



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER May 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Well what some unusual weather we have been having, thank you for sending both sun hats and rain coats into school as required! We have even had to put the heating back on again, thank you for bearing with us when we request sun cream one day and wellies the next!! Hopefully we will get some sunshine for the bank holiday and for the six intrepid explorers (see below)



Canoe Help, can you help?

A group of our dads, ex dads, big brothers, governors and community members will be canoeing 100 miles down the Wye this weekend in an effort to raise £5000 for our playground fund. I am so delighted that our community is pulling together like this led by Governor and dad Mike Clarke. They are hoping to finish in Chepstow at 2pm on Sunday if anyone would like to go and welcome them home! Later in the newsletter is a recent article that explains it all very well taken from the Glos Wilts Standard
You can sponsor the team at [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/canoehelp](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/canoehelp).

For progress updates visit Facebook via [@Canoehelp](https://www.facebook.com/Canoehelp).



Class Four Anglo Saxons day

Class Four enjoyed a fabulous Anglo Saxon day in the Forest school area. They made their own shelters and dens, they wove some basic material with great skill on giant frames made by Miss Betley and they baked their own bread which they cooked on an open fire. They enjoyed the fire pit on loan from Miss Betleys mother and they all really looked the part. What a great way to really experience a taste of what life might have been like all those centuries ago. A big thank you to the staff for creating such a wonderful day and to the children who really enjoyed getting in the spirit of it all. Thank you for dressing them up so convincingly!





where they have a round house and can try their hand at making nettle soup and trapping (humanely) some of the local wildlife



Class Three Iron age to Stone Age Day

Class three had an experiential hands on day of their own too last week when they travelled back in time to the Iron Age. They made some wonderful smelling vegetable soup and when I walked in the classroom they were all up to their elbows (quite literally) in berry juice!



They had a wonderful time and rain did not dampen their enthusiasm for Iron Age to Stone Age life, again a big thank you to the parents for their fabulous costumes and to the class staff for all their hard work creating such a great day of learning. Both class 3 and class 4 will hopefully be spending a day with Gloucestershire Wild life trust at Greystones farm in Bourton

Stow Surgery Banners competition

There were six winners from the recent banner competition all of whom were awarded prizes from Dr Sherringham and Dr Dilys and the architects from Eastabrook Architects. The winners were: Amelia Hayward, Harleigh Paige Perkins, George Brain, Millie Robinson, Ashton Cook and Oliver Weizak Well done, the banners look great and some of the pictures will be displayed inside the doctor's surgery when it is built.



Class Forecasts

Look out for these in book bags and on the website so that you know how you can support your child's learning this term, as always if you have anything you feel may be relevant please do send it in or if you can help in any way we would be delighted to hear from you.

Our aim is always to make learning rich and memorable, with opportunities for deeper learning and practising skills so anything you can add at home will really help your child and foster enthusiasm and a love of learning.

Gecko Maths day

Thursday last week was the day for our Egg themed Gecko maths day, the children enjoyed a big maths quiz in their house teams in the hall followed by a morning of maths activities based on problem solving and team work. Many children won prizes and certificates for their maths skills or their team work skills, well done to everyone, what a great way to improve your problem solving and make friends at the same time.

Next time we will be exploring the themes of The World Cup and maths problem solving!



New school rules

Just another reminder of our new school rules which we are linking with our assemblies on British Values and recent news events using Picture News. The rules are there to help us all stay safe and happy and so that children are very clear in their minds about any sanctions that they may receive. The rules are as follows:

Be Supportive (heart)

Persevere (mind)

Be Safe (hand)



Miss Mann's Parent and community Support Champion award

I am delighted to announce that Miss Mann, who is our Community Hub Manager, has been awarded the Parent and Community support Champion award in recognition of her work in the initial set up and amazing launch of the Community Hub. This public recognition is richly deserved and marks the amazing contribution that she has made in not only saving the building from closure but in launching its reopening so successfully, it is already thriving with all sorts happening from our wonderful toddler groups to gong therapy, community choir to nurture sessions, breakfast club, elderly residents luncheons club and training for local schools and governors. Well done Miss Mann! We are all delighted with this excellent news. Her certificate is on display in the entrance hall.





