

Stowford School News



December 2021 2nd edition (5)

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, it's been another strange year! Thank you so much to all our staff, parents and children for being so cheerful, adaptable and flexible as we have continued to live by ever changing rules and regulations. Let's hope everyone is well in time for Christmas and enjoys a happy, festive time. If there are any changes to Government COVID guidance during the Christmas holidays that affect us in school, I will send an email to alert you. For now, I can advise that we will continue with the staggered start and finish times and coming to school in smart P.E. kit on class P.E. days.

Christmas 'Virtual' Performances:

We were very sorry this year again not to have been able to perform our usual Carol Concert in the church and the various nativity plays and craft shares. However, we hope that you have enjoyed all the carols and Christmas songs that have been shared on Class Dojo.

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo is a fantastic platform for sharing events and learning in school. We have also found that it is a fantastic tool for communication between home and school and vice versa. We would ask parents to remember that our teachers work very hard and need their time off too so although you can message any time you wish, teachers do not have to reply after 6pm or at weekends. Remember that information regarding absence and medical appointments must be advised to the school office in the first instance and not via Class Dojo.

Christmas Jumper Day:



Christmas lunch went smoothly yesterday and all the children enjoyed their delicious festive meal with their teachers, accompanied by Christmas music and eco-crackers. Children came to school in mufti with Christmas jumpers and donations for 'Save the Children' totalled **£170.01**. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Poppy Appeal:

Thank you for all the donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, which raised a whopping **£362.16!**

Olympic and Paralympic Values: Seven children from each class have been awarded certificates representing the values: Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Courage, Determination, Equality and Inspiration. Well done to all award winners.

Behaviour Policy:

Our behaviour policy is currently under review. We are working towards writing a new policy but this will take several months to implement. The first step in the planned change will start in the Spring Term when we are changing our reward system. Instead of 'Golden Time', crystals and 'Crystal Treats', rewards will be in a different form and be more immediate for the children. You will be kept informed at all stages of the process and when the new policy is ready it will be shared with you.

Stowford Friends:

A big thank you to Stowford Friends, principally Mrs Byers and Mrs Vickers, for all their hard work to continue fund-raising for the school during these difficult times. We really appreciate everything you do!

The Christmas cards produced by Cauliflower Cards looked fantastic and so did the tea towels and coasters distributed this week. Details of the funds raised from these events will be announced in due course.

Bag2School: Thank you for all your contributions to the 'Bag2School' venture. The weight of the donations raised a splendid **£126.00** for the school.

And finally, thank you to you all. Your contribution to our school community makes an enormous difference and is always genuinely appreciated. Thank you for all the kind words, complimentary emails, Christmas gifts and cards we have received. On behalf of everyone at Stowford School, may we wish you a wonderful Christmas and all best wishes for your health and happiness in 2022! We look forward to seeing everyone when we return on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Have a fantastic holiday!
Sue Williams
Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary Spring 2022

January 2022	
04/01/2022	1 st day of Spring Term - Return to School
06/01/2022	5.30pm LGB Meeting
10/01/2022	Letters out re Clubs
15/01/2022	Deadline for applications to Primary School
17/01/2022	Clubs start this week
18/01/2022	PM Y6 to Tennis Centre every Tuesday to 29/03/2022
20/01/2022	AM Y2 to Theatre Royal
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
29/03/2022	PM Y6 to Tennis Centre every Tuesday (last session)
29/03/2022	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
30/03/2022	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

Dates for Your Diary Summer 2022

April 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
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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

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Wraparound Care Assistants at the Before and After School Clubs at Stowford School.

For more details, please see the Vacancies section of the school website:

www.stowford.devon.sch.uk

Please note: all dates are for information only and may be subject to change.

