



Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers

YOUNG VOICES

Well what an amazing evening was had by all those Juniors attending the annual pilgrimage to Birmingham for their 20th anniversary Young Voices Choir. We joined a group of over 6000 children along with our friends from Temple Guiting and Bledington schools. The children (and staff) had an amazing time singing together and in parts, in rounds and as a backing. They had the chance to see real celebrities in action and to watch the professional singers and dancers rehearse. The conductor is of course world famous Alana Lawrence of Songs of Praise fame and the children rehearsed all afternoon with him before the magical experience of taking part in the concert. I still LOVE the moment when the lights go down and all the children's little torches shine up, their enthusiasm and energy is just fabulous. It is a wonderful experience for the children and the staff had a fabulous time too, along with our very big group of loyal parent's supporters.

I have to say I thought the children were absolutely magnificent and their good behaviour and Stow Spirit did not waver at any times. They were the most enthusiastic bunch and at the end when it is time to leave they were so sensible – I was incredibly proud of them all. A massive thank you to the staff for the rehearsing and time spend organising it all, and to the very loyal troop of parents who make the massive effort to travel all that way to watch us and of course the biggest

ever WELL DONE to our wonderful Young Voices Choir!! Hope you enjoy the photos.





Attendance

We are continuing with our attendance drive and every Friday Mrs Swallow will add a ticket with your child's name on if they have all 10 register marks (am and pm) for the week. We will call the raffle at the end of the summer term and the star prize is a scooter donated by the PTFA.

Thank you all for your continued support in keeping the children's attendance at a high level. If your child's attendance has dropped below 95% we will be writing to you this week. Fortunately there aren't too many!

Please remember attendance falling below 90% is classed as Persistent Absenteeism and will very likely trigger further action by the local authority.



Sportshall Athletics

Our team were amazing when they headed off to Cirencester Sportshall athletics finals. The team were absolutely fabulous and gave it their very best shot. They scored so many points that they achieved third place overall against some enormous schools from the south Cotswold area. This was a really amazing achievement. We also noted that the team were very well received by the other competing teams and I think our reputation as a fair-minded school with good team spirit and a sense of fair play goes before us. A big thank you to the parents and staff for taking them and a massive well done to the team, we are so proud of you and your achievements.



PTFA Quiz Night, a second reminder

Just to put a note in your diary- it's the PTFA Annual Quiz Night on Friday 8 February at school in the evening. Tickets available soon so start thinking about your team!

We will be enjoying an evening of fun, laughter and of course questions with our own Quiz master Mr Nigel Harrison. Tickets are available from the office priced £5 and the admission includes a light super and there will be a licensed bar, stand up bingo and of course a raffle (for Cystic Fibrosis on this occasion). All adults welcome. The PTFA meet regularly at school and are always glad of help and new ideas so do please consider coming along to a meeting or offering your support at an event.

Lovely News

We had some wonderful news- Mrs Roseblade has become a Grandmother to Jenson Rae Alan Ferry born on 12 January weighing 8lb 3oz. Granny is very proud (and so are we)



Poetry Slam

The children have been enjoying a week of poetry and have been having lots of fun writing performance poetry with actions. We shared the poems in assembly and the class staff nominated one child in each class for a special book award. The children were selected for their ideas, contributions and ability to be brave and join in, or their enthusiasm and ability to work as part of a team. Well done to the staff especially Mrs James for organising this lovely event. Well done to the children too for their sheer love of learning and great attitude.

I have scanned some of the Infants lovely poems for you to enjoy at the end of this newsletter

Her are the children performing their poems in assembly today.



Class Three Art Work

Class 3 have been making some wonderful clay work and I thought you would like to see their amazing creations. We were particularly impressed with Austin's penguin on a skateboard, Connors cat with a ball of wool and Ethan's lovely snail!



From 1st February we will be selling raffle tickets for our annual valentines day raffle 50p each or 5 for a £1, on sale from the end of the week- a big thank you to Mrs Sivalingam for all her hard work making the prizes look so wonderful. They are on display in the entrance hall, all proceeds towards the PTFA and especially the playground fund!!





Maggie's Recipe Book

We have one book left only – priced £20, all proceeds for Maggie's in Cheltenham, please ask at the office if you would like our final copy



NSPCC Number Day

We will be celebrating NSPCC number day a day early on Thursday 31st January, the children will have a day of fun number activities. They will be trying to cover a letter in each class with **pennies and small coins** so any donations on the day will be warmly welcomed thank you !

SEN reviews

Thank you to everyone who attended their child's My Plan review over the past couple of weeks. We will review the plans again in March.

Forthcoming events

Class 3 are off to Edwardstow to share stories with the elderly next week on Tuesday.

Class 5 will be enjoying STEMWORKS at school on Tuesday

PTFA will be meeting at 2pm on Tuesday at school

Class 3 will be enjoying an art workshop on Thursday with Jaimie sandles (art student)

On Friday the valentines raffle will begin!

Birthday books

We have been thrilled at the donations of birthday books, here are some of our recent kind donations (and there are two more to report on next week)



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

Rebecca Scutt, Head teacher