



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers

Canoe Help Success



The team completed their amazing 100 mile challenge down the River Wye over the Bank Holiday weekend and we are delighted to say that they are well on their way to their target of £5K for the school playground. Well done to them all and a massive thank you. We are hoping that they will be able to give us an update in assembly soon, but in the meantime remember to keep sponsoring , see website for pictures, or the display in the entrance hall at school.



Drumming workshop

The children in the juniors have been studying percussion for ten weeks with local musician and teacher Paul Arthurs. They gave a concert for fellow pupils and parents (standing room only) which was the most wonderful start to the bank holiday weekend. Well done to the amazing children and the wonderful Paul Arthurs. It really was a great concert which pictures alone cannot convey. They really did “smash it”, it was very uplifting, toe tapping and made me want to dance !

This is part of our commitment as a school to ten weeks of professional instrumental teaching for all juniors on a four year rolling programme each spring. Next up in Spring 2019- the opportunity for ten week of clarinets!





K'nex challenge

We have just received photos of our fabulous K'nex challenge finalist Ronan Kindel and Ethan Cummins representing the school in the county finals after they won the class heats. Well done to them both for being marvellous engineers and great ambassadors for the school, what imaginative and creative construction and model making! We are proud of you both.



Police Visit and Rugby Set Donation

We were delighted to be visited by PC Alison Palfrey and PCSO Mel this week. They visited all the classes in school and the nursery to say hello and chat with the children and they also kindly brought us a brand new set of rugby balls, bibs, and tags FREE as a donation from Gloucestershire Constabulary. The children were very happy to receive such a fabulous donation and we will make sure they are put to very good use indeed. The picture shows PC Palfrey and PCSO Mel with members of class 5 and the new kit! PC Palfrey will be visiting school more often in future along with PC Nick Westmacott and PC Jason Page. We are very proud to be continuing our very close links with the local community based police who give much of their time for the children and families of our community.



Car parking at The Cotswold School

As mentioned previously, 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!

Mrs Jeffrey is Retiring



After 22 years working at the school, Mrs Jeffrey has decided to retire in July. Mrs Jeffrey is so much part of the fixtures and fittings at school. She started working at the school as a volunteer when her children were small and has gradually taken on hours and has been working as teaching assistant full time in Class One and as a Midday supervisor.

She is so caring and kind with the younger ones and it has been lovely for the youngest children to have such a caring energetic person looking after them as part of the great team in Class One. Mrs Jeffrey has been wonderful over the year that I have known her undertaking all sorts of activities with enthusiasm and energy, everything from cutting and sticking hundreds of phonics books, to teaching speaking and listening skills groups, phonics groups, rushing about the school getting things organised and tidied.

She has of course recently undertaken massive charitable deeds including running the marathon and raising thousands of pounds with the Well child team as well as supporting the NSPCC.

Mrs Jeffrey has always put children first and loves being with them so this has not been an easy decision but it is a decision that we all understand and support. We will be saying farewell to Mrs Jeffrey at the end of the term and in the meantime its business as usual in Class One. I am sure we will keep in close touch in the future.



Stow Horse Fair

We were really lucky that on Stow Horse Fair day the mounted police were in town and happened to be passing by the playground when they were spotted by Mrs Luney. She invited them in and we were very pleased that the children had the opportunity to meet them and even stroke them. They were enormous and apparently they are based in Hempstead and travel to anywhere as needed in the county.

They are very useful for finding missing people in rural areas as the police can see right over hedges as they are so incredibly high up. The horse's names were Boris (white) and Barton. I was very pleased indeed with the behaviour of the children, I doubt there are many schools where the children are so caring and sensible, patiently waiting their turn to meet such lovely animals. A big thank you to the Community harm reduction team for allowing the horses to come into the playground for such a long time.





Message from Town Council regarding 110 centenary commemoration of the end of WW1 Sunday 11 November 2018

As you are well aware there will be nationwide celebrations of the above centenary and Stow will also be getting involved.

In the evening there will be a beacon lighting taking place on QEII playing field and we hope that the bells at St Edward's Church will ring out too. Stow RBL are also hoping to organise a number of other events and will keep the school in the loop.

