Stowford School News

July 2023 (8)

Dear Parents and Carers

Here is the final newsletter of this academic year. What a busy term it has been. Alongside our learning and assessments, there have been so many amazing events, including visits to a cheese factory, the Tamar Bridge, Smeaton's Tower, Buckfast Abbey, Ivybridge Book Shop, Paignton Zoo, animal encounters and dancing at Buckland Abbey. Sporting events, including this year's Field Gun Tournament, and sports' days, a whole school art exhibition, Junior Ten Tors, Y4 residential, Y5 Bikeability, Wild Tribe and Bastille Days and a Year 6 celebration camp out on the fields and trip to Woodlands; plus, a fabulous summer fair. Not to mention a Coronation and an Ofsted inspection! Wow. What a fabulous school community. Thanks to everyone in our whole school community - I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of Stowford School. THANK YOU ALL!



Thank you for all of the good wishes for our recent OFSTED inspection, and thank you to all of you who gave feedback in the parent survey.

We have not yet received the report and will share it when it arrives - this may not be until September.

Statutory Tests:

Congratulations to all children who have taken statutory assessments this year. Tests are just one measure of outcomes for pupils and we are proud of every child for trying their very best. Our school results are very favourable in comparison to national outcomes and considering the disrupted two years of education that children have had. Results as follows:

Foundation Stage

Children entered school broadly in line with standards expected for their age. By the end of the academic year 87% (65% National 2022 - 2023 figures not yet published) had achieved a Good Level of Development.

Phonics summary

98% of children in Year 1 passed the phonics screening. (75.8% National 2022 - 2023 figures not yet published).

Safeguarding:

Should you need any help or advice about safeguarding matters over the summer remember the telephone number for MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) is:

0345 155 1071



Key Stage 1: Year 2

Year 2 children have undergone statutory testing against the national standards and this has been used to inform teacher assessment.

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	Working at the expected standard at Stowford 2023	Working at the expected standard nationally 2022 (2023 figures not yet published)	
Reading	82%	67%	
Writing	72%	58%	
Maths	75%	68%	

Key Stage 2: Year 6

Children in Year 6 have been teacher assessed and undergone Standard Attainment Tests (SATs)

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	Stowford	Stowford	National 2022
	School:	School:	
	Expected	Greater	
	Standard	Depth	
Reading	94%	53%	73%
Writing	91%	25%	71%
Teacher			
Assessment			
SPAG	89%	50%	72%
Maths	98%	53%	73%
Reading	88%	29%	59%
writing and			
maths			

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Annual School Awards:

This morning, we said farewell to our lovely Year 6 children who are heading off to secondary school. Thank you to you all for your contributions during your time at Stowford School.

The Leavers' Assembly was a wonderful (if emotional) event this morning. We are all so proud of the children and the achievements of each and every one of them.

The camaraderie and support they showed for each other in their production of 'The Lion King!' this year was fantastic, as was the show itself. The children and staff team worked so hard and should be rightfully proud of the West End quality production!

All the children have been presented with a dictionary and a pen at the assembly this morning and all of them should be proud of their time at Stowford School. Believe you can be anything you want to be and follow your dreams.

Congratulations to the children who received End of Year Awards and to the two winners of the '100 Book Challenge', Harry C and Ozzy, who shared first prize and were each awarded a £40 Amazon gift voucher.

Stowford School		
End of Year Awards 2023		
HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	Alfie B	
FIEAD TEACHER 3 AWARD	Libby C	
STOWFORD PUPIL AWARD	Harry C	
	Coral P	
ACHIEVEMENT SHIELD	Esther S	
ACHIEVEMENT SHIELD	Toby P	
	Zander P	
STOWFORD SPECIAL	Lucas B	
EFFORT AWARD	Blythe L-P	
SPIRIT OF DEVON AWARD	Ozzy G	
SPIRIT OF STOWFORD	Manus A	
LAURA WEATHERALL PLANE	AA alla at	
AWARD FOR INSPIRATION	Molly L	
HELPING HANDS AWARD	William G	
SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT	Amelia B	
SHIELD	Xavi M	
SPORTSMANSHIP CUP	Charles P	
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ART PLATE	Draylen H	
MUSTC AWARD	Amber S	
MUSIC AWARD	Evie V	
	Harry B	
DRAMA AWARD	Zach P	

