



# STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER September No1, 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

### WELCOME

A big welcome to all our new families in reception and elsewhere in the school, we hope you will have a very long and happy relationship with our school.

Welcome back to all our existing families. We hope you all had a fabulous summer holiday and lots of lovely family times together. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures and hope that you are refreshed and ready for the exciting term that lies ahead.

### STAFF

Just so you know who is who and where they are!

Class One Mrs Clough Class teacher with Miss Heath as Teaching Partner

Class Two Mrs Salter and Mrs James with Mrs Neville, Higher Level Teaching Partner and Mrs Meakin SEND Teaching Partner

Class Three Miss Paveley Class teacher with Mrs Luney Teaching Partner

Class Four Miss Betley Class teacher with Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Pulham Teaching Partners

Class Five Mr Cox, Senior Class teacher with Mrs Christian Higher Level teaching Partner

Mrs Roz Ratcliffe- Sports teacher

Mrs Amanda Ziebeck, French teacher

Mrs Swallow Higher Level Teaching Partner, PPA covering classes and SEND intervention and Attendance Officer, Pupil Premium Champion

Mrs Roseblade PPA cover teacher and supply teacher

Mrs Hamilton Parents Support Advisor, available to help any parents with help and advice and sign posting, accessible through the school office phone number.

Mrs Scutt, Headteacher and SENCO

Mrs Stubbs School Administrator and Heads PA

Mrs Barber, Mrs Akerman, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Luney, Mrs Neville- MDSA (mid day supervisors)

Mr Catley Cleaner in Charge

Miss Cato Cleaner

Mrs Taylor Cook in kitchens

Miss Cato general assistant in kitchen

Breakfast club staff- Mrs Nicholson, Miss Heath, Miss Cato

Mrs Page Nursery manager

Mrs Townsend Nursery Deputy Manager

Miss Buckley Nursery assistant

Mrs Acock Nursery assistant

Miss Mann, HUB Manager

Designated Safeguarding Lead- Mrs Scutt  
Deputy DSL- Mr Cox, Mrs Swallow, Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Hamilton

We are upgrading our staff photo tree in the entrance hall this month with lovely new photos so you should soon be able to learn who is who if you are not sure...

### NEW STAFF

We welcome Mrs Mareille Meakin to our school staff team, supporting an individual pupil and working as a teaching partner in Key Stage One this year, we are sure you will all make her feel most welcome.



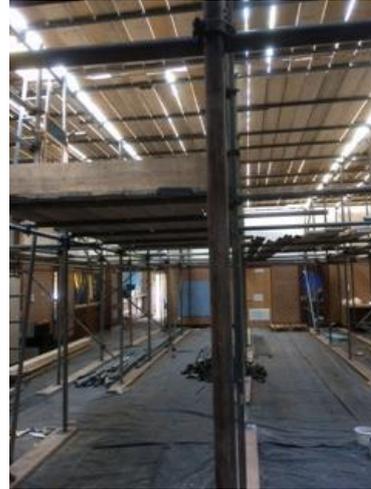


### **NEW FENCE**

We are thrilled with our new Forest School Fence fitted by Mr Pulham (Freddie and Charlies dad) . The fence has been kindly erected by Mr Pulham and the materials were provided at a greatly discounted price by Stow Agricultural Ltd. We are very grateful to them all for their contributions and effort. The money to pay for the fence was raised by Mrs Neville in conjunction with the PTFA at the Monkey Jam band and disco back in the summer. I am sure you will agree it greatly enhances the playground and will really help with our Forest School Developments this year. Miss Betley has now fully trained as a Forest School Leader (over the summer) along with Mrs Neville and Mrs Salter so we are hoping that lots of classes will benefit from even more fun outdoor learning this Autumn and on into the Winter!

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

Just to add to the logistical tangle, the Oddington Road will be subject to road closures from 5-14 September from 9.30-3.30. This will mean that at hometime you may need to park and walk to access the school. We have been assured that either King Georges Field entrance or St Edwards Drive will be accessible but not both.



### **ATRIUM ROOF**

As you will be aware from our texts and from just looking at the school, the atrium works have progressed over the summer and we should be finished by Friday 15 September.

To date the roof has been reglazed and the painters are now starting work on the roof trusses. The roof will be having wind catchers installed ( which will keep it cool in summer) which means tiles being taken off one lower part of the roof and relocated around the wind catchers. The lower piece of roof will then be retiled. After that new heaters will be installed in the atrium (to warm it up in winter) and we will be done!

Unfortunately this has led to the need for new boilers which will be our next project- watch this space!!