We were delighted to welcome community members from all walks of life to the community and family hub for canapés and nibbles on Wednesday night. Many local businesses and organisations gathered to find out more about the building and what it can offer and to hear how they might be able to sponsor or support the work of the hub team and trustees. Long may the good work continue to grow and thrive for our children and families in stow and beyond. Any questions please ring Miss Mann through the school or drop in at the hub. Please maybe even just mention it to three people you know, spread the word around as mighty oak trees grow from tiny acorns and we never know who might just be able to help our children and families if you just sow the seeds.

Car parking at The Cotswold School Saturday 2nd June

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!

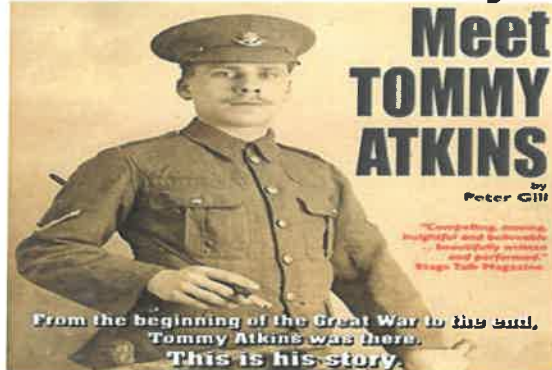


Charity Cake sale/ Great Bake Off

Sadie Rogers in Class 2 (and family) raised over £120 at their recent bake sale and they have raised over £210 for cancer research in total and Sadie has earned her Fund raising badge at Rainbows too! Well done to them all and thank you all for supporting this worthy cause. YUM!!!



Tommy Atkins, a play in consultation with The British Legion



We are hosting a play starring actor Peter Gill called Tommy Atkins about the First World War.

The play will take place on Thursday 14 June at 7pm with licensed bar and all will be welcome, details and flyers to follow.

See the following details and visit the website [Peter Gill](http://www.petegill.org.uk/) www.petegill.org.uk/ for more details :

In his play written by playwright/actor/musician Peter Gill (*Talbot House, The Jerry Lee Lewis Story*) details, through the eyes of a simple 'Tommy' the reality of war for those who actually fought it.

'Tommy' takes the audience through his war - a war that saw him fight at Ypres, Passendale, Loos and on the Somme and that took him to the depths of despair but also brought him unique comradeship that he would never find again.

From the beginning of the war to the end, Private Tommy Atkins was there.

Jumble sale

The jumble sale raised over £290 for the school, so each class had £50 to spend on trips and other luxuries, the breakfast club had some bacon and some new toys were bought for wet playtimes, well done and a big thank you to everyone for supporting us! Well done to Mrs Swallow, Mrs heritage and Mrs Clarke and families and friends for all their hard work



More on the canoeists

AN INTREPID team led by a school governor will launch a bid to tackle 100 miles on Thursday May 3, by canoe.

Mike Clarke, 48, governor at Stow-on-the-Wold Primary will be leading a team of amateur members to raise money for the school.

The team will be tasked with navigating the notoriously fast-flowing River Wye across four days, one of Britain's longest rivers to raise at least £5,000 towards a £15,000 project to refurbish the school's play area.

Mike will be joined by his son Ben Beaumont, Nigel Harrison and James

Stubbs, parents of pupils who have been to the school, town councillor Simon Clarke, Sudeley Castle Lodge member Ryan Dyer and friend Gary Wilks.

"We are not athletes, and we anticipate this being a challenge being worthy of everyone's support," said self-employed Mike.

"We all share the aim of raising as much money as possible to support the school.

"It's a fantastic little school and several team members' children have been, or are still, attending it.

"But, like so many smaller schools, it relies on support from parents, friends and the local community so it can continue to provide a safe and fun environment in which children can learn and play."

"We all know the importance of children playing to create balance with all the hard academic work they do even at such a young age.

"Playing is consistently used as a form of learning as well.

"Having a safe, good quality playground, that stimulates children's imagination and creativity, is essential.

"And we all know encouraging children to play outside in the fresh air, away from technology, is of the greatest importance."

The school community has raised £5,000 itself so far. The canoe team

will camp along the way with family providing support and transporting equipment.

You can sponsor the team at [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/canoehelp](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/canoehelp).

For progress updates visit Facebook via @Canoehelp.



Good luck chaps!!!

We will let you know how they get on





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
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 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

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

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 at the cricket 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