



# STOW-on-the-WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter November No 1, 2013

Dear Parents

### Children in Need

As you know we set our charities for the year so that we can focus our attentions and not feel like we are asking parents all the time for every national charity day.

However there are two things that we would like you to consider. Firstly Children in Need are doing a Rickshaw challenge pushing a rickshaw along the route shown on the map.

Unbelievably they are passing the end of St Edwards Drive on Thursday just about 9.45am. We are hoping that the police PC Skinner will ring us as they approach and we can track them online and take the children down to the end of the road to see them go past. Please could you consider sending in a few pennies in an envelope so that we can make an online donation with the school council here from school?



### Crisis in Philippines

#### Non uniform “uniform Day”

At very short notice we will be holding a non uniform “uniform “day on Monday 18 November. If a child has a uniform other than school uniform for example brownie uniform, tae kwon do outfit, cricket kit, football kit, scout uniform etc, then they can wear it on this day to school and make a donation which we will give to the appeal for the poor families in the Philippines who have lost everything.

I thought after the remembrance day that it would be lovely to celebrate those who are in uniformed or clubs where they wear special kit but I also feel we ought to do something to help those in such terrible need when I stood looking at the Christmas boxes this morning, so this combines the two well without hopefully being too intrusive on your hard stretched purses!



## PTFA Quiz Night

A final reminder that the PTFA are holding their annual quiz night on Friday 18 November. Teams of up to 8 are welcome to enter, please ring so we have an idea of numbers. Tickets are £5 a head to include a ploughman's supper. There are prizes and a licensed bar with waitress service. Come along and see if you can beat the staff!



## National School Meals Week

We were thrilled that so many children enjoyed school meals during national school meals week. Mrs Taylor cooked 225 meals during the week with the most popular day totalling 65 meals in one day- this is a record for a weekday, not including Christmas dinner of course.



If you would like your child to start having meals then please call in at the office for details.

Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 20 December, please see attached flier for details. We hope that every child will join in with this joyous occasion.

## School Christmas Fair

### Friday 29 November 2013

Please send in donations for the raffle hampers on a Christmassy theme please. Each class will try to produce a lovely hamper for the raffle – I am sure competition will be fierce!

Nearer to the time we will also need filled jars, cakes and other donations such as bottle and tins for tombola, do please try to support us however you can as every little bit helps.

If you have any spare jam jars please bring them to my office asap as I am keen to get filling them up but can't eat enough jam and marmalade fast enough to get enough empty jars!

## PGL Money

The next payment is due on 29 November, many thanks

## Jumble Sale

Please remember the jumble sale taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, all donations to be brought in on Friday 22 please, to the atrium.



### **Samaritan's Purse Thank you**

WOW- a world record breaking number- now at over 160 boxes in the entrance hall! Thank you so much indeed for such an amazing level of support – our best ever with donations from friends and family, staff, governors, local residents including Chamberlayne and Fisher house who sent a wonderful number of boxes and gorgeous hand knitted baby clothes which will also be utilized although not in the boxes themselves.

Please see photos of our magnificent wall of presents on the website [www.stowprimarieschool.co.uk](http://www.stowprimarieschool.co.uk)

### **Poppy Appeal and Affiliation**

We were very proud of the numbers of children who turned up on Sunday to march in the parade for the RBL: Remembrance Parade. I was so proud of the children and staff members who joined in. They all had a little treat at school the next day, please see photos

of them on the website  
[www.stowprimarieschool.co.uk](http://www.stowprimarieschool.co.uk)



We were also extremely proud of the children taking part in the Remembrance Day service usually at the Square on 11/11/13. Despite the inclement weather we went to the square and to the service which was held in St Edwards Church instead of outside. The children sang beautifully and many people commented on how heart warming their voices were on such a solemn occasion. Thank you to everyone who helped us to walk up to the church and who joined in with the service. Special thanks to Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Swallow for sorting out the music and helping the singing to go so well.

### **Affiliation Service**

We will be formally affiliating with The Royal British Legion at a special ceremony at school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. If you are interested then please come along to witness the signing of two certificates to mark the occasion.





## Dates for the rest of the term

**Please check out the website calendar for the most up to date events and days**

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Here are some of the main dates you may need to know:

Monday 15 November

Non Uniform for Oxfam to help the Philippines

Friday 18 November PTFA Quiz Night

Saturday 23 November Jumble sale  
10-12 noon at school, all donations welcome on Friday 22 November

Tuesday 26 November Piano recital at St Edwards Church

Tuesday 26 November Class 3 trip to Gloucester Cathedral and Museum

Friday 29 November Non uniform day for tombola, please wear your own clothes and bring in an item for tombola.

Christmas fair 6-8pm

Monday 2 December Class 4 trip to Caerleon Roman Museum

Thursday 5 December Infants dress rehearsal for nursery 10am

Thursday 5 December singing in the church for The Christmas tree festival 2pm juniors only, this will be the Young Voices songs

Friday 6 December Theatre Visit to Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury 10am

Friday 6 December Christmas Tree Festival at St Edwards Church, we will be displaying trees decorated by the children in the church

Monday 9 December 2pm Infants dress rehearsal noisy siblings welcome

Tuesday 10 December infants Christmas performance 2pm

Tuesday 10 December 6pm Juniors Young Voices show at school

Thursday 12 December 6pm Infants Christmas performance

Friday 13 December Class 3 assembly

Thursday 19 December KS1 Party and KS2 Party, wear party clothes to school today as it is party day!

Friday 20 December

Carols at The Baptist Church, all welcome 930 am

Christmas Dinner

Break up for the holidays

Monday 6 January 2014 back to school

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