In the meantime parts of the school are out of bounds due to scaffolding as follows:

- The atrium
- Access through the infants door
- Access around the side of the school to the playground via class 2 and 1 outdoor areas.

The plan is for all children to come in through the juniors door in the mornings and at play and lunchtimes and to leave

by classroom doors as usual at hometime.

Breakfast club will operate as usual and so will access to the nursery and the Hub. Parents can come as far as the office and can access the school playground either via the nursery gate or via the side gate on St Edwards Road.

Parents will be able to access class one and two door as usual at home time and for reception parents this will include early pick up times too.

Any questions please do ask at the office and we will try to help you with regard to access and thank you for your forbearance in the meantime- it will be worth it!

### **OFSTED JULY 2018**

As most of you are aware the school was subject to an Ofsted Inspection on the 17 July 2018. The letter (report) was issued on 3 September to the school for factual accuracy checks and it was released for us to send out to you yesterday so we have copied it to you all. It will also be sent to parents via email and put on our website and will go live on the Ofsted website next Tuesday 11 September. We hope you enjoy reading it and feel very proud of your school. I am pleased that the report reflects the fabulous support that we have from you all as parents and carers, thank you. I was delighted that the inclusive and caring ethos was also reflected along with the very positive wonderful attitude shown by our children and the amazing staff, governors and advisers who are so committed to the school and to our ongoing drive to continue to improve and expand our provision. I will write more on the subject once I have digested it all thoroughly myself but I wanted to get it out to you as promised immediately.

### **HEALTHY EATING**

We have been thinking about what role our school can play in promoting not only lots of exercise for the children but also healthy eating habits for them (and the staff). So whilst of course we will continue with having fun and being sensible about a balance in our healthy eating/ good fun parties, cake sales and special occasion eating events, we are making a couple of changes.

Tuck shop will be aiming to change over time towards more healthy snacks after school so that children are not eating two or three chocolate bars every day after school, we are thinking raisins, fruit bars, fruity snacks too as well as the fun stuff to at least offer an alternative.

Breakfast club will continue to offer a range of cereals and will include more healthy options, but will of course still offer the things children enjoy such as bacon on a Friday!

The kitchens HAVE TO obey strict guidelines on healthy eating and are never permitted to use salt, or offer chocolate coated or salty coated items and we hope packed lunches follow suit. Finally we have been thinking about birthday cakes.

Most families enjoy celebrating childrens birthdays and we always try to make a fuss of the birthday child when it falls on a school day. We are also always very pleased to eat cake at any special opportunity eg parties, discos, cake sales etc. However we have been thinking for a while that there has been an increasing and no doubt unwanted expectation (burden) on parents to provide cakes for every child and even every staff member on birthdays in term time. If you think about it, this means up to 30 more days per class (times five!!) when we eat cakes and sweets in school. Its also not nice for the child to feel awkward if

they don't have a cake to share on their special day. Instead we would like to promote the idea of a family possibly buying a new book for the class and we will buy some lovely book plates that we can write your child's name on and so on to show that they donated the book to the class. This will probably be cheaper than trying to buy cakes for 30 children and will also help promote reading and help the birthday child to feel special. We will keep you posted and thank you for your co-operation.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Please try to make this the best year ever for attendance for EVERY child in school, we will be monitoring closely as always and available to help with any issues that you may have which might affect your child's attendance

### **New Junior youth club launching mid September!!**

Ages 9-13

6:30 till 8 on Tuesdays @ Stow Community and Family Hub

Look out on Facebook for Stow Juniors for the latest updates!! Many thanks

Gemma Hall Project Manager

Community Mentoring and Support CiC

The GCAFE @ the Ron Smith Pavilion

Springbank Way

Cheltenham

GL51 0LH

01242 224 509

07831 799 221

[www.communitymas.co.uk](http://www.communitymas.co.uk)

### **PTFA-AGM**

The first PTFA meeting of the year will be on Thursday 13 September at 3.10 in the hall, all welcome including any new parents, we would love to see you and hear your ideas.

### **TEACHING PARTNERS**

Please remember that in recognition of the level of qualification and the workload and responsibility of our wonderful band of teaching assistants, their title has changed to TEACHING PARTNERS this year, for that is indeed what they are. Please join us in this change which reflects their true merits and the vital role that they play in your children's education.

#### **Term dates for next year**

These have been issued separately and are attached to this newsletter and will not vary greatly from those on GCC website apart from INSET on

Monday 3 September 2018

Tuesday 4 September 2018

Friday 19 October 2018

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019

#### **Dates for next year**

The school calendar is now updated for the year so that you can start thinking about booking next year's sports day.

