

Stowford School News

December 2020 (3)



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy term this has been; the children have continued to work hard and play hard as we manage school life in accordance with Government guidance for COVID-19, as well as its occurrence in our school community.

The children and staff from both Year 2 classes and Year 3 Swifts returned to school on 1st December, with no further positive tests. Home Learning was very successful during this time and thank you for all the favourable comments we have received about this.

Home Learning:

During the period of self-isolation, the children in these classes were taught via Class Dojo. This was very successful and will continue to be the method of home learning for classes in Foundation, Year 1, 2 or 3 should a bubble have to close in the future.

Remote learning for children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be via Microsoft Teams should this be necessary. Following the successful bid for DfE funding, the school now has an improved online platform with the facility to provide remote learning via Microsoft Teams for the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes. We are currently teaching the children how to use this system in school so that they are prepared should the need arise.

If any family requires help with IT resources during a period of home learning, please contact the school as soon as possible, as we have a supply of laptops which can be borrowed for the duration.

NSPCC:

Children from Y1 to Y6 have watched a virtual very informative assembly from the NSPCC; "Speak Out. Stay Safe." introduced by Ant & Dec.

Thank you for your charitable contributions!

Thank you for all the donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal which raised £183.81. A wreath was laid at the War Memorial in Ivybridge on behalf of the school.

Thank you also for the donations to Children in Need which came to an impressive £647.26! The children all enjoyed coming to school in spotty mufti and cheering for their chosen duck in the televised Duck Race. Congratulations to all the children who picked "Quackman and Bobbin" who was first over the finish line - we hope you liked your prizes lucky ducks!!

Thank you everyone for your support for these charities.

Nasal Flu Immunisations:

The nasal flu vaccination session is taking place on **Wednesday 9th December 2020**.

If you have not yet consented, please complete the link below today so that this is not forgotten or missed.

The Immunisation Team of Virgin Care would urge you not to miss this opportunity as they are getting a lot of parents approaching them after the date of the school sessions having missed the deadline to consent. Although there are Community Clinics, due to Covid restricting the number they can vaccinate at those Clinics, there are very limited spaces available and they have to prioritise those that are medically vulnerable or were absent.

If you have any queries or need support to complete the electronic consent, please call the Immunisation Team on 0300 247 0082.

The link to complete the electronic consent is: <https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/dedevon>

Please note the link closes 48 hours before the Team visits the school.

Christmas plans:

Sadly, as we are unable to carry out our usual range of nativity plays and carol concerts, Christmas performances this year will appear virtually on your child's Class Dojo page. We hope you enjoy them!

School Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 16th December:

This year we will serve Christmas dinner with a difference! Children who have ordered school lunches will get Christmas food 'with a twist' (details to follow) to allow festivities while making it a manageable activity for Christmas in each bubble. Lunch will be in a box together with Christmas activities. Don't forget to order via ParentPay!

Christmas Menu

Christmas 'Piggie in a blanket'
(sausage wrapped in bacon) hotdog
or

Christmas veggie sausage and
stuffing hotdog

Served with 'potato present' waffles
Christmas 'baubles' (peas and sweetcorn)
and festive sauces (mayo, tomato or
cranberry sauce)



Ice Cream and Shortbread Cookie
Please note there will be no jacket
potato option on that day.

And don't forget that **Wednesday 16th December** is also '**Christmas Jumper Day**' in aid of 'Save the Children' - children can come to school in mufti with a Christmas top/jumper - all donations to the charity very welcome!

Christmas Tree: Stowford School would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to **Mr and Mrs Howell of Lukesland Farm** for donating the fabulous Christmas tree standing in the hall. We are immensely grateful to the Howells for their generosity to the school every year - it really is appreciated by everyone. This year the tree feels even more special and it has brought even more excitement and enjoyment to the school!



Parent App Lite:

In line with GDPR regulations, Stowford School replaced the annual School Data Collection Form in 2019 with a convenient new way to check the information held on the school database for your child/children via the SIMS Parent App Lite. New log in information/activation codes for the App have recently been issued to enable parents/carers who are resident with their child to check the details for their children. These were generated automatically and emailed to new families and anyone who had not activated their account last year.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office where the team will be happy to help.

Public Consultation: Devon School Admission Arrangements and Education Transport Policy 2022-2023:

A DCC public consultation is now open inviting you to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded and some academy schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2022-23.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/arrangements-and-policies/admissions-transport-and-relevant-areas-consultation>

This is the annual opportunity for parents, other schools, early years' settings and the local community to review the admissions arrangements that are proposed and to comment on them, making suggestions for change. The consultation ends on Friday 8th January 2021.

School Crossing Patrol:

A reminder that the crossing on Exeter Road continues to be unmanned. Please be aware that it remains the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their child travels to and from school safely, regardless of whether there is a School Crossing Patrol or formal crossing such as a zebra or signalled crossing.

DCC are recruiting to fill this vacancy, so if you wish to apply, DCC would love to hear from you.

