784)**

FABULOUS PRIZES, RAFFLE & LICENSED BAR

**PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKET IN ADVANCE FROM
THE SCHOOL OFFICE - £5.00 PER TICKET -
(includes bingo tickets and snacks)
ADULTS ONLY**

STOW "PRAG"-matic

(Plastic & Recycling Awareness Group)

Invite You To An Open Forum Meeting:
"Let's Talk A Load Of Rubbish!"

Thursday 21st February 2019 - from 5.30 pm
Stow Community Hub (St. Edward's Drive) GL54 1AW

WHO are we?

We are a new and growing group of all ages and backgrounds in Stow-on-the-Wold who want to take an informed and "pragmatic" approach to improving waste recycling and reducing the amount of plastic, in particular single-use plastic, within our own town and throughout Gloucestershire.

WHY are we?

Ignorance WAS bliss but we NOW know what damage we are doing to our planet and its precious wildlife through our modern consumer habits! Along with very many others we want to recycle positively and encourage manufacturers to package their products more responsibly.

WILL YOU join us?

We have key policy and decision makers for our area attending this informal gathering and would like to encourage as many as possible to come along and put your own questions, queries, thoughts and ideas direct to them.

The Panel:

Gareth Edmundson: CEO of UBICO (Waste & Recycling Collection in Stow)
Nigel Moor: Cabinet Member for Environment & Planning (GCC)
Dilys Neill: Local District Councillor for Stow
Ben Eddolls: Stow Town Mayor

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