



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

World Book Day

We were delighted to see so many gorgeous book in a box entries

coming into school on World Book day (despite the snow!). They made a wonderful display in the hall and atrium and were much enjoyed.

The school council voted for their favourites and the following children were the winners, each being awarded a lovely new book in assembly, many of which were donated by Miss Heath, a big thank you to her and to everyone who took part in this lovely activity.



Sports Relief Friday 23 March

On Friday we will be taking part in Sports Relief 2018.

The children are allowed to come into school on Friday dressed in their favourite sports clothing (of any kind suitable for running).

The children are asked to bring in a £1 donation which will be split between sports relief and one of our ex pupils Beatrice Durante who is part of a university team seeking sponsorship to climb Kilimanjaro in August raising money for African water projects.

In order to get the idea of what it must be like to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, we are going to offer children the



opportunity to count their steps when they run (don't worry we will do the working out for them) and see how far they can run compared to its height (5899metres) . We expect that every child will try to run one lap but we do also hope that some of the fittest children might like to rise to the challenge. No-one will be made to do more than they want to do, don't worry!



We are going to show the children pictures of the mountain and we are going to have a paper mountain which we will try to fill with pennies throughout the day (or silver cons if you can spare them). Please do send in any spare pennies that you may have as every last penny really does make a difference . We will split the pennies between Beatrice and Comic Relief too

We will submit our schools total steps that day too as the sports relief day is hoping to reach one billion across the country. We will let you know how we get on.

By the way as if that isnt enough to think about some of the younger ones suggested bringing in their teddies in sports kit too so that's fine by us!

So to summarise

This Friday

- Wear own sports clothes and trainers
- Bring in £1 and any spare pennies or change you might have to possibly donate
- Bring your teddy if you want to
- Be prepared to run and persevere

We will let you know how many paces you did and how far up Kilimanjaro you would have got!



JOIN THE NATION'S CHALLENGE

The Nation's Billion Steps Challenge takes place between 17th and 23rd March. Turn your miles into all important steps...Help us smash the national target of a billion steps a day, throughout the week of Sport Relief!

New school rules

After discussions with the school council, the children in school, the governors and staff have agreed to streamline our school rules from our five golden rules into three more memorable words which cover everything we hope to aspire towards. We will be encouraging the children to follow these rules and

values in everything they do in school and if they break one of the rules we will explain which of these rules they have broken and why they have lost a merit. Our behaviour policy will be updated in line with the new rules but the whole procedure is the same as before

The rules are as follows:

Be Supportive
(heart)

Persevere

(mind)



Be Safe

(hand)

You will notice the letters are SPS – Stow Primary School so it's easy to remember and they link to our three rings emblem which is heart, hand and mind all embedded.

If you have any views or questions, please let us know. So far everyone is very pleased with the new easy rules, lets hope they are easy to learn and hard to break!



EASTER FUN DAY

The PTFA will be holding an
Easter Fun Day
On Monday 26 March in the
afternoon

We ask for a small donation of
£1 per child to take part

PEAS IN CONED AREA – In House colours children collect peas and get them weighed on the PTFA table. The house with the most peas collected wins. The children from the winning house each win a bunny from a net.

SCATTERED PLASTIC EGGS

Each child to collect 3 eggs each from the field.

The children open them and see if there is a winning ticket inside.

Infants

170 eggs – 166 'Sorry not a winner' and 4 'Congratulations you're a Winner'

Juniors

250 eggs – 244 'Sorry not a winner' and 6 'Congratulations you're a Winner'

4 winners in infants/6 winners in juniors – Each to receive a boxed Easter Egg (from Co-op)

Every child who is
involved gets a Cadburys
cream egg

Big thanks to the Co-op for their
help in this activity



Easter tea 2pm

Thursday 29 March

All elderly residents and grandparents are invited to our annual Easter tea

Please ring the office to put your name down, all welcome

There will be entertainment, a raffle, bingo and of course a delicious tea!



EASTER Community Lunch

Please remember that we are running community lunches for the elderly every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, please ring the school office to book a place, the price of £6.50 for a two course meal with tea/coffee to follow. Our next meal will be an Easter roast with entertainment by members of class one on 28 March

Car parking at The Cotswold School Saturday 2nd June

We have been offered the chance to run the car parking at The Cotswold School on Saturday 2nd June. This is a simple task but it does need plenty of willing adults or even the older more sensible children with their parents on a rota to act as car park attendants and collect the money. Please contact Mrs Stubbs in our school office if you are able to help us for an hour on that day, all takings are split with our school and it can be quite a lot of money and is well worth doing especially if the weather is good!



Swimarathon Saturday 14th April



It's that time of year again when we are hunting for our strongest swimmers both adults and children to take part in our

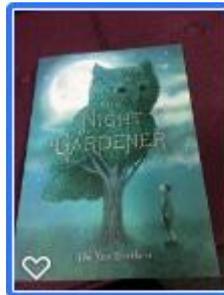
annual swimarathon at Cheltenham College pool (near Cheltenham General hospital). Swimmers swim in a team of ten in turn down a 25 metre pool for 45minutes, trying to swim as many lengths as possible in this time. We need swimmers both adults and children or even older siblings who might like to join us. The rest of the school will be asked to collect sponsorship for our team. The money raised will go the PTFA projects and a small proportion goes to Bishops Cleeve 42 club who organise this brilliant event. If you are interested in being on the STOW team then please do get in touch via the office, time to be confirmed once we have submitted our teams.

The books will all now be available in class libraries and have hopefully opened childrens eyes to other new authors and to fresh sets of books that they might enjoy!

World Book Week Book Awards and Voting

Last week we voted for our favourite picture books across the school. The winners chosen by the children were as follows:

- Night Gardener 75 votes
- Koala 75 votes
- Dragon 64
- Sunk 22 votes
- Storm whale (my favourite) 16



Children’s questionnaires

The school council are currently organising a children’s questionnaire and the results will be available soon. The governors will be sending a parents questionnaire out very soon but in the meantime if you have any ideas, suggestions or comments please don’t wait for a questionnaire- come in and let us know!

As always if you have any concerns or queries no matter how small then do please come and see me or phone up, my door is always open and the kettle is usually on! Don’t let small worries become big concerns

Together we can succeed
Rebecca Scutt
Head teacher

STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES 2017-2018

Date	Event
19/03/2018	Full Governing Body Meeting
21/03/2018	Open The Book assembly
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

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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

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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