There is more information about working as a Patrol on their webpage:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/schools/school-crossing-patrols/>

Stay safe everyone!

Staff Vacancies:

We are currently recruiting at Stowford School. Please see the advert below. There is more information and details of the application process on the school website under Vacancies.

Please remember that, whenever possible, I will be at the school gate at drop off and collection. So please do not hesitate to have a chat or simply say hello!

Best wishes
Sue Williams
Headteacher

Parking in Prideaux Road:

Please be considerate of our Neighbours.

Sadly, the school has again received phone calls from residents in Prideaux Road concerning inconsiderate parking and, what is worse, swearing and abuse they have received from parents/carers of the school.

When neighbours are unhappy it is the school staff who have to placate and apologise on behalf of our parents/carers. Please do not put the admin team in this situation.

Please follow the Highway Code when parking and be considerate of local residents. Consistent infringements could lead to the police being involved.

The ethos of Stowford School is 'Respect, Excellence, Friendship'. We sincerely ask that you please demonstrate these qualities to our neighbours and wider community. Thank you.



Stowford Friends Fundraising Initiatives

Cauliflower Cards:

Thank you on behalf of the Friends to everyone who supported this fundraising activity. Your fabulous Christmas Cards should be with you shortly.

Christmas Raffle:

As Stowford Friends have been unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year and getting raffle prizes is a challenge in the current climate, the Friends signed up to take part in the Big PTA Raffle. This is an online service selling raffle tickets nationally and any we sell will raise funds for Stowford Friends for the benefit of the school.

Here is the link to buy tickets and support Stowford Friends:

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/stowford-primary-school-pl21>

Please share this link with your family and friends, anyone can take part and choose to support us. Make sure you select "Stowford Friends" as your chosen PTA.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we wish you good luck!

Stowford Yurt:

As you know much of the recent fundraising by the Friends has been for funds to provide a Yurt for Stowford School. You will all have spotted that the Yurt has arrived and was put up by a team of volunteers so that it is now standing proudly in the school field. This will be a fabulous learning space for the children. Unfortunately it cannot be used currently due to COVID-19 but it is an amazing facility and everyone is thrilled that it is here and ready to go.

Thank you to everyone in the school community for your continued support.

Stowford Friends

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HUGS FROM HENRY

Take part in the Plymouth Superheroes COLOURING COMPETITION! A bit of fun for the little ones and to help raise awareness and vital funds in support of a local charity, Hugs From Henry.

🏆 COMPETITION ENTRY:

Three steps to follow, and a chance to win a prize too!

1 - Grab a copy of our poster* and break out the crayons, glue, glitter go wild! The more colourful the better!

2 - Donate to the Hugs From Henry justgiving page:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/hugscovidcrisis>

3 - Drop your completed poster at one of our drop off points** or email a scanned copy of it to

info@plymouthsuperheroes.co.uk.

The competition closes on Sunday 13th December at 7pm. A small panel will pick their favourites, and a selection of entries will be shown off when declaring the overall winners!

🎁 SIX PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

1st Prize - a Brian Pollard original pencil drawing (donated by the artist) + an art set from The Art Side + a box of Heroes chocolates

2nd Prize - Box of 20 Treats (including cookies, cakes and brownies) from Petit Four Emporium + an art set from The Art Side + a box of Heroes chocolates

3rd Prize - a set of Brian Pollard badges from Kaya Gallery + an art set from The Art Side + a box of Heroes chocolates

4th Prize - Box of 12 Treats (including cookies, cakes and brownies) from Petit Four Emporium + an art set from The Art Side

5th Prize - box of Heroes chocolates

6th Prize - box of Heroes chocolates

Funds raised during this competition will be in aid of Hugs From Henry's Covid crisis appeal, helping to raise funds to help families who are vulnerable in Plymouth, through the delivery of hot and cold meals, food boxes and vouchers to those who need it most.

Thanks go to everyone who enters - from the Plymouth Superheroes: Andi Hill (Captain Rugwash); Scott Grenney (Agent Plymouth); Nigel Pay (Grape Crusader); Mick Quick (Emperor EPC) and Caroline Wilson (Miss Molyneux).

Special thanks to Steve Evans Illustration & Design for donating his time to design the Plymouth Superheroes Poster of the committee members.

Find out more about:

Hugs From Henry (www.hugsfromhenry.co.uk)

Plymouth Superheroes (Plymouth Superheroes)

*Posters available online here:

<https://captainrugwash.co.uk/plymouth-superheroes-in-aid-of-hugs-from-henry-colouring-competition-2020/>

**Drop off points for poster print entries:

- Kaya Gallery (The Barbican)
- Hugs Charity Shop (Plymstock)
- Plymouth Estates (Elburton)
- Caroline Wilson (Parent at Stowford - carolinewilson@molyneuxassociates.co.uk)
- Others to be added soon or email to info@plymouthsuperheroes.co.uk



Ivybridge Library - Survey:

Book Track is the reading challenge for primary-aged children run by Libraries Unlimited through your local public library. Lots of children enjoy taking part, earning badges and stickers

as a reward for reading lots of books and talking about them. Now Libraries Unlimited has received some funding, from Tesco Bags of Help, to create a brand new reading challenge to replace Book Track. This is where you can help. Before making any changes or creating something new, Libraries Unlimited would like to find out what you think. They are interested in the views of all parents/carers and children that are interested in books and reading.

