

Stowford School News



October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach half term I am pleased to report that the autumn term at Stowford School is off to a great start and all classes are working hard. Year 6 have enjoyed a brilliant residential week at Beam House in North Devon experiencing a range of outdoor pursuits, getting very wet and muddy! Many thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who enabled this to happen.

Arrangements for Beam House 2022 are now underway!

School Councils:

Elections have been held for our new student bodies for this academic year.

Congratulations to the following children:

School Council: Mya, Esme, Joseph, Phoebe, Edie, Oscar, Lily and Florence. These children will work with me to discuss all aspects of school life and make the necessary improvement that children would like.

Arts Council: Rosie, Roxie, Kalia, Kai, Amber, Ozzy, May and Edith. These children will work with Mrs Robinson to improve provision in the Arts at Stowford School.

Sports Council: Phoebe, Charlie, Jaxson, Bessie, Amelia, Daisy, William and Charlie. These children will work with Miss Kee to improve our sports provision.

Eco Council: Erin, Poppy, Summer, Rose, Coral, Esther, Sophie and Mia who will work with Miss Canty to help to make the school a more eco-friendly environment.

Uniform: Thank you to all parents for ensuring children are attending school in smart uniform, including hair tied back, nail varnish free hands and no jewellery!

P.E. Kit: Similarly, thank you for ensuring that children attend in smart P.E. kit on the correct days for their class, it is important that the children wear their school sweatshirts and dark plain hoodies/fleeces as these are not mufti days.

It make a huge difference in class and helps us all to concentrate on the important things in school.

Harvest Festival:

Thank you for all your generous donations for Harvest Festival on Friday 1st October. A representative from the Ivybridge Foodbank attended our special assembly to talk to the children and then transported the contributions back to their stores. Thank you on behalf of the school and the Foodbank for your incredible generosity.

School Photos:



Individual school photos were taken on Friday 8th October. The children all looked very smart and I'm sure the photos will be lovely.

Arrangements will be made separately for photographs for the children in the Nursery in the summer term.

Please note that the deadline to place online orders for the school photos is midnight on 25th October 2021.

Dojo points:

Congratulations to Fox Tor who have been awarded the highest number of Dojo points this half term.

The reward is to wear mufti tomorrow, Thursday 21st October, if children would like to do so. If your child has P.E. or Wild Tribe on that day please ensure their mufti is suitable for those activities.

If you are not sure which Tor your child is in please ring the school office who will be able to provide you with the information.

Football and shin pads:

In accordance with the Football Association guidelines, children who wish to play football at any time in school must wear shin pads. Children may bring their own shin pads and school have some that children may borrow if needed.

In addition, due to a plethora of footballs being brought to school, we would ask that after half term children do not bring balls from home. Balls will be provided for children to play with while in school.

Water bottles:

Please remember that water bottles should contain just water rather than juice or squash. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Immunisation:

The Virgin Care Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 1st November, the first day back after the half term holidays. As you are aware, the deadline for consent was midnight on 19th October 2021. Please contact the Team directly if you need to make alternative arrangements: Tel: 0300 247 0082 or email vcl.immunisations@nhs.net.

Applications for Secondary School:

This is a reminder to all parents and carers of Year 6 children that the closing date for applications to secondary school is 31st October 2021. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline



Stowford Friends met recently and have a number of lovely fund-raising ideas in the pipeline. Look out for a letter soon with more information!

Staff Information:

We recently welcomed Mrs Yasmin Rogers to the school. Mrs Rogers is working in three roles: Wraparound Care Assistant, Meal Time Assistant and Teaching Assistant. We extend a warm welcome to her and we hope she will be very happy as part of our dedicated team.

On Friday, we said farewell to Rachel Hanley-Wildman, our Kitchen Manager. Rachel has cooked for hundreds of children and members of staff over the 9 years she has been cooking at Stowford School. She has now moved on to cook for the children of UTC in Plymouth and we wish her all the best for her new job. Miss Sarah Pawley, who has been part of our kitchen team for some years, has taken over as Kitchen Manager.

