



Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to you all from the staff and Governors at Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School. We hope that you had a wonderful family Christmas holiday together and that you are feeling refreshed and ready for the fun and challenges of 2019. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you and your children over the coming year.

Class 4 assembly date change

The class would like to defer their planned assembly by a few weeks so that they can do their assembly on their new topic. The new date for their assembly will be **Friday 8 February at 2.30** for a cuppa and a book look followed by the assembly. All family and friends are welcome to join us. The classes will all be starting their new topics for the summer term so look out for their termly forecasts so that you know what is coming up.



PTFA Quiz Night

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

will be available from the office soon priced £5 and the admission includes a light supper and there will be a licensed bar, stand up bingo and of course a raffle. 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.

Maggie's Recipe Book

We have two books left unsold only – priced £20, all proceeds for Maggie's in Cheltenham, please ask at the office if you would like a copy. The book was written by one of our ex parents Mrs Maisie Willmore who many of you will know. It is full of wonderful recipes by local well known celebrity residents!



Young Voices

Our next big event will be Young Voices on Tuesday 22 January- keep practising those words, we will be learning them in assembly too between now and then to make sure we are all in good voice for the big day.

SEN reviews

We will be in touch regarding your child's review this term for those with a MyPlan or MyPlan plus and agree a date with you.



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Swimming

As you know we like the children to have access to the broadest and deepest curriculum that we can offer whilst covering all aspects of the national curriculum as required by law. Our policy has been to try to ensure that by the time children are aged 11 they can swim 25 metres unaided. This means that they are prepared for secondary school and also for life, not only for safety and personal survival near water but also the amazing recreational activities such as swimming, diving, surfing, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, even just rowing on a pond in a park all of which are much enhanced if you feel confident in the water. The curriculum requirement is for schools to ensure children can:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres

- use a range of strokes effectively

- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Some schools have been struggling to continue to offer swimming as part of the curriculum. We will continue to offer lessons at The Cotswold School and will try to prioritise those who have not had the chance to reach 25 metres as yet, especially the older ones, although clearly with all skills the younger the better for learning to swim. This term we are focusing on Class 2.

We are able to use our Sports Premium grant if needs be to help subsidise transport costs and instruction although we do ask for voluntary donations to cover the costs.

I am sure you value the opportunity for your child to swim with school and we will continue to offer this service our families.



This term's Charity

We will be continuing to support The Oxford Adult Cystic Fibrosis Trust until February half term and will be running a raffle in the week leading up to the Quiz. We will let you know our grand total after this and then we will be changing to support Little Acorns for the second half of the academic year.

Attendance Raffle

We are aiming to further promote good attendance at school this year by offering children a ticket in a raffle for each week that they have a full week in school. On Fridays 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. What a great incentive that ensures children have plenty of chances even if they are ill or off school on occasion to be encouraged to attend school. Thank you all for your continued support in keeping the children's attendance at a high level.



SATS Booster Classes for Y6

Mr Cox will be sending out a letter regarding SATS booster sessions for Y6 please make a note of the dates and times for these invaluable sessions in preparation for SATS in May.

Sportshall athletics

Our team will be heading off on Thursday to compete in the next round of athletics in Cirencester- go Stow!

House Points

Last term's team points were as follows: Yellow 1002, Blue 990, Red 1194 and Green 1031. Reds are therefore this half terms winners and will be enjoying a treat one afternoon, possibly a trip to the park.

We will now start again from zero!

Forthcoming events

We have many events coming up over the coming weeks in 2019. Please check the website, text messages, newsletters and the TV screen in the playground to make sure you know what is happening and don't miss out on any of the fun.

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