Please follow [this link](#) to a short survey that is designed for children aged 5+ and a parent/carer to complete together. It won't take long to complete, and you could win a fantastic prize. The survey is open until Friday 11th December 2020 and all entries submitted before then will be entered into a prize draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet! (Ts&Cs apply.)

Advent Calendar Story Time - Ivybridge Library

Ivybridge Library is publishing an Advent Calendar Story Time daily on Facebook which you may like to watch at home. The stories are suitable for children up to Year 2 and are only a few minutes long:

<https://www.facebook.com/IvybridgeLibrary>

Dates for your Diary Autumn 2020

December 2020	
09/12/2020	Flu Immunisation Programme: F-Yr 6
16/12/2020	Christmas Jumper Day/School Christmas Lunch
18/12/2020	Last day of Term
21/12/2020	Christmas Holiday

Dates for Your Diary Spring 2021

January 2021	
04/01/2021	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
05/01/2021	Return to School/1 st day of Spring Term
15/01/2021	Deadline for applications to Primary School
February 2021	
09/02/2021	Safer Internet Day
12/02/2021	Last day of Half Term
15/02/2021	Half Term Holiday
22/02/2021	Return to School
22/02/2021	PM Yr 6 Junior Life Skills
March 2021	
01/03/2021	Secondary School National Offer Day
04/03/2021	World Book Day at school
24/03/2021	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
25/03/2021	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
31/03/2021	AM/PM Dance Shows/Parents & Carers invited TBC
April 2021	
01/04/2021	Stowford Friends Easter Egg Competition TBC
01/04/2021	Last day of Term
02/04/2021	Easter Holiday
16/04/2021	Primary School National Offer Day

Dates for Your Diary Summer 2021

April 2021	
19/04/2021	Return to School/1 st Day of Summer Term
May 2021	
01/05/2021	KS1 Test period begins
03/05/2021	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
10/05/2021	KS2 SATS week
28/05/2021	Last day of Half Term
31/05/2021	Half Term Holiday
June 2021	
07/06/2021	Return to School
07/06/2021	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Week
18/06/2021	Stowford Friends Summer Fair TBC
22/06/2021	F/KS1 Sports Day
23/06/2021	Nursery Sports Day
24/06/2021	KS2 Sports Day
28/06/2021	Yr 5 Bikeability Week
July 2021	
06/07/2021	School Transition day
06/07/2021	Yr 6 Transition day at ICC
07/07/2021	F/KS1 Reserve Sports Day
08/07/2021	KS2 Reserve Sports Day
12/07/2021	Reports to parents
14/07/2021	AM Nursery Graduation
14/07/2021	3.30-4.30pm - Report discussion session
15/07/2021	1.45pm & 6pm - Yr 6 production
16/07/2021	Yr 6 visit to Woodlands
19/07/2021	Stowford Friends: Yr 6 Leavers' Disco TBC
20/07/2021	9.30am Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly - Yr 6 parents/carers invited TBC
20/07/2021	Last day of Term
21/07/2021	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
22/07/2021	Summer Holiday

Please note these dates are intended to provide advance information of events planned throughout the school year. Dates of events are TBC and subject to change or cancellation due to COVID-19.





Stowford School
Ivybridge

Posts required from January 2021

Cleaner Grade A (Devon Pay Scale)

41 weeks pa at 10 hours per week

(38 weeks term time/10 hours in Easter holidays/20 hours in summer holidays)

Permanent Contract

Teaching Assistant (Grade B)/Meal Time Assistant (Grade A)

38 weeks pa (28.75 hrs pw TA role/1.67 hrs pw MTA role = 30.42 hrs pw total)

Fixed Term Contract to 1st April 2021

Early Birds/Roosters Out of Hours Clubs

Wraparound Care Assistant Posts

Commencing 5th January 2021

Fixed Term Contracts to 1st April 2021

3 x Wraparound Care Assistants, Grade B (SCP 2-3)

8.00am-8.45am and 3.15pm-5.45pm, 38 weeks pa

(16.25 hours per week)

2 x Wraparound Care Assistants, Grade B (SCP 2-3)

3.15pm-5.45pm, 38 weeks pa

(11.25 hours per week)

If you are interested in any of these roles and would like to find out more, please speak with the Headteacher, Mrs Sue Williams: Tel 01752 894163

or see the Vacancies section of the school website: www.stowford.devon.sch.uk

To apply: please complete an application form downloadable from the website and return by email to: headteacher@stowford.devon.sch.uk

Closing date: Thursday 10th December 2020 (9.00am)