Vacancy:

There is a vacancy for a Wraparound Care Assistant (play worker) at our after school club, Roosters. This is a 3:15pm-5:45pm role to ensure children have a fun and relaxing time after school whilst parents are working. If you

think you may be interested, please contact the school office on 01752 894163 for more information.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you have any queries or concerns. Whenever possible I will be at the school gate at drop off and collection, so please do not hesitate to have a chat. It is always lovely to speak with parents and carers of Stowford School. I wish you a restful half-term holiday.

Best wishes
Sue Williams
Headteacher

Local Governing Body (LGB): As you are aware, Stowford School is part of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT): Westcountry Schools Trust. The MAT is governed by one set of Members and a Board of Directors who delegate certain responsibilities to the Local Governing Bodies of the individual member schools. At Stowford School, the Local Governing Body (LGB) is made up of local people who know the school and work in the interest of our school community. At the first meeting of the Local Governing Body (LGB), the Governors agreed that LGB meetings should be open to the public.

The dates of the LGB meetings for this academic year are included in the lists of 'Dates for your Diary'.

Writing Implement Recycling Scheme:

Stowford School is still collecting used plastic-coated writing implements for a recycling scheme. So please do not throw away any of the items listed below but ask your child to bring them into school for the scheme. Alternatively, please drop off any contributions in the collection box in the school entrance foyer when you are passing.

Items that can be recycled are as follows:
Biros / Mechanical Pencils / Highlighters
Felt pens / Correction fluid instruments
Ink pens and cartridges

But not:

Glue Sticks, rubbers, rulers, wooden pencils or any sharp objects.

STOWFORD SCHOOL



THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 School Term/Holiday Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2022	SPRING TERM 2023	SUMMER TERM 2023
Thursday 1 September & Friday 2 September Non-Pupil Days	Tuesday 3 January Non-Pupil Day	Monday 17 April Non-Pupil Day
Monday 5 September First day of Term	Wednesday 4 January First day of Term	Tuesday 18 April First day of Term
		Monday 1 May Bank Holiday
To	To	To
Friday 21 October Last day of Term	Friday 10 February Last day of Term	Friday 26 May Last day of Term
HALF TERM HOL (24 - 28 Oct)	HALF TERM HOL (13 - 17 Feb)	HALF TERM HOL (29 May - 2 June)
Monday 31 October Non-Pupil Day	Monday 20 February Non-Pupil Day	
Tuesday 1 November First day of Term	Tuesday 21 February First day of Term	Monday 5 June First day of Term
To	To	To
Friday 16 December Last day of Term	Friday 31 March Last day of Term	Friday 21 July Last day of Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (19 Dec '22 - 2 Jan '23)	EASTER HOLIDAY (3 - 14 April)	SUMMER HOLIDAY

Dates for Your Diary Autumn 2021

October 2021	
21/10/2021	Mufti for Fox Tor
21/10/2021	Last day of Term
22/10/2021	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
25/10/2021	Half Term Holiday
31/10/2021	Deadline for applications to Secondary School
November 2021	
01/11/2021	Return to School
01/11/2021	Flu Immunisations
04/11/2021	Y2 'London Day' (Mufti)
04/11/2021	3.20-4.20pm Athletic Squad Training
08/11/2021	Stowford Friends - Coffee Morning
11/11/2021	Remembrance Day Assembly (in school)
11/11/2021	3.20-4.20pm Athletic Squad Training
12/11/2021	Children in Need
15/11/2021	Primary School applications open
18/11/2021	AM - Y3 Watermark (French Film)
18/11/2021	3.20-4.20pm Athletic Squad Training
24/11/2021	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
25/11/2021	3.20-4.20pm Athletic Squad Training
25/11/2021	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
December 2021	
02/12/2021	5.30pm LGB Meeting
04/12/2021	Stowford Friends Christmas Fair
06/12/2021	KS2 Carol Service Rehearsal - Church all day TBC
06/12/2021	KS1 to watch Carol Service Rehearsal PM TBC
07/12/2021	Nursery Christmas TBC
07/12/2021	1.30pm KS2 Carol Service - Church TBC
07/12/2021	6pm KS2 Carol Service - Church TBC
08/12/2021	Stowford Friends - Bag2School Collection
08/12/2021	6pm KS2 Carol Service - Church TBC
09/12/2021	AM Y1/2 Christmas production TBC
09/12/2021	PM Foundation Nativity TBC
09/12/2021	6pm Y1/2 Christmas production TBC
15/12/2021	Christmas Jumper Day
15/12/2021	School Christmas Lunch
16/12/2021	Last day of Term
17/12/2021	Christmas Holiday



