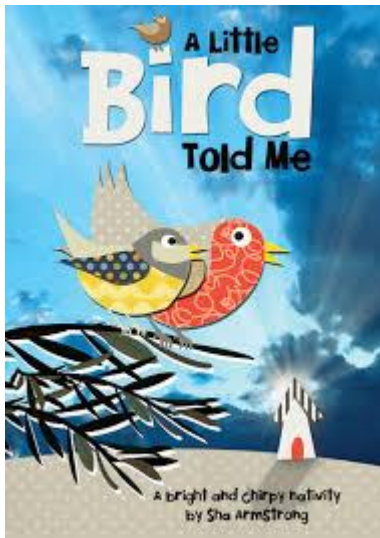




STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



Dear Parents and Carers



Lily Jennings- Entrepreneur!

A special mention is required today for Lily Jennings for her hard work making and selling painted sea shells and button pictures in frames at The Christmas fair last Friday . Lily has been preparing and painting things for her stall since the summer holidays and we are so pleased for her that she raised over £47 for the school, well done Lily!

Nativity A little bird told me

Well what an exciting and often humorous nativity we enjoyed this year. A real roller coaster of songs, tinsel and gorgeous excited children giving it their all. I loved seeing their excited faces on stage as they sang their hearts out for a very appreciative audience. Thank you to everyone involved especially the staff and children for entertaining us so much and really getting Christmas going at Stow Primary School. Congratulations and well done everyone and a big thank you again to the PTFA for all their hard work on the bar and raffle. We will let you know how much we raised for the Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust and for the school.

**The Tracy Sollis
Leukaemia Trust**



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was another great success and we all had a wonderful evening with all the favourite stalls and attractions. A big thank you to everyone

who helped set up, assisted on the night or afterwards and everyone who donated items to sell or raffle. The hampers really were outstanding and a real money spinner. It was a very enjoyable evening with something for everyone. We will let you know how much the PTFA has raised on Fairs, stalls, raffles etc. over the festive period- every penny is for the school.

The PE container

A big thank you to Mr Keith Pulham and his company for donating not only his time, but that of two of his work colleagues and all the materials free of charge to shelve out completely our new container. I am truly delighted and so thrilled that we can now go ahead and buy some lovely new PE kit for the children as we have somewhere safe to keep it all. We will also be buying new playground equipment too and the PTFA will have a super safe place to store their things too. A big thank you everyone involved in this container project. My next intention is to get the side of it painted like a theatre backdrop and get some decking down so that the children can have a great time acting out plays and dances. Any volunteer artists out here? Please make yourselves known. It would be a nice little project for an art student or similar?

Singing at Residential Homes



The juniors will be singing at Jubilee lodge, Newlands and Fisher House during next week, one per class. I am sure they will do a great job. I know that for some of the residents it is their best bit of Christmas.

After school care at The Hub

We have found a suitable provider , we are registered, insured and the uniforms on order, look out for a flyer in the book bags soon detailing costs and how to book in – it's an exciting new venture!



Bikeability

The children worked well on their Bikeability sessions despite the rain and gruelling conditions! They all received a certificate and badge in assembly today and have shown that they have worked well on their bike safety. This is not a certificate to show that they are able to ride on the road un- accompanied but it does show that they can ride to a safe standard. Well done to all those children, what good ambassadors.

Homestart volunteer

Home-Start Cotswolds is a local charity that supports families with young children through volunteer home visiting. They are currently recruiting for volunteers to join us on the next Volunteer Preparation course which commences in January 2018. For details please visit this website: www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk



Christmas Dinner Last day of term

Please sign up for school Christmas dinner which will be taking place on the last day of term 20 December. The children will all eat together and we will be having crackers and music- it should be great fun!

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

We are taking names for the Christmas community lunch in the Hub too so let the office know if you know of any elderly person who might like to join – the date has now changed to Wednesday 13 December to enable Mrs Taylor to do justice to both Christmas dinner days!



STOW BAPTIST CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE ON LAST DAY WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

If you have missed all our singing or performances to date there will be another chance to join us on the last day of term at 930 at Stow Baptist Church. We will be holding our annual Nine Lessons and Carols on this day along with a performance from our amazing guitarists with their teacher Mrs Sally Mutsaars. We are always given a very warm welcome at The Baptist Church. If you are able to come along then please do, there is always room for parents and friends on the mezzanine!



NEXT WEEK IN SCHOOL

Pop up Christmas Shop....

