



# STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER October No 1, 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our third newsletter of the year, we hope you find it informative and interesting.

### ATRIUM DEVELOPMENTS

We are very pleased to say that we are back in the atrium and using it fully. There are three out of the planned four heaters in the atrium now and two new efficient boilers have been installed in the boiler house. We are now awaiting the control panel to be fitted then in half term the heaters will be linked to the boilers... just in time for Winter, hurray!! Do please admire it all when you are next in school, we are sure the children and staff will benefit greatly from a cosier (and cooler) atrium space. The new lighting is wonderful and much brighter, quicker to turn on and very low cost to run so that's all good news.



CHANGE LIVES

**Jeans for Genes day Friday 21 September 2018**

We raised £137 for Jeans for Genes, thank you to everyone who kindly donated their

pennies and we know this charity will make very good use of every penny.



### PTFA AGM

The PTFA have met a couple of times and their wonderful planned activities and events are attached to this newsletter. We started off with a fun filled after of FAMILY BINGO.

### Bingo evening

This was a very popular and much enjoyed evening. Thank you so much for supporting this event, we were delighted by the numbers of families attending. We raised £167 for the school which was marvellous but most of all we had great

fun! The money raised will be used for new book stock, thank you all, what a nice way to start the weekend.



### Harvest festival

Thank you to everyone for the fabulous support of our annual Harvest Festival. St Edward's church was packed to the rafters with children, staff, family and friends-how wonderful. It really was a joyous occasion as we celebrated all the wonderful things we have and hopefully helped others along the way. We were very thrilled to have raised £136.67 for the cystic fibrosis ward at Oxford John Ratcliffe hospital thanks to your generous financial contributions either in envelopes or indeed handed in to Mrs Stubbs in church, it was very kind of everyone. Equally generous were the bags full of wonderful harvest donations for the North Cotswold Food Bank. I can assure everyone that the donations go directly to families who are really struggling to put food on the table and who are very glad of the food bank to tide them over as well as receiving sound financial advice to get them back on their feet again.



I thought that the children were absolutely wonderful and I was very proud of them all, a big thank you to the staff for all the hard work and preparation to ensure that every child who was able to, took part and made their contribution in some way. A big thank you also to our friends at St Edwards's church for hosting the service, to Rev Martin Short and his team (I was so glad that the stage was kindly put up for us) and a big thank you to Dougie King for helping with traffic duties. Thank you to everyone who joined us. Hope you enjoy the photos



### School photos

This went very well, please ensure that envelopes are returned by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct with orders please.



### **Naturesbase**

The Y3 and 4 are off to North Wales for Naturesbase outdoor and adventurous holiday next week. We are sure they will all have a fabulous time and learn many new skills. We will keep you posted with photos and text updates.

### **School Council**

The school council met and have been talking about forthcoming events such as the town fireworks and the juniors' film night as well of course as our annual autumnal themed disco. They have been out and about representing us in the community and have many great ideas and suggestions. The pupil voice in Y5 and Y6 was heard loud and clear at our first Governing body meeting of the year when the school council members talked to governors about Plickers, our new feedback system that we are trying out in order to improve and still further our feedback from the children in topic and science lessons



### **Community events**

The children in class 5 attended the EdwardStow open day where they met residents and admired the wonderful new buildings. We will be returning again later in the month when class 3 will be joining some of the residents for some joint craft sessions.

### **Community lunches**

These continue to thrive and are available to any elderly resident or friend of the school who wishes to come along. There is a delicious roast diner and pudding with tea and coffee all for £6 and most importantly of all the chance to meet the children, chat and make new friends, please do encourage any elderly residents to make contact with us. Lifts can be sorted with enough notice and it is so good for our children to take it in turns to serve and chat to our elderly friends.



### **Library visit**

Class 3 had a fabulous trip to the library and those with cards were able to take out books. Their behaviour was exemplary and they thoroughly enjoyed a story with librarian Janet. We hope all classes will visit this term at least once



### **Forthcoming events**

Please see attached the PTFA flier for forthcoming events for the children and the wider community. We have a great new committee and team of parents who are willing to devote a lot of time and effort into activities and fund raising for all the children

### **Facebook account**

We have decided to change our Facebook accounts and have a public face book page open to anyone for publishing our events and our school, and a separate closed Facebook group for parents and friends of the school with lots more photos and information on it, similar to the website only of course much more immediate. We hope that parents will appreciate the changes so that we can share more of the children's education to you, but maintain their privacy to a greater degree.