Sports Day Cup Winners:

Congratulations to Fox Tor who, for the first time in ten years, won the Sport Day Cup! Overall Scores:

4th Crow Tor with 5,818 points

3rd Hound Tor with 6,027 points

2nd Hare Tor with 6,093 points

1st Fox Tor with 6,111 points

It was a very close competition.

House Captains 2023/2024:

The decision regarding next year's House Captains has been deferred and will be announced after the holiday!

Sports News:

Junior Field Gun Tournament - Armed Forces Day, 24th June

Once again, our fabulous Field Gun Club team participated in the annual Junior Field Gun competition on the Hoe as part of Plymouth's Armed Forces Day celebrations.

Twenty primary school teams from across the county competed throughout the day in an exciting tournament, with the Stowford School Field Gun Team receiving the award for 'Least Penalties' - scoring a magnificent zero penalties across the entire tournament! Well done to Mrs Ocean for her dedication to the Field Gun Clubbers this year, and to our fabulous team, whose hard work resulted in a first prize award!

Summer Fair:

Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Summer Fair after the delay due to inclement weather. The amount raised was a fantastic £2483.54. This money will be used to support projects to enhance and enrich the curriculum for children.

Stowford Friends:

As many of you know, Alice and Rachael, the current Chair and Treasurer of Stowford Friends, will be standing down this year as their children leave Stowford School. I would like to thank them, both personally, and professionally on behalf of the Stowford community, for all their hard work and support as leaders of Stowford Friends. You have both done so much for the school - we are incredibly grateful for your support, commitment and dedication. THANK YOU!

Staff Updates:

We said farewell to Mrs Neal, Teaching Assistant, at the beginning of July with our best wishes for her new job. As the term ends, we say farewell to Mrs Marks and Mrs Sykes as they begin maternity leave. We send them our best wishes and look forward to hearing about the new arrivals in due course!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Richardson, who has been working with us as an MTA, and to Miss Thorne, who was working as a Wraparound Care Assistant at Roosters. We send you both every good wish for the future.

Finally, may I wish everyone a very happy summer holiday? Term begins again on Wednesday 6th September 2023. Please see dates below for the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about the year ahead early in the new term.

If there are any questions that arise, please email: admin@stowford.devon.sch.uk.

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support throughout the year, helping make Stowford the fantastic school that it is.

Enjoy the summer.

Yours sincerely
Sue Williams
Headteacher

Dates to note:	
Wednesday	
6 th September 2023	Return to School
8 th September 2023	Y6 Meet the Teacher -
3.30pm	Parents/Carers
13 th September 2023	Y1/2/3 Meet the Teacher -
3.30pm	Parents/Carers
14 th September 2023	Y4/5 Meet the Teacher -
3.30pm	Parents/Carers
Wednesday	Roosters closed due to whole
20 th September 2023	school staff Safeguarding
3.30pm- 5.45pm	training

2023/2024 Preparation:

The School Day:

Morning (all classes) - doors open at 8.45am with registers taken at 8.55am.

Home time - Foundation and Year 1 pick up at 3.15pm; Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pick up at 3.20pm.

Walking to school: Please walk to school if you can to reduce the numbers of cars around school. Fewer cars will lead to more space for people. If you do have to drive, please always park with consideration for our neighbours. Thank you.

In readiness for the new academic year could I remind parents that children with pierced ears must remove earrings for PE. If you are intending to have your child's ears pierced, the beginning of the summer holiday is the ideal time, so that they are able to remove the earrings by themselves by September.