The Stow Primary School PTFA Christmas Shop is again just one more time for anyone who missed it or has remembered another loved one, it will be open on **Monday 11 December in school hours**

Each gift WILL BE priced ROUGHLY between £1.50 up to £5. Each present will be individually wrapped for the children & tags available for the children to write on.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER STOW SQUARE

Just a final reminder that when Father Christmas turns on the lights in Stow TONIGHT we would like as many children as possible in warm coats but maybe with School hats or Christmas hats etc. to come along and sing with the staff in the square. It would be a good idea to have small torch too so they can see the words to ones they don't already know by heart! The schedule of events is:

6pm - Christmas Lights

6.15pm - Children sing by the big tree

6.30pm Santa Arrives

6.45pm Santa is piped to Talbot Court where there will be a grotto.

There should be approximately 45 shops opening late tonight and some fairground rides, so it should be a lovely festive evening. The PTFA will have a stall, there will be the Soup Clubs free soup and free Tesco donated mince pies, Santa's grotto and of course our lovely children stealing the show with their singing! Please try to join us **(Friday 8 December at 6pm in the square by the stocks)** We would be delighted to see you. Parents are warmly encouraged to join in with the singing too! We will make sure we have plenty of song sheets so bring a torch too.



TREE FESTIVAL at ST EDWARDS CHURCH

Our trees are up and look fabulous, do go along and vote for them, the children in both infants and juniors had the chance to look at their trees and all the other lovely ones on Thursday. The infants tree is called "**Ginger spice and all things nice**" The juniors tree is called "**Scrumdiddlyumptious**". Do please go along and vote for our trees on the weekend of 9-10 December as we are very keen to win of course! There will be a final end of festival service on Sunday evening at 6pm. Max and Amelia have kindly agreed to read a poem at the service.

Christmas Parties

These will be taking place on Tuesday 19 December. There will be no school meals that day but we will be asking for food donations for our party lunch nearer the time- watch this space! Children may wear their **party clothes** to school that day all day.



JUNIORS CONCERT

The juniors sang so beautifully on Thursday afternoon this week and their performance was greatly enjoyed by everyone who came along. They were lucky enough to sing with Emily Campbell, local professional opera singer. We were so well supported by our wonderful families and there was a fabulous atmosphere. One local resident told me it had reduced her to tears. I was extremely proud of our wonderful juniors- their enthusiasm is infectious and I loved all their ingenious actions and mimes. Special thanks to Maxine Kanfer Clarke and Madison Shackleton for helping with the music (an unenviable task) well done

children and thanks you to everyone who came along or helped us in any way



Annual Trip to The Roses Theatre

We had a very warm welcome at The Roses theatre in Tewkesbury and we all enjoyed a spectacular performance of Sleeping Beauty. Mrs Neville took to the stage and sang very well indeed (hidden talents clearly). We were very proud of her! The children were all wonderful as usual (oh no they weren't!) and everyone had a great time, even the bad fairy wasn't too bad by the end of the play.



SCHOOL LOTTERY

We have had our third lottery winner- Sue Dudfield has won the December draw. Do join us! Because we now have over 50 families this guarantees £1000 funding for the school every year- how fabulous is that??

To join up visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and click on 'play'. Just type in 'Stow' and the Stow-on-the-Wold Primary school information will come up, then simply follow the instructions to buy your ticket. Your support of the school is greatly appreciated, good luck!

As always please do come and see me if you have any concerns, comments or suggestions! My door is always open and please don't let little concerns become big worries

Together we can succeed
Rebecca Scutt
Head teacher



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES 2017-2018

Date	Event
11/12/2017	Computer Coding activities this week
11/12/2017	MDSAS meeting with head
13/12/2017	Open The Book assembly
14/12/2017	Teaching assistants meet with Headteacher
14/12/2017	Infants party food boards up
14/12/2017	School council meeting
14/12/2017	SMT meeting with Head
14/12/2017	School Dance Festival, all classes

19/12/2017 Juniors party
19/12/2017 Infants party
20/12/2017 Christmas dinner for whole school 12 noon
20/12/2017 9.30 am Carols at baptist church, all welcome
20/12/2017 Break up for holidays
02/01/2018 INSET day , no children in school today
03/01/2018 INSET day , no children in school
09/01/2018 Class 1 parents information evening. 5pm
10/01/2018 Class 5 parents information evening. 5pm
10/01/2018 Y4,5,6 Athletics event
10/01/2018 Open The Book assembly
11/01/2018 Class 2 parents information evening. 5pm
12/01/2018 School council meeting
12/01/2018 Fire drill this week
15/01/2018 MDSAS meeting with head
15/01/2018 Class 3 parents information meeting 5pm
15/01/2018 Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm
16/01/2018 Class 4 parents information evening
18/01/2018 SMT meeting with Head
18/01/2018 MDSAS meeting with head
19/01/2018 Class 3 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents
25/01/2018 SEN MyPlan reviews, by invitation
02/02/2018 School Poetry SLAM performance day
05/02/2018 MDSAS meeting with head
05/02/2018 Valentine's raffle tickets on sale today
06/02/2018 Governors Committees and monitoring meetings
2pm onwards
07/02/2018 Open The Book assembly
08/02/2018 Teaching assistants meet with Headteacher
08/02/2018 SMT meeting with Head
09/02/2018 Class 4 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents
09/02/2018 Valentine's Day raffle draw
09/02/2018 Break up for Half term
21/02/2018 Quiz Club Championships day

