



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year, we hope you find it informative and interesting. There is so much going on already...enjoy!



ATRIUM ROOF

I would like to update you on the atrium. We were handed the atrium back on Friday and the children enjoyed taking a look at the improvements. The builders have completed the glazing and decorated down as far as the brickwork. They have also replaced the lights in the atrium as the scaffolders broke the previous ones (for us that was quite good!) and with the new paintwork it really looks "fresh and funky" (the architects description, not mine). They have also installed two big wind catchers on the roof which look like silvery square chimneys. These will keep the atrium cool when opened up on warm days. The roof has also been retired in parts and Class One have new plastic on their covered area as (luckily for us) the builders had to remove it to put up the scaffold and broke that too!

This week we will be back learning in the atrium ahead of the next phase which is getting some heat in there. The local authority is helping us to find new boilers which will then be efficient enough to run two or three more convector heaters (like the ones in the classrooms) in the hall.

This work starts today in the boiler rooms so you will notice some work going on at the side of the school initially by the boiler room doors. The pipe work will be done in half term to minimise disruption to classrooms. In the meantime extra jumpers may be required if we have a cold snap as the heating will not be on until October. (this is the usual regime anyway)

Any questions please do ask me or 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! I hope you enjoy looking at our endeavours so far.





CHANGE LIVES

Jeans for Genes day Friday 21 September 2018

By wearing their jeans and donating £1 on Friday our children will raise money to help some of the most



vulnerable children in the UK; together we could help fund projects that provide nursing care, equipment, activity weekends, support and counselling.

Whether it is wearing double denim or organising a blue bake sale the more we do, the more we do to help thousands of children like Tom in the picture who has a rare ageing condition along with many others who live with life-altering genetic disorders. Please check out the website for more stories and details

<https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/our-work>

TALENTS As you know we love to celebrate our achievements in school but also the many achievements of our talented children. Here are a few recent ones for you to enjoy:

Guitar success



Ella Christian and Emma Luney have worked so hard in their guitar lessons and all their efforts have paid off. They attended a special exam day and we were delighted to receive their certificates. Emme passed with a merit and Ella with a distinction, wow, well done to both our fabulous guitarists. You will probably see them in action at our Christmas service at the baptist church. Well done Girls If anyone is interested in learning the guitar (year three and above) please contact the office initially.



Ballet Success

Ellie Mae Acock achieved a merit in her Grade One ballet award and several of our other pupils also did well, watch this space for their news...



Sporting success

Lucas Hartley came First in the Boys under 11s Fun Run at Chedworth this weekend, despite being only nine years old himself- WOW! Well done to Lucas , what an amazing achievement (and so modest that the other children had to tell me he had done it!) .. just think what he will achieve in future...

OFSTED JULY 2018

I hope you all enjoyed reading our lovely Ofsted letter which confirmed how great your children are and how well we succeed in continuing to provide a good education for your children with ever increasing curriculum demands. It also affirmed all the improvements that we have been working on together since the last inspection such as phonics. There are a couple of next steps relating to attendance and pupils feedback in topic and science lessons which we are already addressing in some creative ways. One thing that was commented on was the children's input to the inspection. We take their views seriously and their ideas are very important to us and we always have a school council to give them a voice The classes have voted for their council members and they will be holding their first meeting on Friday to discuss harvest and bingo.

School council members are as follows:



Class Five Emme Luney and Alex Goode with Joshua Totham and Maddy Keyte as deputies.

Class Four

Finlay Heritage, Izzy bayliss, Ellie Mae Acock, Noah Perkins



Class Three

Amelia Hayward and Connor Flaherty in Class 3

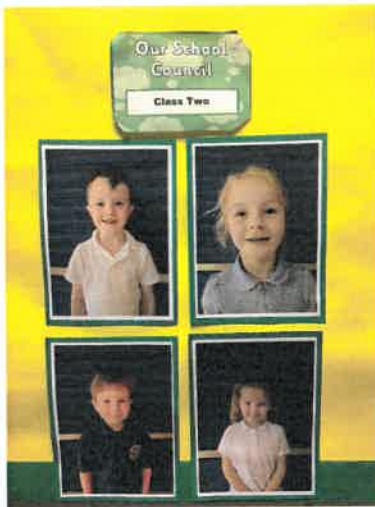


Class One. Harry Robinson, Mollie Tustin in reception, and Olivia-May Blake in Year One.



