

# Stowford School News



April 2021 (7)

Dear Parents and Carers

The four weeks since the children returned to school have been amazing with everyone so happy to be back! We 'eased' the children back into school, as everyone's lockdown experience was different and continued with 'well-being Wednesdays' just for this term. I have to report that the children have settled back into school routines superbly - it was as though they had never been away!

Following an assessment for reading and maths, we have conducted gap analysis and will be taking the curriculum to the children in support of their learning.

Teachers will be able to discuss this with you at the parents' evenings in April (more details to follow after the Easter holidays).

## P.E. :

We will continue to ask children to come into school in their smart P.E. uniforms on the days they have P.E. This will be 3 times per fortnight and your child's class teacher will advise the specific days on ClassDojo. A reminder that football t-shirts with logos and/or coloured tracksuits are not PE uniform.

## Winning Tor:

Congratulations to Hound Tor who earned 8,345 house points this half term. The children all enjoyed the reward of wearing mufti to school today!

## School trips:

As you know, lockdown rules were updated on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Schools continue to operate in accordance with the updated DfE guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance>). The guidance shows positive news for schools being able to resume school day and residential visits from April/May. The Trust/school will be reviewing this guidance and further information will follow as soon as possible, in particular about the Year 6 annual Beam House residential scheduled for September 2021.

## Readathon:

World Book Day was celebrated in school and at home on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and there were many impressive costumes - well done everyone!

World Book Day was a great day to introduce the school 'Readathon', raising money for children's hospital books and storyteller visits. To date the school has raised a totally amazing £1,664.00. Wow! The last day of the Readathon is today, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The winning classes with the most amount of reading minutes recorded were Finches in Key Stage 1 and Kestrels in Key Stage 2. Individual readers with the most amount of minutes recorded were Charlie B in KS1 and John S in KS2 who were both awarded a trophy and an Easter egg.

A huge "WELL DONE and THANK YOU EVERYONE!" Here is the link for where to pay in your sponsorship money: [www.readforgood/sponsor](http://www.readforgood/sponsor) . Thank you again for all your fantastic support.

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2021:



Thank you for your support for Comic Relief on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The total raised for the charity was £463.10. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**Finally, and so importantly,** thank you to everyone again for all your support for our school community during this difficult year. In school, we took a moment to reflect on the one year anniversary (23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021).

I hope that everyone can enjoy some quality family time together this Easter, perhaps meeting outside with more family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you all for the summer term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. (We will be continuing with the staggered start and finish times in the summer term).

Best wishes and 'Happy Easter!'

*Sue Williams*

**Headteacher**



### Some reminders

#### **Absence reporting procedures:**

Please note that sickness absences must be reported to the school office and not via ClassDojo to the teacher. Reporting absence to 14 individual teachers introduces a potentially significant element of delay in our safeguarding procedures. Attendance recording and safeguarding procedures require the information to be reported at a central point. There is an answer service on the school telephone system for absence reporting: 01752 891462 Option 1. In addition, if you have rung to report your child absent (thank you!) and advised that they, or a close family member/contact, has taken a COVID test, please remember to advise the office that the test is negative when your child returns to school.

For information, the Pupil Attendance Policy has been updated recently and can be viewed on the school website, along with all statutory school policies: [www.stowford.devon.sch.uk](http://www.stowford.devon.sch.uk).

### Please park with consideration

It is unfortunate that it continues to be necessary to include statements about parking on the school newsletter. Far too frequently, we are the recipients of angry phone calls from residents in neighbouring properties when parents/carers have blocked their driveways or when they have been subject to verbal abuse by adults linked to this school.

We ask again, please show respect for our neighbours and our school staff.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SPRING TERM 2021**

<b>April 2021</b>	
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 TERM 2021**

<b>April 2021</b>	
19/04/2021	Return to School 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Summer Term
28/04/2021	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening (TEAMS)
29/04/2021	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening (TEAMS)
<b>May 2021</b>	
03/05/2021	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
06/05/2021	Stowford LGB Meeting TBC
28/05/2021	Last day of Half Term
31/05/2021	Half Term Holiday
<b>June 2021</b>	
<b>All event dates TBC</b>	
07/06/2021	Return to School
22/06/2021	F/KS1 Sports Day
23/06/2021	Nursery Sports Day
24/06/2021	KS2 Sports Day
24/06/2021	Stowford LGB Meeting
28/06/2021	Yr 5 Bikeability Week
<b>July 2021</b>	
<b>All event dates TBC</b>	
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
20/07/2021	9.30am Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly - Yr 6 parents/carers invited
20/07/2021	Last day of Term
21/07/2021	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
22/07/2021	Summer Holiday