Please avoid booking holidays in term time, these will NOT be authorised, and please note these dates are provisional.

Some of the PTFA and school events may be subject to confirmation once they have met for their first meeting on 13

September but we will try not to change any other dates unless we really have to..

Please remember my office door is always open and the kettle is invariably on should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or school life.

We want every child to be really happy and enjoy school. Please come and see us with any concerns, don't let small worries become big concerns, come and talk to us and see those teachers and advisers like Mrs

Hamilton who can actually help you to sort things out!

Together we can (and often do) succeed!

Rebecca Scutt  
Headteacher

**STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR  
2018-2019** NB This may be subject to changes as  
necessary

- 03/09/2018 INSET no children
- 04/09/2018 INSET no children
- 05/09/2018 Term starts for all children , reception until 12 noon all week
- 06/09/2018 Staff meeting 3:30pm
- 10/09/2018 Class 4 parents information meeting 3.15pm please attend or send a representative
- 10/09/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head 130pm
- 11/09/2018 Class 1 parents information meeting year one parents ONLY please 3.15pm please attend or send a representative
- 12/09/2018 Class 2 parents information meeting 3.15pm, please attend or send a representative
- 13/09/2018 Roald Dahl Day
- 13/09/2018 PTFA meeting 3.10pm Staff meeting 3.30 pm
- 13/09/2018 Teaching Partners Meeting with Head 12 noon
- 14/09/2018 School council first meeting 9am
- 14/09/2018 Class 3 parents information meeting 3.15 pm , please attend or send a representative
- 17/09/2018 Lockdown drill this week
- 17/09/2018 Class 5 parents information meeting 3.15pm please attend or send a representative
- 20/09/2018 SMT meeting with Head 3.30pm
- 21/09/2018 Jeans for Genes Day 2018
- 24/09/2018 Library visits this week for all classes tbc
- 24/09/2018 Full Governors meeting 6pm
- 24/09/2018 Fire drill this week with reception too
- 26/09/2018 International Languages Day 2018
- 27/09/2018 Edwardstow Care Home Open Day
- 27/09/2018 Staff meeting 3.30pm
- 01/10/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head 1.30 pm
- 01/10/2018 My plan plus reviews
- 01/10/2018 Phonics workshop for new reception parents with Mrs Salter and Mrs Clough 3.15pm
- 02/10/2018 My plan plus reviews
- 03/10/2018 My plan plus reviews

03/10/2018 No Pens Wednesday  
03/10/2018 Open the Book assembly  
04/10/2018 Harvest Festival 2pm with Rev Short at St Edwards Church  
04/10/2018 Teaching partners meeting with Head  
04/10/2018 Staff meeting 330 pm  
05/10/2018 Bingo night for children and adults 320-415  
05/10/2018 School council 9am  
08/10/2018 My plan reviews  
08/10/2018 Booking for parents evenings opens today  
9/10/2018 Phonics Workshop for all year one parents 315pm  
15/10/2018 Naturesbase starts today  
15/10/2018 Governors Committees 3-6pm  
16/10/2018 Naturesbase  
16/10/2018 Naturesbase  
18/10/2018 SMT meeting 330pm  
18/10/2018 Class 4 and 5 Quick sticks event  
18/10/2018 Autumn Disco tbc 530-630pm infants. 645 -8pm Juniors  
18/10/2018 Class 2 assembly and book look with refreshments 230pm  
18/10/2018 Break up for half term today 315pm  
18/10/2018 Charity cake sale after school  
19/10/2018 INSET day no children, staff only  
29/10/2018 Back to school 8.55 am prompt  
29/10/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc  
30/10/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc  
30/10/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc  
01/11/2018 Bonfire safety assembly  
01/11/2018 Parents evening for some classes tbc  
02/11/2018 School council meeting with Head 9 am  
02/11/2018 Fireworks night in Stow 6pm  
05/11/2018 Coding challenge week 5-9 November  
05/11/2018 Library visits this week for all classs  
08/11/2018 Teaching partners meeting with Head  
08/11/2018 Staff meeting 330 pm  
09/11/2018 Whole school coding week feedback assembly  
09/11/2018 Wear Blue for Anti bullying week next week

09/11/2018 PTFA Film night for juniors with popcorn biscuits and hot chocolate. 3.15-5pm

09/11/2018 School council meeting 9am

11/11/2018 Remembrance Day Parade and Service 10.15 in square

12/11/2018 Anti bullying week theme "Choose Respect"

12/11/2018 Staff meeting

12/11/2018 MDSAs meeting with Head 130 pm

12/11/2018 Life caravan arrives "Life Space"