PE Kits: Next year we will continue with children wearing PE kit to school on days on which they have a PE lesson. They will not need to get changed. Please could parents ensure that their children have the correct PE uniform (Stowford or plain white/Stowford navy t-shirt, black or navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings, trainers and a school sweatshirt). No football kits or kit in alternative colours please.

School Uniform: If you need school uniform for the new school year, School Trends have advised that summer is a busy time so please order before 24^h July for delivery before the new term. Uniform (with logo) is also available to purchase from Lawsons in Ivybridge.

Don't forget there is a rail in the school entrance hall with pre-loved items of uniform, available for a donation to Stowford Friends.

Wild Tribe: The way in which Wild Tribe is organised will be slightly changing next year. Foundation and Year 1 will continue to have this provision on a weekly basis (days will be advised via Dojo). Year 2 children and Key Stage 2 children will have half a term in the summer of Wild Tribe provision on site and a full day off site (one on Dartmoor and one in the local woods) in the autumn and summer terms. Dates for these will be shared next year. An extra layer of clothing may be brought on Wild Tribe days if the weather is chilly and please remember to provide your child with welly boots that can be left in school. All children will require welly boots for lunchtime play.

Homework: Next year, most of the children's homework will continue to be set through Class Dojo. Children will still have Home School Diaries in which they will record reading done in school and at home. It can also be used for notes to the teacher or office.

Pencil Cases: Pencil cases are not used in school. Stowford will supply everything that your child needs. Please do not buy a pencil case over the holidays, as children will not be allowed to use them.

Water Bottles: These should be clear with a sports top and can contain water/flavoured, non-fizzy water/sugar free squash. It is important that the children remain hydrated throughout the day. Fizzy drinks such as coke or lemonade are not allowed.

Break time Snacks: Free fruit is provided for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children. If KS2 children would like to bring fruit or veg to eat at break time, parents are welcome to provide this. Nothing in a packet is permitted. Thank you.

School Lunches - Price Increase:

Universal Infant Free School Meals continue next year for children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2.

If your child is moving into Year 3, please remember that you will need to pay for school lunches from next term. The cost of school meals has increased to £2.53 (in line with DfE pricing) and all meals should be preordered via ParentPay please to avoid accumulation of debt.

The existing Devon Norse Menu continues until the October half-term holiday.

Early Birds and Roosters Wraparound Care Information:

Due to the number of children attending the sessions, the clubs will continue to be split between the Nursery and the Nest building. Children in Nursery, Foundation, Year 1 AND YEAR 2 will be looked after in the Nursery building. KS2 children will be looked after in the Nest building. The cost for Wraparound Care is increasing from September 2023 and will be £4.80 per hour.

Please remember to note in your diaries that Roosters Club after school will be closed on Wednesday, 20th September for staff safeguarding training - please ensure that you have made alternative childcare arrangements on this day.

Request for DT Resources

The school would be very grateful for any donations of the following items to support work in DT in school:

String/yarn Shoe boxes
Wood off cuts Cardboard boxes
Cotton fabric Fabric scraps
Wrapping paper Wall paper
Wine bottle corks
Felt off cuts

Old clothes for fabric

Please send any donations into class with your child or drop off at the school office.

Many thanks for your help!



STOWFORD FRIENDS



On behalf of The Stowford Friends committee, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported Stowford Friends this term, at our Summer Fair, Sports days and cake/chip sales! Despite some adverse conditions and a few circumstances beyond our control, we raised an incredible £2500 at the fair to add to the pot of funds ready to help support the school next academic year.

Special thanks goes to the staff who stayed to help support us, those parents/carers/family members who volunteered on the day to run stalls/set up games and offer assistance, and of course to the committee members who helped plan the event in advance, gather raffle prizes and shop for supplies, it really is a team effort!

We end the academic year with some really exciting totals to report:

Total raised: (nearly) £9000!!

Amount donated to school: (over) £12000!!

This has gone towards books, library furniture, yurt improvements and more. For all the details and info on next year's exciting projects, come to the AGM on 20th September.

