



STOW-on-the-WOLD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Pumpkin party

The PTFA are busy organising the worlds 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 be worn but any weapons will be removed on entry!

Children will no 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.

In a new venture 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.

School Council

This week the school council elections were held and the new council members are :

Connor B, Henry, Harley, Megan, Beth, Caitlin H, Emily H , Harrison, Emma D and Jake.

The school council met to discuss the hot dogs at the disco, the decorations they will be making, the harvest festival and they wrote a letter to parents and looked at some charity websites to look at how we can support "far away" children in need too.

First Aid course

We have a few names down for the First Aid course on 18 October 630-9pm and can offer up to 12 spaces. The course will cover choking, head injuries, sprains/strains/breaks, prevention of cross-infection, control of bleeding, poisons, basic CPR and anything else you would like covered...things like asthma and anaphylaxis if required



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Please phone the office to book a space. The cost is £10 per person to be paid on the day.

Parent view 2013-14

Please HELP. I really need ten more parents to complete the questionnaire for **this academic year**. Even if you have done it before we need you to do it again for this year please. It is just a series of questions to tick and a couple of yes/no answers. Please do take the time to visit and complete the questionnaire with your views about our school at

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Website

As we mentioned before, we will be going live with our new website soon. Mrs Willmore is working flat out to get everything on and we are in the process of taking many photos so watch this space. In the meantime if you need any information please just phone and ask us. 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.

Jeans for Genes day

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause last week. The grand total raised was £127.00, many thanks indeed for your contributions.

Teabag boxes

Class 5 need empty 80 bag teabag boxes with flip lids to make into gasmask boxes please, many thanks



Harvest Festival

Thursday 3rd October

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. Please send in a donation in a carrier bag so that your child can carry it up there easily.

The school council would also like you to fill their card boxes with pennies, see their note below. Please can these be brought in on Thursday too as we will be counting it all up and presenting a cheque in the afternoon.

Bus Drivers

We are on the lookout for new bus drivers, please see Mr Clarke (Maxine and Stella's dad) if you might be interested in helping on Tuesday mornings driving the villager bus. We need a couple more to help on the rota.

Parking



Can I remind everyone yet again to park considerately so that we keep our neighbours happy and don't block the road for the service bus, many thanks. Also please avoid using the accessible parking bay as we do have families who really need to use this space.

Clerk to Governors

We are **still** 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. Please give it some consideration.



Oxford Half Marathon

Mrs Jeffrey and Mr Cox and four mums are running the Oxford Half marathon on Sunday 13 October in aid of the school. They will be running in matching tops kindly donated by the PTFA and designed by Mrs Willmore. If you would like to sponsor them then please complete the forms in the children's book bags, many thanks to them all and thank you for your support of the school.

Water bottles



Please can you make sure that every child has a water bottle in school, we have plenty in stock priced £1.50.



Samaritan's Purse

We will be collecting boxes for Samaritan's purse this year and will be sending home leaflets nearer the time. For those who are new to this charity it is a chance for children to make up a shoe box of gifts to be sent to a child in need in another country. For details see

www.operationchristmaschild.co.uk

If you would like to start by finding a shoebox, wrapping the lid and box separately and start thinking about items to go inside such as

Toys:

Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, trucks, cars, dolls, clip on earrings, etc...

Educational Supplies:

Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc.

Hygiene Items:

Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc.

Other Items:

Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

All gifts should be new, please include items from each category.

No Food - particularly chocolate (non-chocolate sweets are allowed)

No medicine - or vitamins of any kind

No war related items - toy guns, play soldiers or knives of any kind

No clothing - other than listed above

No fragile items - e.g. glass containers, mirrors

No liquids - including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, toiletry sets or aerosols

No dangerous items - sharp objects, scissors or razors

No books with many words

Nothing of a political nature

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

