



## STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Friends

### SATS for Y2 and Y6

Please note that all the tests for Y2 and Y6 have been completed. The children are now working on their writing assessed pieces for their end of year assessments. Well done to the children in those two year groups- they have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them all!

### Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics screening

There will be a phonics screening check for all of Year 1 and some Year 2 children during the week beginning **12 June**. We are also being part of a trial for NFER who will be in school as part of a mandatory project researching materials for phonics screening in future years. We would like all Y1 parents and parents of those in Y2 taking the screening tests to attend a short meeting on Wednesday straight after school this week please.



### 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 now on**-good quality bric a brac, books unless they are suitable for OWN BOOKS and of course jumble!

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



### Bingo Night SUCCESS!! £847.60

The Bingo night was a phenomenal success with well over fifty bingo enthusiasts in our school hall, the evening was run by Marrick and Jean (Lucas Farrell's grandparents) who have been running Charity bingo evenings at Yanworth near Northleach for well over 30 years. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and well organised evening with a lot of hard work and enthusiasm from a team of parents and friends of the school, and the wonderful prizes and raffle all kindly donated by our school community. The overall taken on the night was £847.50 although there are some expenses.



A great big thank you to everyone who donated prizes, came along on the night or helped in any way before during or clearing away afterwards. Well done to Mrs Nicholson who won the star bingo game and won the amazing hamper of goodies including a meat voucher from Lambournes and a voucher for Stow Lodge as well as lot so luxuries It was a hilarious evening- hope you enjoy the pictures and don't miss out if we run another one!



### Technical engineers

We were very proud of two more budding engineers- Ashley and Jessica May who were selected to take part in a visit to TT Electronics to look at various engineering processes. They made their own very complex looking cables and even had the chance to print their own 3D key ring personalised with their names. They were really great ambassadors for the school- well done. Many thanks to Mrs Birch for taking them along.

### Walk4Wildlife



The school enjoyed their walk for wildlife on Friday afternoon at exactly 2.15pm. They all set off around the field behind our giant badger (this was Mr Cox dressed up thanks to Roisin Akerman). The children wore all kinds of wildlife masks and thoroughly enjoyed being part of the world record attempt.

We raised £73.11 for wildlife charities to help Badger and hedgehogs and other injured animals (Evesham Wildlife rescue and Badger Trust).

### Internet safety talk by PC Nick Westmacott

PC Westmacott came into school to talk to the children about the internet and safer usage of social media. He was very clear with the children about the dangers of using onlinesites suitable for older children and about keeping themselves safe.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, don't forget that If your child is asking for a game or an APP and you are not sure about it or you only recognise it by its icon then this is the site might be for you <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> / It gives you a full round down on the APPs and sites and how to keep safe on line.

Other useful sites include:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

### Talk to someone about online safety

Whether you want to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help.

**0808 800 5002**

The NSPCC will be coming into school after half term and will be holding assemblies for the infants and the juniors along with additional workshops for the juniors on keeping themselves safe

## SPORTS DAY THURSDAY 8 JUNE

Sports day will soon be upon us- it is the first Thursday back after half term.

If any parents would like to help in the morning on an event please let us know-it's not onerous and you don't need to be super fit! Please phone in with your name if you can commit sometime between 9 and 12 noon.

There will be a picnic at 12 noon for everyone, parents included and a school lunch to eat outside is available to all, including adults- see attached flier.

Races will be from 1pm, details to follow on another letter.

In the meantime here's a checklist

1. Check if you can help out 9-12 on an event and ring school to let us know
2. Make sure your child has a sun hat and a T shirt in their house colour- red, yellow, blue or green
3. Arrange for a school lunch, a picnic to eat with your child or a packed lunch
4. Come to school at 12 noon for lunch, or at 1pm for races, may be consider bringing a rug or a deck chair to sit on
5. Bring some pennies; you will be able to buy teas, coffees and refreshments for yourself. You are NOT able to buy things for your child during the races but there will be ice-creams on sale afterwards for you to treat your child (and yourself).

