



STOW-on-the-WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter October 2013



Dear Parents

Oxford Half Marathon

Mrs Jeffrey, Mr Cox and four of our mums- Mrs Cox, Mrs Cook, Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Smith all ran the Oxford Half marathon on Sunday 13 October in aid of the school. They all completed the course in the driving rain and bitter cold, many of them beating their personal best times. We are so proud of them all for undertaking such a huge challenge and for thinking of the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the runners, we will let you know a total very soon. Well done and a great big thank you again for all their wonderful efforts!

Strike Action

Several of the teachers will be taking part in industrial action on Thursday (tomorrow). The strike action is in protest about changes to teachers pay and conditions. As Headteacher I fully support their right to take such action and make no objections to their decision. However, the school will be staying open for business as usual albeit with a reduced staff tomorrow. I have fully risk assessed this action and the staff in school will be **working under my direction** tomorrow. If you

have any questions about the strike action then please address any issues with me rather than the staff member involved, thank you.

PTFA Quiz Night

The PTFA are holding their annual quiz night on Friday 18 November. Teams of up to 8 are welcome to enter, please ring so we have an idea of numbers. Tickets are £5 a head to include a ploughman's supper. There are prizes and a licensed bar with waitress service. Come along and see if you can beat the staff!

Pumpkin party Second reminder

As mentioned before, the PTFA are busy organising the world's best ever pumpkin party booked for **FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER**, this is the last day of term, not the 18th October. The party will be as follows: **530-630 Infants** (and preschool children, with an adult please) £2.50 entry pay on the night **645-8pm Juniors** £2.50 entry pay on the night

Pumpkin time of year style fancy dress is encouraged but any weapons will be removed on entry! Children will not need any additional money for the infant party but juniors will be able to buy pumpkin themed snacks at drinks



so a small amount of pocket money will be needed. The PTFA will be selling hot dogs to families on the way out of the party for those who have built up an appetite dancing the night away (and their parents!). These will be on sale outside the front door and can be eaten outside (or in the atrium if wet or too chilly!) so maybe bring your purse at collection time. **Please note Juniors are to enter via the hall doors to avoid queues of infants eating hot dogs!**

First Aid course for parents

We have a couple of places left for Friday if you would like to take part, price £10 , pay on the evening. The training is running from 630-9pm at school



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Clerk to Governors

We have now filled the post of clerk to Governors, details to follow, thank you to those who considered this option for your help.

PGL

Payments are due by next Friday please for PGL.



Samaritan's Purse

We are now collecting Christmas boxes for Samaritans Purse and in a change from normal we have a large selection of shoe boxes ready wrapped for you to take away and fill. Do please pop into the entrance hall and collect a few at any time.

Closing date is Friday 8 November, many thanks.

You may be interested to know that the man organising this in our area Mr Bob James actually drives the lorry out to Eastern European countries with the parcels and personally hands them over so you can be assured that they get to their destination safely

For details see

www.operationchristmaschild.co.uk

We will start building a wall of them after the pumpkin party.

Don't forget, please don't let little worries become big ones, I am here to help, come and see me anytime, my door is always open.

Together we can succeed!

Rebecca Scutt, Headteacher