



STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Friends

Baby Bramley arrives!



I am delighted to announce the safe arrival of beautiful little **Baby Esther Constance Joyce Bramley** (two middle names are her grandmother's names). Baby Esther arrived a little early and weighs only 5lb so spent a bit of time in the special baby unit. She is now home and doing very well, as is Mrs Bramley! So well in fact that she paid us a short visit this week, how lovely! Congratulations to The Bramley Family and welcome to the world baby Esther.



Reading to help children in hospital

Readathon

We know many of the children are busily reading away with the Readathon raising money for children in hospital to provide them with lovely books but also to raise money for books for the school. The

Readathon continues until next week so keep going readers!! Thank you to Miss Tuck for organising it all. Mrs Luney has prepared a wonderful display in the entrance hall which tells you more about it. Mrs Nicholds Brown is visiting the offices of Own Books to swap all our old books for some lovely ready ticketed up books to take away so there will be some great new material to read soon, thank you to Mrs Nicholds Brown for being so proactive. If you haven't been in then come into school to the entrance foyer at any time and choose a new book to take away and enjoy!



Parliament Education Service Talk and Workshops

The children in the juniors enjoyed a talk from Roz from the Education Service at Westminster. She talked to them all in assembly about British Values such as freedom of speech, the right to vote, democracy and how the House of commons and House of Lords works and how bills get passed back and forth. Year 4 and 5 children then held debates in the hall as part of two workshop opportunities. The morning was very enjoyable and informative and of course sadly became very topical given the events of last Wednesday.



Football

Our teams have been busy again and had great fun in another set of matches this time at home against Bourton on the Water. This is the second time we have played them recently and our teams did us proud! Well done and thank you to Mr Hartley and Luke for coaching them all so well.

Austin's Budgies came to school!

Austin's grandfather and dad came to school with their lovely budgies. Class One really enjoyed finding out more about these much loved birds and drew some wonderful pictures of them. A big thank you to Mr Quiney and Mr Quiney senior for their time



Tag Rugby for Lower Juniors

Well done to our younger tag rugby players. They played well winning two matches and drawing one, we are very proud of them. Thank you to Mr Cox for coaching them at rugby club and to Mr Bramley for taking them.

Tag Rugby Tournament and Memorial Cup

Our Y5 and 6 team enjoyed their Annual Tag rugby tournament at Temple Guiting this week. They played very well and some of our players were nominated for the Helen Lancaster Memorial Cup for "generosity of spirit" on the playing field. A boy from Sherbourne was the winner this year and will keep the cup for a year. The names of the winners are engraved on the cup and will be added each year to the first ever winner **Eddie Bayliss**. I have informed Mrs Lancaster daughter Amy and she was very pleased. Thanks to Mrs Swallow, Izzy and Lucy for taking them.



Fair trade talk

Miss Naylor and Adam from The Co-op in Stow came to school talk to the children about fair trade and brought some delicious fair trade goodies for each child (bananas and chocolate) YUM! Thank you very much to our wonderful friends at the Co-op.

Easter Tea Thursday 6 April

All grandparents or local elderly residents are welcome to our annual EASTER TEA on Thursday 6 April at 2pm in school; please let the office know names for catering purposes. We will be selling raffle tickets as well as our usual delicious Easter tea, cakes,

entertainment, bingo and gifts to take home, all welcome



Easter Maths Day

We will be holding a special GECKO Maths Easter egg day on Tuesday next week based on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk- with lots of golden eggs for good measure! The children will be enjoying a range of activities aimed at improving their maths and building their problem solving and reasoning skills.



EGG HUNT

In the afternoon the PTFA will be holding an **Easter Egg Hunt** with prizes for the winning team and a small chocolate prize for everyone. The children will take part in a pea scramble- finding dried peas sprinkled on the field and seeing which team can find the most. There will also be filled plastic eggs on the field some of which might have a golden ticket prize inside- this entire fund! There will be a small charge of £1 to take part to cover costs. We are delighted that Miss Naylor and our friends at Co-op have helped us out with some of the eggs! Many thanks to them for their kind donations. Please bring in £1 on the day to take part. See attached flier



Swimarathon

Don't forget to try to get some sponsors for our amazing swimmers! They will be swimming nonstop on 8 April for 45 minutes to raise money for the school.



Easter Raffle

Raffle Prizes in aid of the school are on display in the entrance hall, tickets are £1 a strip and will be drawn at our Easter tea, please call in or look out for the PTFA on the playground as they will be helping school council to sell the tickets- good luck everyone!

