



STOW-on-the-WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

School Improvement Plan

Every year we collate a plan for the school which is available to view in school and will be on the new website. In the meantime we attach a summary document for you so that you can see the areas we are aiming to work on closely over the coming 12 months.

Please take time to read it and comment to Mrs Scutt if you would like to see any additions. Many of you are already very active in helping us to achieve our aims and to work in partnership with us and we would welcome any further help or input that you as parents may have.



Healthy Schools
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Healthy School Status

I am delighted to inform you that yet again Stow on the Wold Primary School has gained healthy Schools accreditation for its work helping children to lead healthy lives and teaching them about health issues and carrying out interventions to assist in health promotion. Well done to everyone for working so hard together

to ensure that our children have the healthiest possible start in life.

Health Information for parents

Whilst we are on the subject of health I attach a letter from Mrs Kanfer Clark, chair of the PTFA who has been researching into health matters and we thought you might be interested to read her findings.

Local Authority Officer Visits

The school has had two visits this week from Local Authority officers looking at our SEN provision and our school improvement plans and results. I am delighted to report that both visits resulted in a very positive feedback from Local Authority officers.

The SEN officers visit noted that "it is clear that the school are doing everything to meet the additional needs of their pupils and are fully compliant with the Code of Practice " The second visitor commented that "progress and attainment is rigorously monitored" and that there is "robust self evaluation allied to effective monitoring by governors"

We are very pleased with the reports which reflect the effectiveness of school leaders at all levels and the governors



Website

We will be going live with our new website soon, watch this space! In the meantime the old website is now closing as it is out of date. Please contact the school if you require any information usually found on the site as we can email it direct to you

First Aid course

We are going to run another of our popular First Aid for parents' courses on Friday 18 October 630-930. The course will cover

- Choking
- Head injuries
- Sprains/strains/breaks
- Prevention of cross-infection
- Control of bleeding
- Poisons
- Basic CPR



**Caring
for Life**

...and anything else you would like covered...things like asthma and anaphylaxis if required

St Johns are running a campaign to encourage parents to undertake First Aid, here is the web link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVKAUbqZcvs>

Please phone the office to book a space; we can take up to 12 people. The cots if £10 per person.



Parent view 2013-14

Please do take the time to visit and complete the questionnaire about our school for Ofsted to be found at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

This will help school inspectors to gauge the view of parents and helps us to see what we are doing well and how we can improve. Please can you go on and update yours if you did it last academic year as it starts afresh each year, many thanks indeed.

Jeans for Genes day

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause today, we will let you know a final total later next week

Guitar lessons

We have a few vacancies for anyone who might like to learn guitar each week in school. There is a charge for these lessons and you need to be Y3 or above. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Forest Schools

Mrs Neville is undertaking Forest School leader training and is developing the shrub area near to the shed in the playground as a second Forest Schools site in addition to the bottom corner of the field. You will notice that Mr Catley has kindly roped off the area and we will be establishing a fire pit and log circle soon so that more children in school can enjoy Forest Schools experiences in school. Please can class 5 children who are not swimming have wellies and preferably waterproof trousers or some old leggings that can get messy in school each week?



Parking

Can I please just implore you all again to park considerately so that we keep our neighbours happy and don't block the road for the service bus, many thanks

Assemblies/Harvest

We are studying New Beginnings this half term and then moving onto Harvest celebrations. Please do come along to our school harvest festival at St Edwards Church on Thursday 3 October 2pm at church or 1.30 at school if you would like to walk up with us.

We will be asking for donations of tins and packets of food for the North Cotswold Food bank to be brought into school on that day so that each child has something to donate as part of the service.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club has spaces £1 a day £4 a week with a reduction for the last week if you pay in advance for the term. See Miss Naylor for more details.

'Come for Coffee'



Emma Birch (Jessica-May Year 3 and Theo Year 1) extends a warm welcome to everyone on Friday September 27th from 9.15-12.30 as she hosts a **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Bring a friend or come alone



and meet other parents from school and have enjoy a slice of cake and a tea or coffee, all proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you can't make it but would like to make a donation, or bake a cake, please get in touch!

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Childcare

Sometimes parents are in need of child care before and after school and in the holidays. I have been given the details of another child care provider in the area who can provide care for all ages and at the time specified. Details below: Nanny Eves Childcare mobile 07590105501 or phone 01451870958. Hope this may be of some us to you.

Clerk to Governors

We are looking for a new clerk to Governors to work 30hrs a year in the evenings mainly and after school. This would suit someone with good IT skills and the ability to communicate effectively whilst maintaining confidentiality. The successful candidate would also be subject to a DBS check. The pay is G scale see county website for details of pay scales.

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

