

Stowford School News



February 2021 (5)

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very busy half term again and I am so impressed by how hard the children have worked, both in class and at home.

The staff have worked tirelessly to provide high quality education for both school and home learners. I hope staff also have a wonderful half term break.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support of both your own children and the school through your positive feedback, which has carried us all through a challenging half term. At the time of writing this newsletter, Boris Johnson has stated that schools **may** reopen from 8th March. Fingers crossed that this is the case, as we know how hard it has been for many of our families juggling home learning and working. We would love to have everyone back in school again as soon as it is safe to do so.

I hope you have a wonderful half term holiday, have time to rest, and recharge.

Parents' Evenings appointment letters will be sent out after half term (in early March).

Safer Internet Day at Stowford School

Safer Internet day offers the opportunity to spark a conversation about the safe and responsible use of technology and to inspire children and young people to create a better internet in the future. This year we marked Safer Internet Day on Monday 8th February with a special assembly. Although this is a national day, we do promote safer use of the internet on a weekly basis through our curriculum. Several helpful resources are available on Class Dojo if you would like to read them

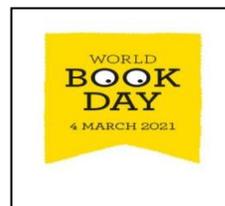
Swimming Lessons:

We will have to see what the COVID situation is before we can advise parents about summer term swimming lesson.



Junior Ten Tors

It is unlikely that this event will happen but we will keep you informed as we receive information ourselves.



This year we are celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 4th March**. Children and staff who will be in school on that date are encouraged to dress as a character from a book. Children at home might like to dress up

too and send in their photos via ClassDojo.

Finally, may I wish you a restful half term break and look forward to seeing some children back in school and some on Teams/ClassDojo on **Monday 22nd February 2021**.

Best wishes

Sue Williams

Headteacher

SPORTING CELEBRATIONS

Sporting events have been few this half term. All KS2 were invited to enter **Devon Active Games Virtual Indoor Athletics** competition. Stowford gained no medals this time but all participants will receive a certificate.

Congratulations to Mina in Swifts who came fourth in the **Devon Virtual Dance** competition.



Stowford Friends – News & upcoming events

The **Yurt** will soon be up and running. A wood burner has been installed and, after the last few safety checks and installations have been made it will be ready to use after half term. It is very cosy inside!

We hope that fund raising events will resume when it is safe to do so and we will keep you in touch with developments.

TRAIN TO TEACH PRIMARY ONLINE EVENT, FRIDAY 5 MARCH 2021@9am

Are you interested in teaching as a career? Has helping your child with home learning given you an urge to teach?

If so, why not register for the event advertised on the attached flyer and find out how to train locally to be a primary or secondary school teacher. The event is online via Microsoft Team (you will be invited into the meeting). **Please register online at [Teach South West \(teachsw.co.uk\)](https://www.teachsw.co.uk)** to come along and find out what your next steps into teaching could look like...

Message from Devon and Somerset Fire Service

As we are still unable to visit schools, we are not able to share one of key safety messages, which is that all households with children should have working smoke alarms.

If households don't have working smoke alarms, they are entitled to a free Home Safety Visit. Please see the attachment to this newsletter for details.

Also attached are a couple of tasks sheets for pupils to use over the half term break if they wish.

[CBBC YouTube Channel.](#)

Message from the CBBC team:



CBBC has made an exciting revamp to the [CBBC YouTube Channel](#), which you may be interested in for entertainment at half term and outside of home-schooling hours!

CBBC are uploading videos to their channel daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have all the top CBBC brands on here, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment.

Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. We are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

If you would be interested in this, please subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc - (it is obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the CBBC live daily and on the BBC iPlayer.

Best wishes

The CBBC team