13/11/2018 Life caravan continues "Life Space"

14/11/2018 Open the Book assembly

19/11/2018 Staff Meeting 330 pm

19/11/2018 Full Governors Meeting 6pm

19/11/2018 Governors Visits Day

19/11/2018 Road Safety Week 19-25

22/11/2018 SMT meeting 330 pm

22/11/2018 PTFA Christmas pop up shop for children in the atrium

23/11/2018 Year 6 Visit to Waterwells to see "CLICK" by Alter Ego, an internet safety presentation 11am

23/11/2018 Class 5 assembly and Book Look with refreshments 230 pm

26/11/2018 Stage up for infants Nativity

28/11/2018 Open the Book assembly

29/11/2018 Science Day- Light and colour

30/11/2018 PTFA Christmas Fair 6-8 pm

03/12/2018 Governors committees 3-6pm

03/12/2018 2pm KS1 Infants Nativity dress rehearsal (noisy toddlers welcome)

04/12/2018 Panto at The Roses whole school trip 10am please be in school by 845 at latest

05/12/2018 6pm KS1 Infants Nativity, raffle and bar

06/12/2018 Infants to church to see Tree Festival

06/12/2018 6pm KS1 Infants Nativity

06/12/2018 2pm Juniors to sing in St Edward's church for the tree festival

07/12/2018 Carol singing at The Square in Stow 5.15 for 530 , Santa at 6pm, finish by 7pm

07/12/2018 Tree Festival starts today , please vote for our trees

08/12/2018 Tree Festival

09/12/2018 Tree Festival  
10/12/2018 International Winter Celebrations Week  
10/12/2018 MDSA's meeting with Head  
12/12/2018 Open the Book assembly  
13/12/2018 SMT meeting  
13/12/2018 Teaching partners meeting with Head  
14/12/2018 International Winter Celebrations Open afternoon for all parents 2.45pm in the hall  
20/12/2018 Juniors KS2 Christmas party in the afternoon  
20/12/2018 Infants KS1 Party in the morning  
20/12/2018 Whole school Christmas party food at dinner time, specific food donations will be requested please  
21/12/2018 12 noon School Christmas Dinner with crackers for all children  
21/12/2018 9.30 Carols at Stow Baptist Church , all welcome  
21/12/2018 Break up for Christmas  
07/01/2019 Keep safe pants work in all classes this term  
07/01/2019 Back to school 8.55 am prompt.  
08/01/2019 Fire drill this week  
10/01/2019 Staff meeting 330 pm  
11/01/2019 School council meeting 9am  
14/01/2019 MDSAs meeting with Head  
16/01/2019 Open the Book assembly  
17/01/2019 Teaching partners meeting with Head  
17/01/2019 SMT meeting with Head  
18/01/2019 Class assembly and book look 230pm  
21/01/2019 Full Governing Body meeting 6pm  
21/01/2019 Staff meeting  
21/01/2019 21-25 Poetry Slam Week  
22/01/2019 YOUNG VOICES for the Juniors  
24/01/2019 SEND My Plan Reviews  
25/01/2018 SEND My Plan Reviews  
28/01/2019 Annual Reviews SEND  
29/01/2018 Stemworks for Class 5 all day  
30/01/2019 Phonics meeting TBC  
30/01/2019 Open the Book

31/01/2019 Staff meeting with Head  
04/02/2019 MDSA meeting with Head  
04/02/2019 Valentines raffle starts today  
04/02/2019 Governors committee meetings 3-6pm  
07/02/2019 SMT meeting with Head  
07/02/2019 Teaching partners meeting with head  
11/02/2019 Staff meeting with Head  
13/02/2019 Open the Book assembly  
14/02/2019 Valentines day Raffle Draw  
15/02/2019 Class One assembly and Book Look  
15/02/2019 Break up for half term  
25/02/2019 Back to school.  
25/02/2019 Bookings open for parents evening  
27/02/2019 Open the Book assembly  
01/03/2019 Class Two assembly and book look 2.30pm  
04/03/2019 Lockdown drill this week  
04/03/2019 MDSAs meeting with head  
04/03/2019 Stow Book Awards  
05/03/2019 Shrove Tuesday and pancake races tbc  
07/03/2019 Sponsored read this week linked to World Book Day  
07/03/2019 World Book Day. International Theme  
07/03/2019 My Plan Reviews  
07/03/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
07/03/2019 Teaching partners meeting with head  
11/03/2019 Parents evenings  
12/03/2019 Parents evenings  
12/03/2018 Science day Human Body  
13/03/2019 Open the Book assembly  
14/03/2019 Parents evening  
15/03/2019 School council  
18/03/2019 Fire drill this week  
18/03/2019 Full Governors meeting 6 pm  
21/03/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
22/03/2019 Class 3 assembly and book look  
22/03/2019 Comic Relief Day 2018

