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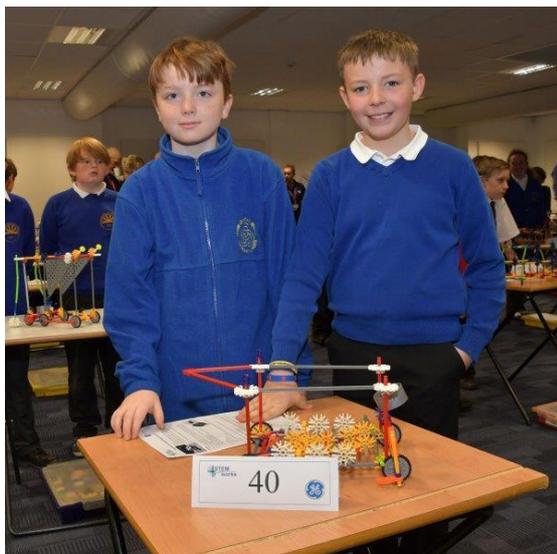
Dear Parents and Friends

SATS

Children in Y6 will be undertaking their SATs tests this week Mon 8-Thurs 11 May and so they will need lots of extra TLC and good breakfasts each day! Breakfast club is being offered FREE all week until Thursday for Y6 children. Year 2 children have been doing some special assessments too this month but we are trying to keep theirs low key so that they don't really realise they are taking place

Year 6 please DO NOT BE AWAY or ill!

After the SATS tests Y6 will be having a great treat of bowling , food, balloons etc. in **Cheltenham** to give them something to look forward to and to celebrate all their hard work .



Knex challenge

Well done to Scott and Angus who represented the school at GE Aviation K'nex Challenge Finals. They had to design a space

vehicle that could collect samples easily. Well done to both of them for reaching the final and being such great engineers!



Little Princess Trust
Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

LITTLE PRINCESSES DONATION BY LEXI



INSET day MONDAY 5 JUNE our school will be closed all day to pupils for staff training

Lexi Huxson in Class 2 has decided to have her beautiful waist length hair cut into a short bob to help ill children. Lexi is planning to have her hair cut into a short bob and plans to donate her hair to the charity Little Princess Trust. Lexis mum commented that she didn't want Lexi to cut her pretty hair but when she realised Lexis plans she just couldn't refuse her!

Lexi will be collecting sponsors for her drastic hair cut challenge to raise money for the charity too, so watch this space. Here is a bit of information about the charity for interest from their website which is worth a visit as it tells about the little girl who was the first "little princess" www.littleprincesses.org.uk/

We provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. As a result of treatment for cancer, most children will suffer hair loss as a side effect. Some boys and girls cope remarkably well but for others this can be very upsetting. The Little Princess Trust is a children's cancer charity and our mission is to supply real hair wigs to children suffering with cancer, for the duration of their treatment. However, in addition we assist children with other conditions which also result in hair loss, the most common being alopecia.

Friday 12 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. The juniors will need to wear their sports clothes. 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. See attached flier for details. The BINGO night itself is one week later on 19 May, sorry for any confusion in the last newsletter.



Bingo Night

If you enjoy BINGO then keep May 19th free? It will be eyes down for a full house of adults 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.

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



Let's keep kids safe online



Shared reading with Y2 and Y6 relaxing before and after SATS!



Rounders

Our rounders team enjoyed some matches at a tournament at Bourton on Thursday last week. They lost two games, drew one and won a game against Temple Guiting. Our girls played alongside other teams who did not have enough players and comment was made by other teachers about what great ambassadors our children were. Particular mention was made of Jasmine Sivalingam for her great knowledge of the game. Thank you to all the parents who turned out to support us and to the staff for taking them and organising it all.

Volunteer drivers

We are very grateful to our willing band of parents who happily help with

transporting children to and from matches and events. This is so helpful to the school especially as transport costs in rural areas are so expensive. The more support we get, the more likelihood there is that budget cuts will not impact on extra curricular sporting and other activities. It is best policy for the school to ensure that when parents help with trips "in the name of the school" rather than just as an arrangement between two parents that a volunteer drive form is completed. This is a very simple form that declares that your vehicle is roadworthy with an MOT and insured and will be retained by school for a year. Many thanks for your continued help and support.

Buddy reading session



Premises developments

The PTFA have sourced and are funding a new metal container style shed for the playground to replace our rotting wooden shed which has done us good service over the years. Many thanks to the happy team, of parents (and children) and to Mr Bramley who helped clear the shed and dismantled it over the weekend.

Mr Kanfer Clarke is going to put down additional footings and we hope to take

delivery of the container once the PTFA have finalised their “negotiations” over the price and delivery.

It is hoped that some art students will paint it up as a project and turn one side into a replacement outside theatre.



Reading outside class 2 classroom

Other exciting premises plans

The fort in Class 1 is reaching the end of its life expectancy and will soon be replaced hopefully by a lovely new wooden castle , funds permitting. Our atrium roof and adventure playground are both on going projects in need of support time and enthusiasm on the part of school governors and PTFA to seek funding!



On a less exciting note you will see we are having some shrubs and bushes removed as their roots are continuously interfering with the juniors toilet drains so you may

well see some work going with the roots at the top of the juniors steps too.

The childrens centre

This is currently closed for refurbishment and is another big project for the school. It is currently having a new floor put in by the local authority and then the school will be able to start running services ourselves from the building so watch this space. We are very grateful to the Exclusive Brethren community who have made a very generous contribution to the childrens centre refurbishment and decoration- there is lots going on!!!



Emergency plan

For your information, the school has an emergency plan which runs alongside our fire evacuation plan that if ever for whatever reason we had to **leave the school premises** completely and couldn't go onto the field (eg a bomb scare or an incident on the field) then we have a long standing arrangement with The Exclusive Brethren community to be able to use their meeting room car park as an assembly point where children and staff could wait safely until adults could collect the children. We have recently updated our plans and this is still our arrangement. Hopefully we will never have to use it.

We have a reciprocal arrangement with some other local institutions that they can use our premises if needs be.

As I always say please do consider my door to be open, don't let small problems become big one, we are here to help and serve you all

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.

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	INSET day MONDAY 5 JUNE our school will be closed all day to pupils for staff training
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 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