A lot of you will know that my youngest leaves Stowford this year to move to on to ICC and so my time with Stowford Friends after 7 years (with 5 as Chair), will come to an end. Our longstanding Treasurer, Rachael, will also move on as her daughter leaves Year 6, so this end of term marks a sad farewell from us both! It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the committee and help contribute towards some fantastic additions to the school, most notably the incredible Yurt which was ordered direct from Mongolia! We have seen Stowford Friends through the challenges of Covid, the joys of Christmas and Summer fairs, the chaos of Cake sales and multiples of keepsake cards and tea towels!

While we leave the committee much stronger in number than when we joined it, there will always be the need for more hands and minds, so do please come along to our AGM on Wednesday 20th September and join the fun for 2023/24.

A final huge thank you goes to Mr Hack for the late nights and heavy lifting, all the office staff for supporting us with our admin and communication and of course, to Mrs Williams for championing everything we do.

Thank you once again for all your support over the years.

Have a great summer everyone,

Alice (Chair, Stowford Friends)



Stowford Friends AGM Wednesday 20th September 2023

Come along and join the in the fun!

Community Notices

High 5 Summer Fun at Stowford School

The summer holidays are in sight, so be prepared for your children's imaginations to run wild as we travel around the world for this year's unforgettable High 5 summer holiday camps. With new destinations already booked your children's travels will be new, exciting and even more incredible than anything they have previously experienced. As they travel around the world in 30 days your little adventurers will jet set off to various new destinations each week including Hawaii, Japan & even the Arctic Circle.

This summer we'll be making magical memories they will treasure for up to six glorious weeks, jam-packed with action, creativity, outdoor adventures, and multi-sports activities.

Each of the weeks will have a strong flavour of the places we are visiting for that particular week. The daily creative art options will follow these new themes as your children explore the wonders of our incredible planet.

No High 5 Camp experience would be complete without some extra special surprises, and we'll be revealing our amazing inflatables and extra activities at each of our sites during each camp. It is going to be an incredible summer and we cannot wait to take your children along for the ride.

In addition, we also have some sport specific camps running, which we hope to see you at as well. Spaces are limited and going fast!

Quick Booking link; https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3344934





The Summer Reading Challenge at Ivybridge Library is back for 2023!







Organised by The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

The challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

How the Challenge works

Children sign up through their local library and receive a Ready Set Read collector poster.

Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.

Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.

Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Additional offer from Fusion Leisure Centre:

Fusion, who run the South Hams Leisure Centres have been in contact with all the libraries in South Hams and West Devon and agreed we will offer a free child swim when accompanied by a paying adult to all those who complete the Summer Reading Challenge.

This summer there is a sports and games theme linking with the Youth Sport Trust.

To claim their swim the child will bring their certificate and medal they are given when they complete the challenge by the library



Ivybridge Tennis Centre:



The camps are running across the summer holiday starting Monday 24th July until Tuesday 5th September They are bookable direct via the holiday camp link on the website:

<u>Holiday Activity Camps</u> (southdevontenniscentre.co.uk)



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Elev8 Hockey Summer Camp dates for this August at Plymouth Marjon Hockey Centre.

Elev8 are excited to welcome everyone, from all clubs & schools, to get on the pitch and play. Participants, no matter what their current level, can expect fun, action packed sessions delivered by our experienced coaches. The camps consist of innovative warm-ups, skill development activities, daily masterclasses, and both small & large-context gameplay.

Suitable for 6-16 year olds - Primary/Secondary training groups split.

Dates: Early Summer Camp 1st-2nd Aug AND Late Summer

Camp 29th-30th Aug 2023

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: Plymouth Marjon Hockey Centre

Price: Early bird rate: £30 for 1 day, £50 for 2 days

Standard rate: £35 for 1 day, £60 for 2 days

Sign-Up: www.elev8hockey.co.uk/upcoming-events





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- Holiday pay

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