Dates for Your Diary Spring 2022

January 2022	
04/01/2022	1 st day of Spring Term - Return to School
10/01/2022	Letters out re Clubs
15/01/2022	Deadline for applications to Primary School
17/01/2022	Clubs start this week
20/01/2022	7pm Stowford Friends Meeting - all welcome
21/01/2022	Y4 swimming - session 1 (every Friday afternoon for Spring Term)
February 2022	
03/02/2022	5.30pm LGB Meeting
08/02/2022	Safer Internet Day
18/02/2022	Last day of Term
21/02/2022	Half Term Holiday
28/02/2022	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
March 2022	
01/03/2022	Return to School
01/03/2022	Secondary School National Offer Day
03/03/2022	World Book Day at school
07/03/2022	Devonport Swimming Gala TBC
14/03/2022	Last week of clubs
23/03/2022	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
24/03/2022	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
31/03/2022	5.30pm LGB Meeting
April 2022	
01/04/2022	Y4 swimming - session 10 (Final)
05/04/2022	Class and Team Photos
07/04/2022	AM/PM Dance Shows Parents/Carers invited
08/04/2022	Stowford Friends Easter Egg Competition TBC
08/04/2022	Last day of Term
11/04/2022	Easter Holiday
16/04/2022	Primary School National Offer Day

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Dates for Your Diary Summer 2022

25/04/2022	1 st Day of Summer Term Return to School
29/04/2022	Y5 (+ some Y6) swimming - session 1 (every Friday afternoon for Summer Term)
May 2022	
02/05/2022	May Bank Holiday
03/05/2022	KS1 Test period begins
03/05/2022	Letters out re Clubs
09/05/2022	KS2 SATS week
09/05/2022	Clubs start this week
12/05/2022	5.30pm LGB Meeting
23/05/2022	Y4 Forest Expedition
24/05/2022	Y4 Forest Expedition
25/05/2022	Y4 Forest Expedition
27/05/2022	Last day of Term
30/05/2022	Half Term Holiday
June 2022	
06/06/2022	Return to School
06/06/2022	Y1 Phonics Screening Week Y4 Multiplication Assessment period
21/06/2022	F/KS1 Sports Day
22/06/2022	Nursery Sports Day
23/06/2022	KS2 Sports Day
20/06/2022	Last week for Clubs TBC
July 2022	
01/07/2022	Stowford Friends Summer Fair
06/07/2022	F/KS1 Reserve Sports Day
04/07/2022	Y5 Bikeability Week
05/07/2022	School Transition day TBC Y6 Transition at ICC TBC
07/07/2022	5.30pm LGB Meeting
07/07/2022	KS2 Reserve Sports Day
08/07/2022	Y5 (+ some Y6) swimming - session 10 (Final)
11/07/2022	Reports to parents
13/07/2022	AM Nursery Graduation TBC
13/07/2022	3.30-4.30pm - Report discussion session
14/07/2022	1.45pm & 6pm - Y6 production TBC
15/07/2022	Y6 visit to Woodlands TBC
21/07/2022	Stowford Friends - Y6 Leavers' Disco 7-8.15pm TBC
22/07/2022	9.30am Y6 Leavers' Assembly: Y6 parents/carers invited
22/07/2022	Last day of Term
25/07/2022	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
26/07/2022	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
27/07/2022	Summer Holiday



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