



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Friends

Marathon Run Success

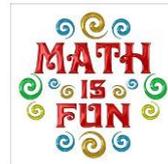
Congratulations to our four well child marathon runners who all crossed the finishing line in good spirits. Do read the attached article which has gone to the press about their triumphant race. We hope you enjoyed following them on the internet and if you missed it you can see them on iPlayer. Well done to the team!



Easter Tea Thursday 6 April

The Easter tea was a great success too with over 50 grandparents and local residents including friends from Jubilee Lodge enjoying a delicious tea, baskets, cards and entertainment from Class one and two. A big thank you to the children for all their hard work and to the parents for donations of delicious cakes which were much enjoyed. A big thank you also to the PTFA for making the room look so elegant and for keeping the tea cups topped up. Also thank you for running the tuck shop afterwards which finished the term nicely. ! I feel it is very important for children to contribute to activities that are solely for the good of

others and to learn that service to others is very rewarding in many ways.



Easter Maths Day

The Easter maths day went very well with marvellous maths problem solving taking place and great team work being encouraged across year groups. The children are to be commended for the way in which they work together and utilise each other's skills in reasoning and problem solving.



EGG HUNT

This year we tried a new easter activity- a pea scramble! This proved very popular with the children who had a gladiator style arena marked out and tried to gather as many peas as possible from the grass for their team. The winning team were presented with prizes of crème eggs. The children also had fun looking for plastic eggs all over the field and some lucky ticket winners also won some big easter eggs. Great fun was had by all. Thank you to the PTFA for organising such an enjoyable and inclusive event, and thanks to the generosity of the Co-op in providing most of the prizes for the occasion and for the Easter tea.

I think we will be repeating this activity next year as EVERYONE gets to join in the fun and it encourages team work and good natured fun!



Swimarathon

I was incredibly proud of the Swimarathon teams made up of parents, children and pupils past and present and staff family members. The three teams swam magnificently for 45 minutes in a relay at Cheltenham College. I am amazed and delighted to tell you that the teams raised over £900 for the events. The Bishops Cleeve 41 Club organisers take a percentage for their charity and then the rest will be coming to the children of the school- hurray!

The nursery also put forward a team and they did really well too- well done to Mrs Page, Mrs Townsend and the nursery team.

The school teams included Miss Tuck, Mrs Brain, Mrs Cummins, Monty Cummins, Mrs Birch Jessica May Birch, Izzy Bayliss, Eddie Bayliss, Fin Davis Hedges, Frankie Neville, Jessica Stubbs, Maggie Brain, Ollie White, Poppy White, Mrs White, Bailey Scutt and Rowan Scutt

Easter Raffle

The Easter raffle was very well supported by the school and wider community and raised over £400 which means each class now has £80 to spend on those nice little extras that they need in class! Thank you to everyone for your support.

PTFA Kit

The PTFA have kindly agreed to fund new PE kit for the sports teams including tops and jackets. They have also agreed new footballs for Football club and are now looking at replacing the wooden shed in the playground with a metal container for both school PE kit and PTFA storage... watch this space.



Bingo Night

If you enjoy BINGO then keep May 19th free? It will be eyes down for a full house of adult's bingo night with prizes, licensed bar, raffle, see attached flier. We are really looking forward to this event which should be great fun and will raise money for the school. Tickets are now on sale £5 a head, all welcome.

SATS

Children in Y2 and Y6 will be undertaking their SATs tests in May and so they will need lots of extra TLC and good breakfasts each day! And DO NOT BE AWAY or ill!

Friday 19 May Non Uniform for BINGO Day

After KS2 SATS on the Friday the children in the juniors will all be going to an Athletics meet at Temple Guiting. They will need to wear sports clothes to school that day. On this day we have decided that ALL children in the school may wear sports clothes to school that day, for fun and also in return we would ask for raffle prizes for the BINGO night in the evening. E.g. chocolates, bottle of wine, any unwanted gifts etc., many thanks.