Class Two

Holly Smith and James Bevins in Year 2
Harry Anderson and Milly Robinson in Year 1

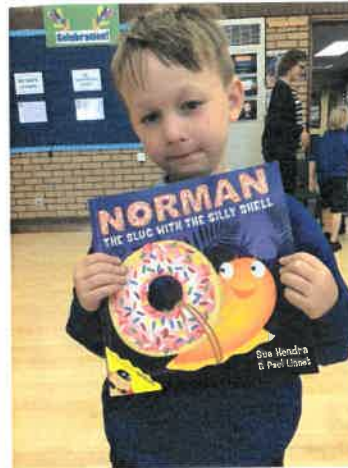


Attendance

You will note that although our attendance is in line with other schools across the nation there are some persistent absentees who we need to help further and support in getting to school more often. We are very glad that so many families aspire to full attendance by their children and even fit appointments around registrations. We really appreciate your support and commitment. Please try to make this the best year ever for attendance for EVERY child in school, we will be monitoring closely as always and we are happy to help with any issues you may experience with attendance.

Books instead of cakes

As we mentioned in my last letter, Instead of birthday cakes , 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. As we mentioned previously, a book 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. Don't worry there will be lots of other special occasions when we can enjoy treats in school. We have already had our first book donated by Alex Cripps in reception presented to the school in assembly. Class one will really enjoy their new book thank you!



Here is Corbin in Class One with Alex's new Book in assembly.

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



Flower pots and Mrs Lancasters Remembrance bench and border areas

Staff have been busy helping the school look wonderful as we move into the Autumn. Mrs Akerman and Mrs Barber along with advice and help from Mrs Neville have transformed the pots at the front of the school and revamped the flowers around Mrs Lancasters Remembrance owl bench. We were glad of help from Mr Barber who has repainted Mrs Lancasters memorial plaque as it had weathered over what is now coming up to three years. We are grateful to them all and also to Mr Taylor who has been helping tidy Mrs Lancaster's border at the front of the school too. I hope you all enjoy looking at the lovely flowers and shrubs as we move into the chillier weather. I know the children have particularly liked the hydrangeas.



PTFA AGM

The PTFA held their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13 September and new officers were elected as follows

Chair Clare Stubbs

Vice Chair Lucy Sivalingam

Treasurer Rachel Cook

Secretary Hannah Totham and Caroline Sandles

Thank you to all who attended including the British Legion and some new parent faces.

The first meeting of the year will be held tomorrow at 2pm at school, all welcome.

Read easy

Please see attached flier about adult literacy

Fireworks Night

Please see attached flier about Fireworks Night

Tracy Sollis Trust

We were delighted to present Sue Sollis MBE with a cheque for just under £1000.00 for the Tracy Sollis Leukaemia Trust in assembly today. We were interested to learn that Mrs Sollis was presented with an MBE for her work and she showed the children her medal and told them about the presentation and the garden party with the Queen that she was invited to attend. She also brought Harry The Hedgehog which had belonged to Tracy with her as the children like to see him. Our school councillors had their first important task- handing over the cheque! Well done to everyone for all your support of this charity all year long. We understand that the money will be used to buy equipment for a research lab.

This is Sue Sollis (tracys mother) with Emme and Alex from the school council



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

Friday 19 October 2018

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019

Dates for next year

As in the last letter , the school calendar is now updated for the year so that you can start thinking ahead and getting booked in!

I am glad to have met with many of you this term already, do please always pop in or arrange to meet with me, we are here to help.

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 class
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

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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 530-630 infants, 645-8pm 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