27/03/2019 Open the Book assembly  
28/03/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
29/03/2019 Gecko Maths Day  
31/03/2019 Mothering Sunday  
01/04/2019 Governors Committee meetings 3-6pm  
02/04/2019 PTFA Easter Egg Scramble on the field 1.30 onwards  
04/04/2019 SMT meeting with the head  
04/04/2019 Easter Tea for the elderly and grandparents 2pm  
05/04/2019 Class One assembly and book look  
05/04/2019 Break up for Easter holidays  
22/04/2019 Easter Monday, no school  
23/04/2019 Back to school today (Tuesday)  
25/04/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
30/04/2019 MDSAS meeting with the head  
02/05/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
02/05/2019 Teaching partners meeting with the head  
03/05/2019 School council  
06/05/2019 May Day, no school  
08/05/2019 Open the Book assembly  
09/05/2019 SMT meeting with the head  
09/05/2019 Teaching partners meeting with the head (SATS)  
13/05/2019 English SPAG Paper 1 short answers and Spelling Paper 2  
13/05/2019 Staff meeting (international week)  
13/05/2019 SATS Week Y6  
13/05/2019 MDSAS meeting with the head  
14/05/2019 English Paper 3 Reading Comprehension  
15/05/2019 Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic Paper 2 Problem solving and Reasoning  
16/05/2019 3.15 phonics workshop for all Year 1 and 2 retake parents  
16/05/2019 Maths Paper 3 Problem solving and Reasoning  
17/05/2019 Whole KS2 School Athletics Meet at Temple Guiting  
20/05/2019 Full Governors meeting 6pm  
20/05/2019 Fire drill this week  
20/05/2019 Library visits this week  
22/05/2019 Open the Book assembly

23/05/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
24/05/2019 Break up for half term  
24/05/2019 Class assembly and book look 2.30pm  
03/06/2019 Naturesbase set off for Y5 and Y6  
05/06/2019 Open the Book assembly  
06/06/2019 Naturesbase return for Y5 and Y6  
10/06/2019 Staff meeting with the Head  
10/06/2019 Phonics screening check week for Year Ones  
10/06/2019 MDSAs meeting with the head  
12/06/2019 7pm New Parents Induction Evening  
13/06/2019 Teaching partners meeting with the head  
13/06/2019 Sports Day, all day picnic at 12 races from 1 pm  
13/06/2019 SMT meeting with the head  
16/06/2019 Fathers Day  
17/06/2019 Lockdown drill this week  
17/06/2019 Governors Committee Meetings 3-6pm  
18/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm  
19/06/2019 Open the Book assembly  
20/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm  
20/06/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
20/06/2019 Science day – living plants/ materials  
21/06/2019 PTFA Summer Disco 5.30-6.30 infants, 6.45-8pm juniors  
25/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm  
27/06/2019 Staff meeting with the head  
27/06/2019 New reception children in 1.45-3pm  
28/06/2019 Non uniform day in lieu of raffle donations  
01/07/2019 Fire drill this week  
01/07/2019 Staff meeting with the Head  
03/07/2019 Cotswold School Induction Days for Yr 6  
03/07/2019 Open the Book assembly  
04/07/2019 Cotswold School Induction Day for Yr 6  
04/07/2019 Class Swap Afternoon  
04/07/2019 SMT meeting with the head  
05/07/2019 PTFA summer event 5-7pm  
08/07/2019 KS2 production Dress Rehearsal 2pm

08/07/2019 Full Governors meeting  
09/07/2019 6pm Juniors Summer Performance  
09/07/2019 MDSAS meeting with the head  
11/07/2019 6pm Juniors Summer Performance  
11/07/2019 Teaching Partners meeting with the head  
12/07/2019 Children's Annual School Reports out today  
15/07/2019 Annual Talent Show pm  
15/07/2019 Annual Sponsored Walk am  
15/07/2019 Y6 parents evening (SATS)  
16/07/2019 Y6 parents evening (SATS)  
17/07/2019 100% attendance treat morning  
17/07/2019 Open the Book assembly  
18/07/2019 Y6 Sleepover party  
19/07/2019 Break up for summer holidays  
19/07/2019 Leavers Assembly coffees/teas 9am, assembly 930 am  
22/07/2019 INSET Day, staff only  
22/07/2019 INSET Day, staff only