There are no plans for town fireworks or stalls as we will be doing that on the previous weekend for Bonfire Night

Forthcoming events

There are many exciting events forthcoming in the community, please see the attached flyers for events at Edwardstow Care home and at school including the Private Tommy Atkins play being held on 14 June in collaboration with the Royal British Legion. This is a free event at the school. The weekend before that on 8 June there will be a Forest school fund raising event being run by Mrs Neville supported by the PTFA with an evening of live music with Monkey Jam with bar and disco, all welcome at school £5 a head.

The curriculum

The children are in full swing now with this terms exciting curriculum topics, here

are a few photos from around the school so that you can see what is going on.

Class One have a bank in their role play area with coins, cash, posters, a till and now all it needs is a cashier and some customers!



Class Two have been studying The Whale and the Snail and have been writing their own versions of this underwater tale, do you like their fish?



Class Three are exploring the local area and I really like the signpost in the middle of the classroom!





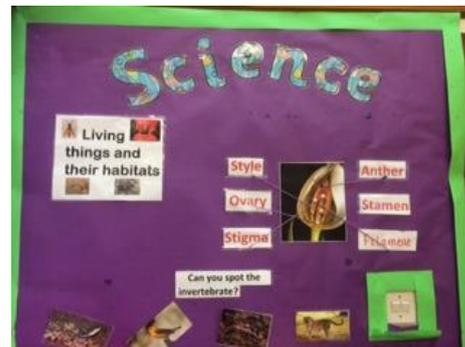
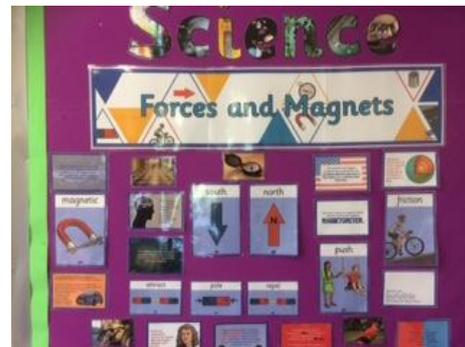
Class Four by contrast have been learning about other European countries and will be focusing on Poland



Class Five have been very busy studying especially for the Y6 SATS but still plenty of time for the rest of the curriculum on Rivers!



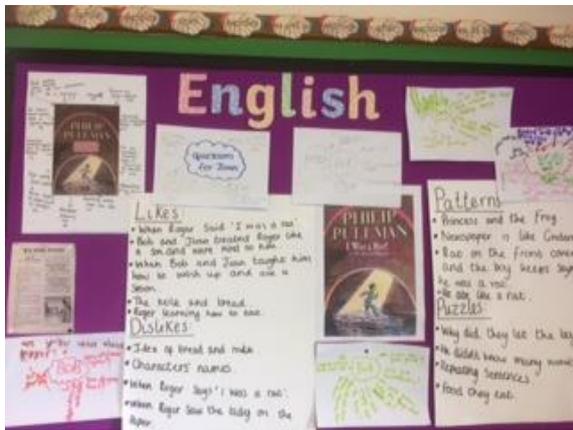
Across the school we are very keen to keep our curriculum as broad and deep as possible and there is a big focus on science, here are some science displays from the junior classes



Year One phonics screening

Year 1 will be undertaking their phonics screening checks in June, there will be a meeting for all parents of those taking the test or retaking it as Y2 on 23/5/2018 after school in Class 2

Finally here is a picture of the working wall for Literacy in Class Three showing the notes and ideas they have generated for their chosen text this term Philip Pulman's book "I was a rat"



I hope that gives you a flavour of the rich and memorable curriculum we are promoting across the school.

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

- 14/05/2018 SATS WEEK STARTS
- 14/05/2018 SATS SPAG and spelling papers
- 15/05/2018 SATS Reading paper
- 16/05/2018 SATS Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic, Maths 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
- 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

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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 Tommy Atkins, a play by Peter Gill, with the British Legion

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

30/6/2018 Summer Family Fun day on the school field

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

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05/07/2018 SMT meeting with Head

06/07/2018 Summer Frog race night

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