Walk4Wildlife



Just a second reminder that we will be taking part in a new Guinness World Record on **Friday 19 May 2017**. The aim is to assemble as many primary school children to take part in a mass sponsored walk across the country; the current record is 231,635 participants, and this is a great chance for the children at our school to be part of this

new attempt and make their way into the record books. The special bonus is that, through sponsorship, they will be raising money for wildlife charities at the same time. There is no set distance or pace, and you can walk for 30 minutes or 3 hours - it's entirely up to you. The important thing is that everyone will need to be walking at **2:15pm on the 19th of May** to be included in the Guinness World Record attempt. We have decided as a school council to walk around the school field at 2.15 dressed with home-made masks which we will make in school of British endangered wildlife such as badgers, hedgehogs and even swans (following the swan attack in Cheltenham)

The school council have decided that each child might like to pay £1 which we will give to animal rescue charities, it should be great. More details to follow nearer the time ... thanks to Roisin Wood for suggesting we join in the fun!



Breakfast club

Breakfast club is really booming and is much enjoyed by children. We have really noticed a difference in the children behaviour and attention in class when they have a good breakfast in their tummies!

The breakfast club is £2 a day and anyone is welcome but we do need to know a day in advance, please sign up on the main front door.

Breakfast club is exceptional value for money, other local schools breakfast clubs are between £4.00 and £4.50 a day so we do offer a great deal!

Governing Body-Parents' Questionnaire

Our annual parents' questionnaire will be coming home to you soon. Please take the time to complete it and add in any suggestions or comments. It is very helpful to Governors to know what is working well and to usefully improve upon in future. Please don't ever wait for the questionnaire to voice a concern or ask a question, we are here every day to help.



Jumble sale Saturday 26 May

There will be a Jumble sale organised by a group of our parents on Saturday 27 May 10-12 noon, all jumble donations welcome from the Monday prior, good quality bric a brac, books unless they are suitable for OWN BOOKS and of course jumble!

Class One Assembly

Class Ones assembly was fabulous and gave us all a real treat. The children looked beautiful and gave us a super version of the well-known story Chicken Licken. The children enjoyed showing their show to the parents and also at the Easter tea, well done Class One for giving us all so much pleasure.



Internet safety

It has come to my attention that some of our pupils are using social media and playing/watching gaming designed for a much older audience at home. Increasing numbers of them have ipads, tablets and even phones with internet access. It would be concerning to think that parents were sanctioning such behaviour, I can only assume therefore that children are acting WITHOUT parents knowledge of their activities. Please check what your child is doing, what they are watching and what they might be doing or saying digitally that could be putting them at risk. Internet safety and cyber bullying is addressed over and over in school, we have plays such as IN THE NET , talks by the police, class lessons and discussions, assemblies with the children about keeping themselves safe on line and using the internet safely. However it appears that there are children who understand all of this and are choosing to flout the rules or think it doesn't apply to them outside school. We will talk to parents if we have any concerns, but any misuse of the internet which impacts on school life will be sanctioned in school. Parents will be aware that it is our DUTY as a school to involved social services and the police if we feel children are being exposed to inappropriate material on the internet or putting themselves at risk.

If you feel you need some help and guidance with this matter please ask any staff member or Mrs Hamilton or myself. A good website to look at is the NSPCC who have very helpful guidance for parents and carers and sensible advice about how to talk to your child about online safety.



Cotswold Festival

Please see attached press release about a competition coming up at half term, we already have the undecorated sheep ready for distribution- it should be great fun! Start having a think about how weird and whacky you can make your sheep! Big thanks to Newlands for kindly purchasing the sheep for the competition.

Lovely writing- please see attached some lovely writing- a class poem by Class 2 and a fabulous water poem by Lucas Harley in Class 2, enjoy!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, see you one Tuesday

As always please consider my door open, don't let small worries become big concerns, Together we can succeed

Rebecca Scutt, Headteacher

The Rhythm of Life

Hand on the bridge feel the rhythm of the train.

Hand on the window feel the rhythm of the rain.

Hand on your throat feel the rhythm of your talk.

Hand in the sea feel the rhythm of the tide. Hand on your heart feel the rhythm inside. Hand on the rhythm feel the rhythm of the rhyme.

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time.

Michael Rosen

The Rhythm of Life

Hand on the jelly feel the rhythm of the wobbling.

Hand on the bee feel the rhythm of the buzz.

Hand on the tap feel the rhythm of the drip.