### **Parents code of conduct**

We have had a parent's code of conduct for several years and we are fortunate to not ever have to use it. We have fabulous parents at our school and we know how fortunate we are to have a good relationship with you all. However, some local schools are not as fortunate and so as a cluster all the other schools in the north Cotswold have followed suit and

now have an agreed code adopted across all schools. The code is in our entrance hall and on our website and will be sent out via email at some point soon.

### **Birthday books/ Own Books**

We look forward to welcoming more of your birthday books instead of cakes into our school and into the class libraries. George has bought this wonderful new book for Class 4 to enjoy as it is his birthday today.

In the meantime, if you are in need of any new books to read then please do use our Own Books scheme whereby any used books can be taken away free of charge (or unwanted books deposited there) from our entrance hall. Please do come along and enjoy!!! Book donations of suitable children books for our school age range always welcome on the shelves

### **Dates for next year**

As in the last letter , the school calendar is now updated for the year so that you can start thinking ahead and getting booked in!

I am glad to have met with many of you this term already, do please always pop in or arrange to meet with me, we are here to help.

Together we can (and often do) succeed!  
Rebecca Scutt  
Headteacher

## **STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**2018-2019** NB This may be subject to changes as necessary

- 08/10/2018 My plan reviews
- 08/10/2018 Booking for parents evenings opens today
- 9/10/2018 Phonics Workshop for all year one parents 315pm
- 15/10/2018 Naturesbase starts today
- 15/10/2018 Governors Committees 3-6pm
- 16/10/2018 Naturesbase
- 16/10/2018 Naturesbase
- 18/10/2018 SMT meeting 330pm
- 18/10/2018 Class 4 and 5 Quick sticks event
- 18/10/2018 Autumn Disco 530-630pm infants. 645 -8pm Juniors
- 18/10/2018 Class 2 assembly and book look with refreshments 230pm
- 18/10/2018 Break up for half term today 315pm
- 18/10/2018 Charity cake sale after school
- 19/10/2018 INSET day no children, staff only
- 29/10/2018 Back to school 8.55 am prompt
- 29/10/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc
- 30/10/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc
- 30/10/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc
- 01/11/2018 Bonfire safety assembly
- 01/11/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc
- 02/11/2018 School council meeting with Head 9 am
- 02/11/2018 Fireworks night in Stow 6pm
- 05/11/2018 Coding challenge week 5-9 November
- 05/11/2018 Library visits this week for all classes
- 08/11/2018 Teaching partners meeting with Head
- 08/11/2018 Staff meeting 330 pm
- 09/11/2018 Whole school coding week feedback assembly
- 09/11/2018 Wear Blue for Anti bullying week next week
- 09/11/2018 PTFA Film night for juniors with popcorn biscuits and hot chocolate. 3.15-5pm
- 09/11/2018 School council meeting 9am
- 11/11/2018 Remembrance Day Parade and Service 10.15 in square
- 12/11/2018 Anti bullying week theme "Choose Respect"
- 12/11/2018 Staff meeting