6. We are likely to overrun a bit so be prepared to be a bit late home that night

### Volunteer drivers

If you drive to and from trips and matches for the school we will need you to complete a volunteer drivers form, please see attached- print off and send in or ask for a paper copy at the office. Many thanks for all your support in helping us to keep costs down.

### Sheep decoration Competition

Ceramic sheep are available now for collection by an adult from the office, we will sign the sheep back in and give them a number for ease of identification. Please bring your sheep back in after half term ready to display at the Cotswold Festival. The organisers would like them back in by mid-June but we will send you plenty of reminders. There is a poster of idea in the entrance hall if you get stuck!



### Sun hats, sun cream and helmets

Please make sure your child has plenty of sun cream applied before coming to school and that they have a sun hat in school each day. We will keep children without hats safe from burning by allowing them to play under the trees but its better with a hat please!

On a similar safety note please make it the rule in your house that if your child is on wheels then they are wearing a helmet. I have seen a number of children around and about in the community on scooters and skateboards but forgetting their helmets- they go just as fast as a bike at times and a bang on the head even at quite low speed could be very serious.

### Archery and Mountain biking team

We certainly like to get involved in all sports at Stow- here are our team at work today



### RE out and about

The children in the juniors have been visiting the church for our RE with Mrs Scutt. They were amazing ambassadors!



### Road crossing

If your child travels to school unaccompanied please remind them to always use the pedestrian crossings on busier roads. In this way they are getting into routines and good habits and are also setting the younger children a good example.

WRITING here is some lovely writing chosen by Miss Tuck from Class Three who have been writing poetry using metaphor and similes and onomatopoeia in their writing.

Slowly, ever so slowly the earth starts turning

Rocks are colliding

Which drum roll over the land

Mountains appear like giant cities.

By Lucas Farrell

Curling and whirling, the fish make a beautiful whirlpool like a salsa dancer dancing her heart away

Fish dancing through the lovely blue water  
 The fish swirl their shining, shimmering tails and showing all of their scales like a rainbow of lovely colours  
 Just like a disco ball spinning all around the ocean  
 As fast as lightning  
 The fish swim in the deep blue ocean  
 By Maggie

The sparkly fish dart through the water splash, splash and create a spring whirl pool and then go straight like a tornado!  
 By Riley

Fish are swimming like a hurricane  
 Crash, bang wallop,  
 The first fish in come to attack the fish like an Olympic runner, the fish are golden  
 By Finley

Fish, swimming like Olympic swimmers, forming a spinning whirlpool,  
 Sprinting millions of slashing golden fish  
 Like candy floss machines that make you dizzy,  
 Fish biting through the water which spins like a washing machine  
 Fish running like screaming chainsaws trying to chop down a chocolate tree  
 Fish zooming to make a gigantic mouth of fish  
 By Charlie Loughlin



## FORWARD NOTICE

Our school building is 21 years old in June and we are going to hold a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party on **Friday 23 June** - with fun Gecko maths all based on the number 21 and a boucy castle throughout the day possibly with a sponsored bounce, lots of delicious food and to finish the day a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday

disco for infant and juniors! It should be great fun, details to follow!

### **Some other important dates to consider**

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

**Tuesday 6 June Naturesbase Parents meeting 5pm**

**Wednesday 7 June- Malvern trip parents meeting 3.15pm**

**Play afternoon Saturday 7 July See attached flier**

**School dinner on sports day See attached flier**

### **STOP PRESS**

**A mum is looking for some child care in the holidays for a preschool girl and a girl in Y3, please ask at the school office if you are interested in this role.**

As I always say please do consider my door to be open, don't let small problems become big ones, 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.

26/05/2017	Break up for half term
27/05/2017	JUMBLE SALE
05/06/2017	<b>INSET day MONDAY 5 JUNE our school will be closed all day of pupils for staff training</b>
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	21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday PTFA Summer Disco 530 infants 6.45 juniors
23/06/2017	21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Gecko Maths Day and bouncy castle
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 Malvern trip for Y2
28/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6 Malvern Trip for Y2
29/06/2017	Naturesbase Camping trip for Y5 and Y6 Malvern Trip for Y2
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