Hand in the wind feel the rhythm of the gust.

Hand on the tiger feel the rhythm of the roar.

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time.

Thames Group

Class 2.

The Rhythm of Life

Hand on the fish

Feel the rhythm of the splash.

Hand on the rock

Feel the rhythm of the bump.

Hand on the freezer

Feel the rhythm of the frost.

Hand on the plane feel the rhythm of the jet.

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time

Hand on your life feel the rhythm of time.

Windrush group Class 2.

The Rhythm of Life

Hand on the volcano feel the rhythm of the eruption.

Hand on the Jacuzzi feel the rhythm of the bubbles.

Hand on your lips feel the rhythm of your lies.

Hand on the tiger feel the rhythm of the roar.

Hand on the bell feel the rhythm of the ring.

Hand on the butterfly feel the rhythm of the flutter

Hand on the pipe feel the rhythm of the water.

Hand on your veins feel the rhythm of the blood.

Severn group Class 2

The Rhythm of Life

Hand on the trumpet feel the rhythm of the noise.

Hand on the toilet feel the rhythm of the flush.

Hand on the frog feel the rhythm of the croak.

Hand on the dog feel the rhythm of the bark.

Hand in the treasure feel the rhythm of the gold.

Hand on the snail feel the rhythm of the slime.

Hand on your nose feel the rhythm of the sneeze.

Hand on the wolf feel the rhythm inside.

Avon group Class 2

STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES 2016-17

Please note these dates may be subject to change but we endeavour to give as much notice as possible for events.

01/05/2017	Bank Holiday
08/05/2017	SATS Week for Year 6 English Reading Test 60 mins
09/05/2017	SATS. English SPAG short answer test , English Spelling Test
10/05/2017	SATS Maths Arithmetic Test
10/05/2017	SATS Maths Reasoning Paper 1
11/05/2017	SATS Maths Reasoning Paper 2
12/05/2017	Athletics meeting for all juniors.
12/5/2017	Non Uniform for BINGO- please send in raffle prizes
15/05/2017	Stow Library Visits this week
16/05/2017	Full Governing Body Day long visit to school
18/05/2017	SEN MyPlan reviews
19/05/2017	SEN MyPlan Reviews
19/5/2017	BINGO night
22/05/2017	1.30 pm MDSAs meeting with the Head
25/05/2017	12 noon Teaching Assistants meeting with the Head
25/05/2017	Science day at school for all classes
26/05/2017	Class assembly tbc
26/05/2017	Break up for half term
27/05/2017	JUMBLE SALE
05/06/2017	School starts
08/06/2017	Sports Day, all day, picnic for all families on field at 12 noon, races start at 1pm
12/06/2017	1.30 pm MDSAs meeting with Head
13/06/2017	3-6pm Governor Committee meetings
14/06/2017	7pm New reception parents induction evening
15/06/2017	12 noon Teaching assistants meeting with Head if no sports day
15/06/2017	Reserve Sports Day
20/06/2017	New Reception Children in school 1.45pm
22/06/2017	New reception children's induction afternoon 1.45 pm
23/06/2017	PTFA Summer Disco 5.30 infants 6.45 juniors
23/06/2017	Gecko Maths Day

26/06/2017	Stage up after school
26/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6
27/06/2017	New Reception children's induction afternoon 1.45 pm
27/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6
28/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6
29/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6
29/06/2017	New Reception Children in school 1.45pm
30/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6
05/07/2017	Cotswold School Induction Day for Y6 children
06/07/2017	New Reception children's induction afternoon 145, whole school swap afternoon
06/07/2017	Cotswold School Induction Day for Y6 children
07/07/2017	Summer Fair 5-8pm
10/07/2017	Juniors Summer performance 1.30 pm
11/07/2017	Juniors Summer Performance 6 pm
14/07/2017	Sponsored Walk morning for this year's charity
14/07/2017	Stow's Got Talent Show afternoon
14/07/2017	School reports out today for all children
20/07/2017	Year 6 Leavers Sleepover
21/07/2017	Leavers assembly 9 am for coffee , 930 start
21/07/2017	Break up for Summer Holidays
24/07/2017	INSET Day Staff only
25/07/2017	INSET Day, staff only