12/11/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head 130 pm  
12/11/2018 Life caravan arrives "Life Space"  
13/11/2018 Life caravan continues "Life Space"  
14/11/2018 Open the Book assembly  
19/11/2018 Staff Meeting 330 pm  
19/11/2018 Full Governors Meeting 6pm  
19/11/2018 Governors Visits Day  
19/11/2018 Road Safety Week 19-25  
22/11/2018 SMT meeting 330 pm  
22/11/2018 PTFA Christmas pop up shop for children in the atrium  
23/11/2018 Year 6 Visit to Waterwells to see "CLICK" by Alter Ego, an internet safety presentation 11am  
23/11/2018 Class 5 assembly and Book Look with refreshments 230 pm  
26/11/2018 Stage up for infants Nativity  
28/11/2018 Open the Book assembly  
29/11/2018 Science Day- Light and colour  
30/11/2018 PTFA Christmas Fair 6-8 pm  
03/12/2018 Governors committees 3-6pm  
03/12/2018 2pm KS1 Infants Nativity dress rehearsal (noisy toddlers welcome)  
04/12/2018 Panto at The Roses whole school trip 10am please be in school by 845 at latest  
05/12/2018 6pm KS1 Infants Nativity, raffle and bar  
06/12/2018 Infants to church to see Tree Festival  
06/12/2018 6pm KS1 Infants Nativity  
06/12/2018 2pm Juniors to sing in St Edward's church for the tree festival  
07/12/2018 Carol singing at The Square in Stow 5.15 for 530 , Santa at 6pm, finish by 7pm  
07/12/2018 Tree Festival starts today , please vote for our trees  
08/12/2018 Tree Festival  
09/12/2018 Tree Festival  
10/12/2018 International Winter Celebrations Week  
10/12/2018 MDSA's meeting with Head  
12/12/2018 Open the Book assembly  
13/12/2018 SMT meeting  
13/12/2018 Teaching partners meeting with Head  
14/12/2018 International Winter Celebrations Open afternoon for all

parents 2.45pm in the hall

- 20/12/2018 Juniors KS2 Christmas party in the afternoon
- 20/12/2018 Infants KS1 Party in the morning
- 20/12/2018 Whole school Christmas party food at dinner time, specific food donations will be requested please
- 21/12/2018 12 noon School Christmas Dinner with crackers for all children
- 21/12/2018 9.30 Carols at Stow Baptist Church , all welcome
- 21/12/2018 Break up for Christmas
- 07/01/2019 Keep safe pants work in all classes this term
- 07/01/2019 Back to school 8.55 am prompt.
- 08/01/2019 Fire drill this week
- 10/01/2019 Staff meeting 330 pm
- 11/01/2019 School council meeting 9am
- 14/01/2019 MDSAs meeting with Head
- 16/01/2019 Open the Book assembly
- 17/01/2019 Teaching partners meeting with Head
- 17/01/2019 SMT meeting with Head
- 18/01/2019 Class assembly and book look 230pm
- 21/01/2019 Full Governing Body meeting 6pm
- 21/01/2019 Staff meeting
- 21/01/2019 21-25 Poetry Slam Week
- 22/01/2019 YOUNG VOICES for the Juniors
- 24/01/2019 SEND My Plan Reviews
- 25/01/2018 SEND My Plan Reviews
- 28/01/2019 Annual Reviews SEND
- 29/01/2018 Stemworks for Class 5 all day
- 30/01/2019 Phonics meeting TBC
- 30/01/2019 Open the Book
- 31/01/2019 Staff meeting with Head
- 04/02/2019 MDSA meeting with Head
- 04/02/2019 Valentines raffle starts today
- 04/02/2019 Governors committee meetings 3-6pm
- 07/02/2019 SMT meeting with Head
- 07/02/2019 Teaching partners meeting with head
- 11/02/2019 Staff meeting with Head

13/02/2019 Open the Book assembly  
14/02/2019 Valentines day Raffle Draw  
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 5.30-6.30 infants, 6.45-8pm 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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# PTFA NEWS



## **Adult and Children Bingo**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October - school hall 3.15**

£5.00 per pair. All children in classes 1-4 will need a paying adult with them. Refreshments included. Plenty of prizes. Great fun for the family!

## **Autumn Themed Disco**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - school hall.**

**Infants: 5.30pm-6.30pm.** Biscuits and squash included in ticket price - £2.50 per child. Hot dogs on sale on the way out. (Entrance through the front of the school next to the office please).

**Juniors: 6.45pm-8.00pm.** (entrance on the right-hand side of the school into the hall please). £2.50 per child. Bring spending money as confectionery, drinks and glow sticks will be on sale. Hot dogs on sale on the way out.

Dress-up is optional!



## **Firework Night (Stow Town Council)**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November– QE11 (cricket) field, Stow from 6.00pm**

The PTFA will be manning the refreshment stand along with selling glow items. All profits from the stall will go to the school. Any help setting up and manning the stall would be gratefully appreciated!