21/02/2018 Open The Book assembly

23/02/2018 Class 1 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents

23/02/2018 PTFA Quiz night TBC

27/02/2018 Lockdown practice this week

01/03/2018 World Book Day- Extreme reading challenge

05/03/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head

06/03/2018 Parents evening for all classes

07/03/2018 Open The Book assembly

08/03/2018 Parents evening for all classes

08/03/2018 Teaching assistants meeting with Head

09/03/2018 School council meeting with Head

15/03/2018 SMT meeting with Head

16/03/2018 Gecko Maths Day

19/03/2018 Fire drill this week

19/03/2018 Full Governing Body Meeting

21/03/2018 Open The Book assembly

23/03/2018 Class 5 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents

26/03/2018 Mock SATS week for Y6

27/03/2018 Fire drill this week

29/03/2018 2pm Easter Tea for grandparents and elderly friends of the school

16/04/2018 Back to school

18/04/2018 Open The Book assembly

23/04/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head

24/04/2018 SMT meeting with Head

24/04/2018 Governors Committee meetings 3-6pm

26/04/2018 Teaching assistants meeting with Head

26/04/2018 Lockdown practice this week

26/04/2018 SMT meeting with Head

27/04/2018 School council meeting with Head

27/04/2018 Class 3 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents

02/05/2018 Open The Book assembly

04/05/2018 School council meeting with Head

07/05/2018 MAY BANK HOLIDAY

08/05/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head
10/05/2018 Teaching assistants meeting with Head
10/05/2018 SMT meeting with Head
14/05/2018 SATS WEEK STARTS
14/05/2018 SATS READING PAPER
15/05/2018 SATS SPAG Short answer paper and Spelling paper
16/05/2018 SATS Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic, Paper 2 reasoning
17/05/2018 SATS Maths paper 3 reasoning
18/05/2018 Area athletics afternoon for Juniors
21/05/2018 Full Governing Body Meeting
21/05/2018 Library Visits this week for all classes
23/05/2018 Open The Book assembly
23/05/2018 Year 1 and Year 2 retakes Phonics screening workshop event for parents
24/05/2018 Fire drill this week
24/05/2018 Break up for half term
24/05/2018 Class 4 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents
25/05/2018 INSET staff only
04/06/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head
07/06/2018 SPORTS DAY, all day event
11/06/2018 Parents evening for all classes
11/06/2018 Phonics screening check this week for Y1 and Y2 retakes
11/06/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head
12/06/2018 Parents evening for all classes
13/06/2018 7pm New Parents Induction evening for 2018 reception aged children
13/06/2018 Open The Book assembly
14/06/2018 Reserve Sports Day, all day
14/06/2018 Teaching assistants meeting with Head
14/06/2018 Teaching assistants meeting with Head
14/06/2018 SMT meeting with Head
19/06/2018 Science day at school for all classes - animals and their habitats
19/06/2018 Governors Committee meetings 2-6pm
19/06/2018 New reception children to visit in the afternoon

21/06/2018 Lockdown practice this week

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22/06/2018 PTFA Summer Disco Infants 5.30pm, Juniors 6.45pm

22/06/2018 class 2 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents

26/06/2018 New reception children to visit in the afternoon

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27/06/2018 Open The Book assembly

29/06/2018 Non uniform day for Summer fair donations-
tombola, bottles, filled jars etc.

02/07/2018 Fire drill this week

04/07/2018 Cotswold School Induction day for Year 6 pupils

04/07/2018 Y4 and Y5 Rounders afternoon

05/07/2018 Class swap afternoon

05/07/2018 New reception children to visit in the afternoon

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05/07/2018 SMT meeting with Head

06/07/2018 Summer Frog race night TBC

09/07/2018 Juniors Summer Show Dress Rehearsal 2pm

09/07/2018 Full Governing Body Meeting

10/07/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head

10/07/2018 Juniors Summer Show 6pm

11/07/2018 Open The Book assembly

11/07/2018 Infants relay races event

12/07/2018 Teaching assistants meeting with Head

12/07/2018 Juniors Summer Performance 6pm

13/07/2018 School reports out today please check book bags

13/07/2018 Class 1 assembly and book look with tea/coffee for parents

16/07/2018 Annual School Walk am

16/07/2018 Stow's Got Talent pm

19/07/2018 Y6 Sleepover

20/07/2018 Break up for summer holidays 3.10pm

20/07/2018 Leavers Assembly 9.30am, coffee from 9am for family and friends in the hall