

# Stowford School News



February 2024 (4)

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of another busy half term at Stowford School. The children have been working hard and you will have heard all about their achievements at Parents' Evening appointments this week. It has been a pleasure to see so many of you attending these meetings. Please remember parents/carers are welcome to contact the school at any time to make arrangements to see their child's class teacher; this is particularly important for parents who do not reside with their children as this provides more flexibility than the schedule for Parents' Evening appointments can allow.

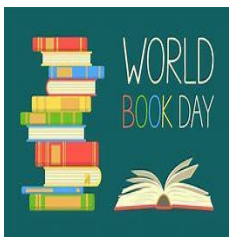
## Children's Mental Health Week:

We started this week with an assembly based on the theme 'My Voice Matters' to promote children's mental health by understanding the importance of sharing and talking about their feelings and the feelings of others. Thank you to Mr Green for leading this assembly.

## Safer Internet Day at Stowford School February 2024:

This week we also marked Safer Internet Day at Stowford School with an assembly by Mr Vear. This is a national day held every year to promote being safe, positive and responsible online. Although this is a national day, we do, through our curriculum, promote safer use of the internet on a weekly basis.

## World Book Day:



This year we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

A separate letter has been sent to parents via email containing more detailed information about plans for the day.

## Uniform Policy re Earrings:

Please could we remind parents that 'small stud earrings' should be silver or gold studs and not 'fashion' earrings. Thank you. As always, children should not wear earrings to school on PE days.

## Staffing News:

Congratulations to Miss Luggar who gave birth to baby Theodore on 27<sup>th</sup> December, weighing 8lb 11oz. We will look forward to meeting him!

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Wills who will be leaving us to move north to be with his family. We thank him for his hard work and commitment to the school since September. In his place, we welcome Mr Matthew Furby, who will be with Swifts class for the rest of the year.

And finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

Best wishes  
Sue Williams  
Headteacher



## Pre-Loved Uniform:

A selection of good quality, pre-loved uniform items can be found in the school reception area.

A small donation to Stowford Friends would be welcomed.

Please feel free to browse!  
Stowford Friends

## SPORTING CELEBRATIONS

### WeST Netball Tournament:

Well done to our year 5/6 netball teams who competed in last month's Westcountry Schools Trust Netball Tournament.

Both teams showed super sportsmanship!

Well done for representing Stowford so wonderfully!



## Dates for Your Diary Spring 2024

| <b>February 2024</b> |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 09/02/2024           | Last day of Term  |
| 12/02/2024           | Half Term Holiday   |
| 19/02/2024           | Non Pupil Day - School Closed   |
| 20/02/2024           | Return to School  |
| 23/02/2024           | 3.20pm Dressing Up Clothes 'Swap Shop' in the School Hall (Eco Council) |
| 26/02/2024           | Y5 Bikeability Week   |
| 29/03/2024           | Y6 Wild Tribe Day   |
| <b>March 2024</b>    |   |
| 01/03/2024           | Secondary School National Offer Day                                     |
| 01/03/2024           | Stowford Friends' Quiz Night  |
| 05/03/2024           | Y5 Space Dome   |
| 06/03/2024           | Y5 (AM) & Y2 (PM) Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue visit                  |
| 07/03/2024           | World Book Day  |
| 11/03/2024           | Assessment Week   |
| 14/03/2024           | Y3 Mossy Carpet Workshop  |
| 14/03/2024           | 1.00-3.00pm KS2 Cross Country Event                                     |
| 15/03/2024           | Red Nose Day!   |
| 18/03/2024           | Last week of Spring Clubs   |
| 21/03/2024           | AM/PM Dance Shows<br>Parents/Carers invited                             |
| 21/03/2024           | 3.30-5.00pm KS2 Athletics Event   |
| 22/03/2024           | PM ICC Performing Arts Demo   |
| 23/03/2024           | 3.20pm Dressing Up Clothes Swap Shop in the School Hall (Eco Council)   |
| 28/03/2024           | Last day of Term  |
| <b>April 2024</b>    |   |
| 02/04/2024           | Easter Holiday  |

## Dates for Your Diary Summer 2024

| <b>April 2024</b> |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 15/04/2024        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Summer Term<br>Return to School |
| 16/04/2024        | Primary School National Offer Day                      |
| 18/04/2024        | Y4 swimming - session 1 of 10                          |
| 22/04/2024        | Summer Clubs letters out to parents                    |
| 22/04/2024        | World Earth Day!                                       |
| 24/04/2024        | 7pm PTA Meeting  |
| 25/04/2024        | Stowford Friends' Y1 & Y2 Cake Sale                    |
| 29/04/2024        | Summer Clubs start                                     |

