



## STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER,

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Dear Parents and Friends



### New storage container

We are now the proud owners of a beautiful green container for our sport equipment and PTFA items. The container was kindly bought by the PTFA. It is fully lined to avoid condensation and painted green and has been put where the old wooden shed used to be by the playground. I am sure you will agree that considering it is an old shipping container, it looks great and will be so much better than our dilapidated old wooden shed long term. We were very grateful to the PTFA especially Mrs Sivalingam and Mrs Stubbs for sourcing the container and our friends Mr Jeffrey, Tom Jeffrey, Thomas Gaden, and in particular Steve and Tom who work at the Gaden's farm all of whom helped organise, transport and put the container in place free of charge, keeping the cost low for the school. We will now be putting new shelves inside and using our sports money to buy lovely

new kit for the children that won't get spoiled yet is readily accessible. A big thank you to everyone involved. The photos show the excitement of the container arriving!



**Bikeability**- this has been cancelled until further notice by the bike ability people, we will keep you posted as this is something that we really like to do to help keep our children safe on the roads.

### Community lunches



We enjoyed our first community lunch for local residents. The "community room" by

the nursery on the school grounds (ex children's centre) was thronging with very happy local residents who enjoyed a delicious roast dinner cooked by our own Mrs Taylor and served by Mrs King and Mrs Sivalingam, who transformed the room into a beautiful restaurant.



Best of all the children from the school council in class 5 (Ella, Ethan Maxine and Charlie Pulham) greeted our friends, served the roast followed by pudding, coffees/teas and mints and cleared away. They thoroughly enjoyed their new role and were great ambassadors for the school. We are aiming to hold community lunches and maybe even some intergenerational art sessions with the younger children painting alongside our elderly friends. A big thank you to everyone involved, we hope you enjoy the photos.



## Community Room

The school as you are aware has agreed to take on the children centre building and with the help of a steering committee and the governors, in particular Miss Sarah Mann, the centre will be re-opened with a new lease of life and a rather different purpose. We are aiming to open later this autumn and you will all be invited to come along and see how the centre could be accessed by you and your wider family. More details to follow



## Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival is now confirmed as **Thursday 12 October** at 2pm at St Edward's church. We will enjoy celebrating this time of year with contributions from all classes in the school and a mixture of songs for everyone to join in with. We would ask if you are willing that the children bring in a donation of non-perishable food such as pasta, tins, dried food, biscuits etc. for the North Cotswolds food bank (please check that the food is in date!) and also a small financial donation for the Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust, our chosen local children's charity for this year. We do hope you will enjoy this happy occasion.

## **Tracy Sollis Trust**

We had a visit in assembly from Sue Sollis from the Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust based in Evesham. Sue told us about the three fold work of the Trust and introduced us to Harry the Hedgehog who belonged to Tracy Sollis, her daughter who died 243 years ago. Harry has done sponsored swims, run the marathon and has even sky dived from 12000 feet to raise money. We will be holding some low key events throughout the academic year to help support this local worthy children's charity.



## **Children's Family Bingo Evening**

We will be holding a family bingo evening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 3.15 straight after school in the hall for about an hour (depending on how quickly we win all the prizes!) The cost will be £5 for an adult and child pair with refreshments included such as crisps, biscuits, squash and teas/coffees cake for the adults at the interval. There are some lovely prizes for each line and for full houses provided by the PTFA. It is a fun way to spend some time with your child and get to know some of the other families. There will be a

small adult and child raffle for The Tracy Sollis Trust so bring a few additional pennies. Please no adults without a child as this is family bingo!

## **Christmas children's boxes**

Please start to think about the Christmas box appeal which we will be supporting again this year, we will be taking delivery of empty ready wrapped boxes this month so that we can start filling them up! Leaflets to follow.

## **Social Media**

We are very fortunate at this school that our school community generally uses social media in a positive manner for the good of the children. It is a fantastic tool for quickly communicating messages, getting information across, celebrating successes and for helping promote the school and the activities we try to provide for the community. We are also very glad that if there are any concerns or questions about the school that these are dealt with in the real world with those who can help rather than taking to the internet. Let's keep it this way for the safety and well-being of our children.

If you have any concerns as parents and friends of the school about the use of social media, please be assured our policies on this matter are very clear.

## **The PTFA**

Our new committee members are

Chair Mrs Stubbs

Vice chair Mrs Sivalingam

Secretary Ms Harrison

Treasurer Mrs Cook

Committee members Mrs Birch, Mrs Burton, Mrs Nicholds Brown, Mrs White and anyone else who wishes to join us !

The PTFA held an enjoyable wine and nibbles evening in the community room and we hope that ne parents will come along and help out with new ideas and ventures as well as helping keep all our lovely calendar of events for the children going, it all takes a lot of time and effort for your children so if you can spare a few hours here and there then it means less work for everyone and more fun and opportunities for the children. Our next activity is the Bingo evening so come along...

