



# STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER February 2018



Dear Parents and Carer

### PTFA QUIZ NIGHT



This was a super event and was very well attended by members of the school community and mainly by the wider community of Stow quiz lovers. Nine teams filled the hall for our now annual Quiz night.

Our quiz master Nigel Harrison and his assistant ex pupil Scott Harrison certainly put us through our paces with rounds ranging from music to maths (including questions from last years KS2 SATS paper) and from food tasting to photo and icon identification.

The quiz teams enjoyed a delicious supper and raffle, not forgetting a quick game of heads and tails to finish off the evening. With wine and chocolates for the winners and wooden spoons to the losing team everyone had the "recognition" they deserved!



All in all it was a brilliant evening and very much enjoyed by all. A massive thank you to Mr Harrison and Scott Harrison and to the PTFA for their hard work behind the

scenes and behind the bar! We will let you know how much we raised but over £700 was taken on the night and all proceeds are for the school children.

### Pamper evening success

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our recent pamper evening a great night. The PTFA raised nearly £400 on that evening which is a phenomenal success.

Special thanks to the ladies who organised the whole event and to the therapists who gave up their time to make such an enjoyable evening.



### Class One COLD LANDS assembly

We all enjoyed class ones chilly assembly where they told us all about Cold Places. We learnt about polar bears, penguins, seals and other arctic animals, we learnt about Scott of the Antarctic and his trip to the poles and how the Inuits live.



The children read beautifully and we heard their wonderful songs and poetry about cold lands. Well done class one staff and children and thank you to everyone who came along and supported them. We hope you enjoyed looking at the progress in their books.



### NSPCC

We raised £48 for the NSPCC recently when we brought in pennies to school on our poetry slam day, many thanks to everyone for your kind donations



### CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to our amazing cross country running team who took part in the North Cotswolds Cross Country Championships at Moreton Fire College.

The team showed our true STOW spirit of persevering and supporting each other the whole way. Everyone finished the gruelling course in good spirits



and we were delighted that Jayden in Y6 finished 23rd (a great achievement taking him through to the county finals).

Amazingly Lucas in Year 3 finished 16 the out of all those hundreds of children! Unfortunately he is too young for the county finals as they only take Y5 and Y6 but what a great experience and this bodes well for the future! Well done to all our runners and special thanks to Mr Hartley for such fab pictures and to Mr Cox for training the team relentlessly, and to Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Luney for taking them on the day- Hurray for STOW!!!! Enjoy the pictures, more on the website



### GYM TEAM

Well done to our wonderful gymnastics team who represented the school at a recent gymnastics competition. The team performed very well indeed and were very good ambassadors for the school giving of their very best and showing great team spirit. Well done and thank you to the team, their parents and to Mrs Ratcliffe for organising and running our very popular and successful gym club.



### Poetry Slam

**Our poetry slam was a great success and we had winners from each class who were each awarded a book of amazing poetry in assembly. We really enjoyed everyone poetry – what a fabulous effort. Some of the poems are on our proud board outside the head teacher’s office for everyone to enjoy. There is a photograph frame, one for each class, for the very best of work in the class at any time. Please do take a read sometime when you are in the office**

### Community Lunches

Please remember that we are running community lunches for the elderly every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays please ring the school office to book a place, the price of £6.50 for a two course meal with tea/coffee to follow. The next lunch will be this Wednesday 28th February

### School Council news

The school council raffle which was drawn ( just about) on the last day before half term raised £41.05

A big thank you to everyone who supported this popular raffle and well done to the school council organisers. Their next venture will be the Pupil questionnaire to help governors gain the views of the children in school about various hot issues- homework, school dinners etc.!



### World Book Day

Just a few reminders ....

#### Book in a Box

This year we have decided not to dress up as favourite book characters but rather we would like to encourage the children to make a special **Book in a Box** which can be brought in on the day. The idea is that children choose their favourite book and then illustrate it using a shoe box or other similar type box. They can draw pictures, make small props which help to retell the story, copy out their favourite lines or turn the box into a scene from the book. The possibilities are endless. They will also need to include the books title and Authors name somewhere in their display. They will then need to write their own name and class on the bottom of the box and bring in to share on World Book Day. There will be small prizes to be won for the best boxes.

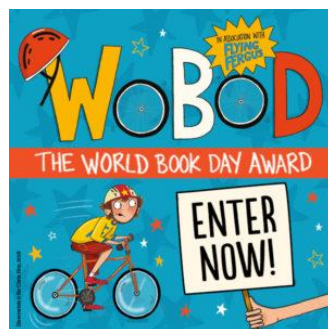
### Extreme reading challenge

The children are also encouraged to take part in an Extreme Reading Challenge. The idea with this challenge is for the children to think of different, exciting, fun and SAFE places where they could do some reading and take a photograph of themselves reading. We want to encourage the children to enjoy reading and understand that this can happen anywhere and everywhere. We would ask for the children to bring in 1 photo of them doing some extreme reading which can be used to make a school display. Please could you write your child's name and their class on the back of the photo? Please note that these photos will only be used in school and not shared without your permission. To aid with the display please could you make the photo 5' by 7' size.



### Book day Vouchers

Your child will also receive their free £1 World Book day Voucher which they can exchange for one of the specially produced World Book Day books which have been written especially for the occasion by leading children's authors. We are hoping that we will have the books available in school on the day so your child will be able to choose their book and bring it home with them. If you have any questions or queries about World Book Day, then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance who should be able to help you. Many thanks and I look forward to a fun World book Day



### World Book Week Book Awards and Voting

We are sharing five picture books which can be enjoyed by all ages across the school, one each day in class. On Friday the children will vote for their three favourites and we will have an overall book award winner. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime you may like to look at the books yourself they are as follows:



### New sand pit

Thanks to the very generous donations of a school governor, class one now have a gorgeous new sand pit with cover to keep it clean and gorgeous. Mrs Lane who helps in Class One helped with its grand unveiling! I am sure they will have hours of fun in it. Big thanks to Mr Catley for putting it together as it came all the way from Scotland flat packed!



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
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

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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

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

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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