Please note these dates are intended to provide advance information and to give you an idea of the events throughout the school year.  
Dates may be subject to change.

| <b>May 2023</b>  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 06/05/2024       | May Bank Holiday  |
| 07/05/2024       | Class and Team Photos                                   |
| 07/05/2024       | AM Nursery Individual Photos                            |
| 09/05/2024       | 7pm PTA Meeting   |
| 13/05/2024       | KS2 SATS Week   |
| 16/05/2024       | Girls U8 & U11 Football Festival                        |
| 22/05/2024       | F & Y6 Heights & Weights - Public Health Team           |
| 23/05/2024       | 1.00-3.00pm KS1 Multi Skills Event                      |
| 24/05/2024       | Last day of Term  |
| 27/05/2024       | Half Term Holiday                                       |
| <b>June 2024</b> |   |
| 03/06/2024       | Return to School  |
| 03/06/2024       | Y4 Multiplication Tables Check: 3-Week period commences |
| 10/06/2024       | Y1 Phonics Screening Week                               |
| 11/06/2024       | Y6 Evolution Dome                                       |
| 14/06/2024       | Y6 Junior Ten Tors                                      |
| 17/06/2024       | Y1-Y5 Assessment Week                                   |
| 17/06/2024       | New Intake Meeting for September                        |
| 20/06/2024       | KS2 WeST Watersports Day                                |
| 21/06/2024       | Stowford Friends Summer Fair                            |
| 21/06/2024       | Reserve JTT   |
| 24/06/2024       | Last week of Summer Clubs                               |
| 25/06/2024       | AM F/KS1 Sports Day                                     |
| 26/06/2024       | AM Nursery Sports Day                                   |
| 27/06/2024       | 10.00am-2.30pm Brickfields (WeST Event)                 |
| 27/06/2024       | Y4 Swimming - final session                             |
| 28/06/2024       | AM KS2 Sports Day                                       |
| <b>July 2024</b> |   |
| 02/07/2024       | AM Nursery Reserve Sports Day                           |
| 02/07/2024       | 3.20pm Stowford School Art Gallery                      |
| 03/07/2024       | F/KS1 Reserve Sports Day                                |
| 04/07/2024       | KS2 Reserve Sports Day                                  |
| 08/07/2024       | Annual Reports home                                     |
| 10/07/2024       | AM Nursery Graduation TBC                               |
| 10/07/2024       | Report discussion drop-in after school                  |
| 11/07/2024       | 1.45pm & 6.00pm Y6 Production TBC                       |
| 11/07/2027       | Stowford Friends' Foundation Cake Sale                  |
| 12/07/2024       | Y6 visit to Woodlands TBC                               |
| 19/07/2024       | 9.30am Y6 Leavers' Assembly - Y6 parents/carers invited |
| 19/07/2024       | Last day of Term  |
| 22/07/2024       | Non-Pupil Day - School Closed                           |
| 23/07/2024       | Non-Pupil Day - School Closed                           |
| 24/07/2024       | Summer Holiday  |

## **P-Bone [Trombone] Lessons at Ivybridge Community College:**

For parents and carers of children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

A quick reminder of an exciting opportunity that the children have had (or will be having) in conjunction with ICC. A music tutor, Vincent Touret, has been visiting Stowford and has been teaching the children to play the 'P-Bone' (trombone).

Year 6 received P-Bone lessons in the Autumn Term, Year 5 are receiving lessons this term and Year 4 will be having their lessons in the summer term.

I am hoping that some children will have really enjoyed them, and, if so, would be interested in an opportunity to further this learning.

I am pleased to say that there is now a class for Stowford students who would like to continue to learn the trombone in a small group with Vincent. Classes will take place on Tuesdays after school from 4.00pm to 4.30pm in the Music department at ICC, starting on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. It will run for fourteen sessions and the cost to parents will be £45.00 in total for all fourteen classes. The classes will be completely free for those children who are eligible for Free School Meals (but not for Service Pupil Premium).

ICC will provide instruments to use in the sessions so that the P-Bones can stay at Stowford. There will also be the opportunity for parents/carers to pay £25 per term to be able to rent the instrument from DMEH so that it can be taken home in between the sessions for practice, but this is optional.

Here is a link for parents/carers to sign up if you would like your child to have this opportunity:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/ivybridge-music-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ivybridge-music-centre)

Mrs Williams



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