PTFA Kit

The PTFA are funding some new kit for the children including jackets and new versatile tops so we can look all singing and dancing when we play away or at tournaments, thank you PTFA!

RE in Class 5 Class 5 have been learning about Rites of Passage. This week we looked at weddings with Mrs Christian and tried on some gorgeous wedding clothes, take a look! We are looking at baptism next! (Watch out baby Bramley- last time we did a pretend baptism we ended up baptising a rolled up coat!)



Another picture of fun in the playground with Mrs Neville for you to enjoy!



Frog Race for well child

Well done to the Well Child Fundraising team- what a super success on earlier in the month. Over 80 happy race goers gathered to witness the hilarious spectacle of Frog Racing. It was such good fun watching and enjoying the races and the exciting promises auction that followed. Well done to Mr and Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Jeffrey, Mr Cox, Mrs Smith and also to The Swallow Family for running the bar so smoothly and to Miss Heath for washing up all evening. We are delighted to say that the evening raised over £3300 for Well Child- how magnificent and thank you so much to everyone for coming along and for supporting this fabulous cause, which means that the four team runners now have sufficient funds to run the London Marathon for Well Child

Infants Visit to All things Wild

The Infants had a brilliant trip to **All things Wild** learning about plants, life cycles and many animals and dinosaurs! They behaved beautifully and were a real credit to the school.





Visit from Pet Therapy

We were delighted when Nettle from pet Therapy came to visit school. The visit was suggested by Mrs Joynes (Ellies mum) as she organises visits from Nettle at Jubilee Lodge. We were thrilled to give her a stroke and get to know her, what a lovely dog. She will be visiting again next week to meet the infants and we hope this will become a regular part of school life! The children were VERY keen to meet her again.

Walk4Wildlife



This a very exciting attempt to create 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!

There are more details, and a link to the Walk4Wildlife website here if you would like to know more: <http://2017.schools-mail.co.uk/walkathon/january17/email.html> or website:<http://www.walking4wildlife.com/schools-walk>



Just to give you the heads up, we are hoping to publicise an upcoming walk for Maggie's in Cheltenham through school and hold an assembly next week about this charity. Whilst we are not collecting for them we will be sending home information leaflets about the walk through Cheltenham parks which many people including some of our families enjoyed last year

Easter Tea Request

If you are able to make some small cakes or a larger one to cut up, we would be delighted to receive any donations on THURSDAY next week for our Easter tea for

elderly relatives and residents in the local area. This would enable Class 5 to be able to focus on making sandwiches, please send in any donations on Thursday morning, we will be MOST grateful! Thank you from Class 5 children

Class One Assembly

Class one will be performing at the Easter tea but they will also be showing their talents at their assembly on Friday 7th April at 2.30pm in the school hall, all welcome.

Breakfast club

As you are aware breakfast club is available from 8am every day and is very well attended. The children enjoy a wide ranging breakfast including hot food twice a week and they enjoy socialising, playing games, art and PE activities, ipad time and using construction toys. They are very well looked after by Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Cato and Miss Heath. Breakfast club has been heavily subsidised by the school in the past but is now in a position to become increasingly self-sufficient. With this in mind we are increasing the prices to £2 per child per day from after Easter for the Summer term in the first instance, which I am sure you will agree is exceptionally good value for money. If you are interested in attending breakfast club there is always sign up sheet on the front door for the week ahead to ensure we have plenty of staff and sufficient supplies of bacon!

Easter holiday

We will be breaking up on Friday 7th April for the holidays returning bright and breezy for the summer term on Monday April 24th have a wonderful holiday!

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 area 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.

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

Rebecca Scutt , Headteacher

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.

27/03/2017	"Mock SATS " Assessment Week for Year 6 all week
29/03/2017	KS2 Year 6 SATS information talk 3.15 in Class 5
04/04/2017	Gecko Maths Day "Easter"
06/04/2017	Easter Tea 2pm for the local elderly community and grandparents
07/04/2017	Class assembly Class 1
07/04/2017	Break up for Easter holidays
24/04/2017	1.30 pm MDSAs meeting with Head
24/04/2017	Back to school today
25/04/2017	3-6pm Governor Committee meetings
27/04/2017	12 noon Teaching Assistants meeting with Head
28/04/2017	1.30 pm School council
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.
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
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
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 530 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 1.45, 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