S.T.C. would also love some help:- Help needed to build the fire. Can you spare an hour from 9.30am onwards on the 2<sup>nd</sup>? If you have any wood that you would like to get rid of, then they would love it for the fire. They would also like some help with marshalling near the fire to maintain safety during the evening. Please contact Heather Sidthorpe (S.T.C. Clerk) for more details [info@stowontheworld-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@stowontheworld-tc.gov.uk) or 01451 832585.

Stow Town Council would like a child to press the button to start the fireworks at this event. They would also like another child to press the button to turn on the Christmas lights with the Mayor in the Square on December 7<sup>th</sup>. How exciting!

On Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> (last day of term) we will hold a raffle and 2 winning tickets will be pulled. One for the 'Fireworks Start' and one for the 'Christmas Lights Switch On'. To enter please bring in 50p per ticket on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to enter both competitions please bring in £1.

Ticket money for the 'Fireworks Start' raffle will go to the PTFA and ticket money for the 'Christmas Light Switch On' raffle will go to next terms school charity Cystic Fibrosis Trust.



## **Film Night - (Juniors only) - film tbc**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - school hall 3.15pm**

£2.50 per child. Ticket price includes hot chocolate and popcorn. (Children can bring in beanbags/pillows and teddys in the morning and store in the atrium)

## **Christmas Fayre**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – school hall 6.00pm-8.00pm

### **Donations for the Christmas Fayre**

We will sent out more info about the Christmas Fayre nearer the time and give you dates of when to bring things in, but it's not too early for you to start gathering your lovely donations!

We would love:

- Clean and label free jam jars containing wrapped sweets, toys, hair accessories, crayons, stickers etc. (jam jars can be covered/decorated)
- Adult Tombola prizes e.g. wine, chocolates, candles, toiletries, jewellery, cookery books, restaurant vouchers, etc.
- Toy and teddy tombola – new toys/books and washed loved teddies/soft toys
- Class Hampers – we'll put up class donation lists - as last year.

## **Christmas Tree Lights – The Square-Stow**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 3.30-6.30

Lights switched on at 5.30 followed by Stow Children singing carols around the tree. Father Christmas will arrive at 6.

The PTFA will be running a refreshment stand. Volunteers please to help set up and run the stall.

*(The Christmas Pop-up Shop will not be running this year. We will revisit as a possible next year.)*



If you are a Facebook user then please join our group Stow on the Wold Primary PTFA. You will be able to find out about fundraising events at school, updates on what the money has been spent on, PTFA meeting dates and much more!



**your school lottery**

A new venture for the PTFA in raising funds for the school is the school lottery. Details of how it's run and how it benefits the school are clearly shown on their website and joining couldn't be easier!

1. Type [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) into your internet browser.
2. Once the page has opened, click on the green button 'play now' under the 'support your school'.
3. Type in 'Stow on The Wold Primary' in the 'find your school' space
4. Our school's details will come up and you then need to click on 'support this school' in the blue box.
5. Scroll down the page and click on 'support now' in the green box.
6. Fill in your details and follow the instructions.
7. Await the weekly draw. The next draw is 6<sup>th</sup> November.
8. Treat yourself to something nice when you win!

If you would like to help with the preparations or an event itself, have a fundraising idea or just want to find out more about the PTFA please get in touch with Clare Stubbs (Chair) [cstubbs670@gmail.com](mailto:cstubbs670@gmail.com)

# YOUNG MiNDS

## #helloyellow – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

More children and young people than ever before are seeking help with their mental health, but fewer than one in ten find it easy to get the support they need.

By wearing yellow on World Mental Health Day, YOUNGMINDS want to show young people that they're not alone when it comes to their mental health.

Thousands of people will wear something yellow on 10th October to help spread the word that, whatever you're going through, you can talk to someone if you're struggling to cope.

To raise awareness at Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School, we will be holding a raffle with a winning Infant and Junior child. Please could children wear something yellow and bring in 50p to school on the 10th. It could be a hairclip, a sock, a badge, a flower, t-shirt. Anything yellow! All money raised will go to the 'YOUNGMINDS charity.