### **Stow Cotswold Festival**

We are very proud to announce that on Friday 22 October we were presented with £1100 towards the playground from the Stow Cotswold Festival organisers following the very successful Stow festival earlier this year in July. The chosen charities this year were Kate's Home nursing, the Great Western air ambulance and our school. Members of the PTFA were presented with the cheque ad had the opportunity to hear about the festival, hear how the other charities would use the money and tell those present how we will use ours. The PTFA now have over £8000 earmarked for the playground improvements and keep going with 5% of all events being put aside for this cause.

### **Keeping children safe online**

In a similar vein, we have embedded the CEOP report abuse button on the footer of our website (thanks to Mrs Willmore our web host). This gives parents and children direct contact with just a click with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection teams. The NSPCC website is also a great place to visit if you need help keeping your child safe online or just to keep up to date on the latest information.

### **Autumn Disco**

We will be holding an autumn disco for the children on the last day of term Thursday 19 October, the theme will be autumn as usual. The children are most welcome to dress up in seasonal dress which will no doubt be more Halloween themed than autumnal leaf based! Please do not bring any plastic weaponry as I will remove it on entry from them. We will be holding leaf collage competition instead of pumpkin carving (give the distance away of the party from Halloween!) Entries must be no larger than A4 please and can be real or coloured leaves, magazine leaf pictures, and sketched leaves, maybe even annotated with leaf facts? The school council decided that the winning ones will go on display in a frame outside the heads office. There will be small prizes too so get out there and look for some leaves!

## George Powles Cake sale

George Powles in Year One would like to hold a cake sale to raise money for The Bristol Children's hospital. I am sure that many of you have either used this amazing hospital or known someone who has benefitted from their fabulous care. We are keen to support our young fund raising entrepreneurs and George is already busy making posters and will be baking cakes. We will be holding the sale straight after school on Thursday 19 October outside the school front door. Any cake donations would be most welcome as I think his idea will be very popular with us all. We will also be making a donation from the proceeds to our chosen charity The Tracy Sollis Trust. Do please support us and George on this day.

## Home-Start Cotswolds Volunteering Opportunities

Do you have parenting experience, care about others and have a few hours to spare each week? If you have answered 'yes'..... You could be a Home-Start Volunteer offering friendship, support and practical help to local families with young children.

Our next 40 hr. training course will run every Wednesday during term time for 10 weeks from 17th Jan to 28th March 2018.

If you think you could help us make a difference to a family, please contact Janice, Katharine or Lynn

Tel: 01285 885391. Email: [office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk](mailto:office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk) Web: [www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk](http://www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk)

## International Languages Day A report from Mrs Clough and Class One

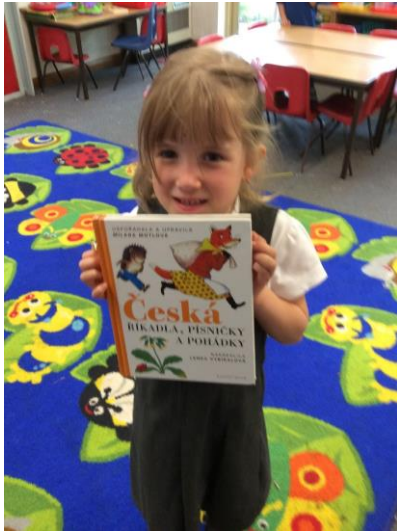
Ilya's Mum visited Class 1 this morning and taught us some Russian. We found Russia on a globe and in an atlas. We learnt how to say Hello and Goodbye and some animal names. Uli, Ilya's little sister played us the Russian alphabet on her tablet.



The children heard and understood The Three Billy Goats Gruff in French with Mrs Clough.

In the afternoon, Eva's Mum showed us a Czech book of fairy tales and she talked about the longer Czech alphabet and different sounds. We learnt some greetings in Czech and Eva joined in with a Czech song.





### This week's sport rounds up !

Thursday this week was a good day of sport!  
Our Rugby team won the fair play cup.  
Our school Hockey team got through to the cluster finals, and finished top of their group. Our B team played well and won their final match. We were very pleased to have lots of parent support including Mrs Clarke, Mr Hartley, Mrs Griffin, Mr Nicholds Brown and others... we just couldn't do it without you all.



Stow as always showed very good team work and of course the true "stow team work". Our children delighted us all by being very honest about goals, foul play etc. We are Very proud of them all- well done STOW!!!!



As always please consider my door to be open if you have any concerns, no matter how small, we are here to help you

Together we can succeed  
Mrs Rebecca Scutt

INSET just to remind you all that Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day, staff only.