

Stowford School News

9th October 2019 (2)

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 2020 are now underway!

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

PE Kit and Clubs: Now that the weather has turned autumnal, it is very likely that if your child attends an after school sports club, they will get wet or muddy. We would be very grateful if you could send in a spare kit for clubs so that children have their PE kit in school at all times. This doesn't need to be uniform PE kit. A pair of tracksuit bottoms and tee-shirt is fine. Thanks.

School Uniform Sale, Friday 11th October 2019: As you are aware, school uniform is now purchased online from School Trends <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StowfordSchoolPL210BG>

We do, however, have some items remaining in the stock at school (mainly in smaller and larger sizes) and will be holding a sale on Friday 10th October alongside the Stowford Friends' Year 6 Cake Sale.

Sweatshirts will be for sale at £9; cardigans at £12 and polo shirts (blue or white) £4.50. We also have baseball caps and legionnaire caps for sale at £2.50 each. Payment by cash or cheque please- if paying by cash the correct money would be appreciated. Please do come along and see if you can pick up a bargain.



Year 5 Book and DVD sale: Well done to the enterprising group of Year 5 children who recently held a book sale. They raised £40! Thank you for your contributions and for supporting their initiative.

Harvest Festival: Thank you for all your generous donations for Harvest Festival last Friday. 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 yesterday.



This year the preferred method for ordering is ONLINE please. Tempest Photographers are moving towards paperless processes and to encourage this commission is better for the school for all orders placed online and orders will be delivered to school more quickly. Please therefore order online by Sunday 20th October if possible. Thank you. Paper orders returned to school will be sent off following the closing date for online orders (after half term).

Nasal Flu Immunisation: The Immunisation Team will be in school tomorrow (Thursday 10th October) to provide immunisation to children in Foundation to Year 6 whose parents have provided online consent.

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 2019. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Reminder - Stowford School is a Nut Free

Environment: Please can I remind everyone that Stowford School is a nut free zone and no items containing nuts should ever be included in packed lunches. Children with a severe allergy will be put at risk if this rule is not followed and stringently applied. Some allergies can be triggered by second hand contact or from the breath of someone who has eaten nuts so this is a serious matter.

Recent observation of the contents of lunch boxes has been a cause for concern as many contained potentially harmful foodstuffs. Please consider whether items you provide include nuts (of any type) and in any form such as chocolate spread and if in doubt please do not pack them for school but save them for home.

As a healthy eating school please also avoid sending in chocolate and sweets.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Medication in school: Please could we remind parents and carers of the school medical policy governing administration of medicine in school. The policy is available on the school website and it is important that everyone in the school community follows this policy.

One important fact to note is that the first dose of any medicine must not be administered in school time. Furthermore, school staff administer medicine to pupils on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the school policy. Please note that the policy states that antibiotics will only be administered if they are prescribed for 4 times a day - and then only one dosage will be given in school time.

Thank you for your compliance with school policy.

Home time collection messages: If you need to advise of a change of collection arrangements for your child during the school day, please could you choose Option 1 when you ring the school and leave a message on the answer machine provided for this purpose? This will allow for efficient message recording and distribution rather than piecemeal throughout the day. In an emergency or after 3pm please do speak to a member of the office staff.

Thank you.

Parent App Lite: It is important that contact information is kept up to date so that the school is able to contact parents/carers when a child is poorly or in an emergency situation.

The school is working towards the introduction of an App to assist with this: 'Parent App Lite'. This is a new system which will enable parents and carers who share the same address as the child on roll at Stowford School, to send amendments to be processed in order to update the school information management system via the App. This will comply with the requirement under GPDR to ensure records are kept up to date regularly and easily.

Access to the App will be introduced in stages, beginning shortly with Year 6 children. This App is also used by Ivybridge Community College so some of you will already be familiar with it.

School Development: It is with great pleasure that I can announce several successes already this academic year. Huge thanks to Mrs Chislett who led the school in achieving a National Award for Primary Science at gilt level. Mrs Kandes and Mr Green have been successful in passing the Wild Tribe qualification and Mr Roberts has passed the Moorland Leader qualification. Well done to all concerned. All these advancements will have direct benefits for the children of Stowford School.

Staff Information: We recently said farewell to Ms Toni Cox from the admin team who left us at the end of September and wish her every success in her new job. We are pleased to advise that Mrs Briant has transferred to the office from her Teaching Assistant role and Mrs Briant will be working in the office during school hours Monday to Friday.

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.

Best wishes
Sue Williams
Headteacher

PARKING AT SCHOOL COLLECTION/DROP OFF TIME:

PLEASE PARK WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS. We were dismayed to take a call from a neighbour in Dunsterville Road last week regarding inconsiderate parking. The caller was very upset that when asking the parent (with children) to refrain from parking in a way which blocked access to their garage, the response included the parent swearing at them in front of the children. We are saddened that this happened and even more so that it was witnessed by the children. In school we ask all our children to act with the qualities of respect, excellence and friendship and ask that parents/carers also model these qualities and show consideration for our community.



Stowford Friends – news & upcoming events

The Curry & Quiz night was a great success with 11 teams filling the hall. Topics ranged from sport and food to general knowledge and literature. Spelling was obviously not a strong point (it's MASSACHUSETTS by the way), but every team did extremely well in the biscuit identification round! Although a couple of teams claimed they were only there for the curry, competition was fierce at the top of the leader board with one of the staff teams snatching victory in the final round - congratulations "Quizzy McQuizz Face"! The evening raised **£668** – thank you for joining us.

Thanks also to everyone who staggered to school with donations for **Bag2School** this week. Your efforts mean 630 kg of unwanted clothes will now be reused, and we raised **£252**.

We're celebrating **Halloween** a bit early this year (apologies for the short notice about the disco date change - due to problems with availability of the DJ and school hall). We're looking forward to seeing lots of excited children and spooktacular costumes this evening, along with our kind parent volunteers! Thank you to everyone who supported the Halloween sale, which raised **£40**.

Cake sales are held every half term, with one year group bringing cakes for the whole school to buy (in the gazebo after school). Each year group gets to choose how to spend the money they raise. To help us keep all the children safe, please remember **Stowford's no nuts policy** (because of severe allergies in the school). Some super-organised shoppers bring their own boxes to carry cakes home – a great idea as we don't provide plastic bags or cling film.

Future dates:

Friday 11th October – Cake sale (Year 6)

Friday 15th November – Cake sale (Year 5)

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Fair

It's only 5 weeks since the start of term, but already, with your help, we've raised £960. This will all go towards the Mongolian yurt, which we're hoping to buy soon. Thank you for your support!

Sports News

Football: The Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football Team started their football season with a fantastic team effort. Another trophy to add to the collection. Well done team!

Netball: Well done to the Year 5/6 netball team who stormed their way to the final and, although defeated by one goal, are through to the next round.

Community Notices

Ivybridge Rugby Club

IRFC U7 TEAM (Year 2 children)
is looking to increase the number of players. Please contact team manager for more information
ivybridgerugbyclubaggy@gmail.com



WANTED!!

Do you know of anyone who has gone above and beyond for the community of Ivybridge?

A Community Group who has done something amazing?

For more information please see www.ivybridge.gov.uk or call the Town Hall on 01752 893815

Send your nominations for the Citizen of the Year or Community Group of the Year Awards by email to lindsaylane@ivybridge.gov.uk or by post to

Ivybridge Town Council, Erme Court, Leonards Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0SZ

Closing date for nominations Friday 11 October 2019

Rainbows and Brownies need YOU!

Were you a Guide or a Brownie – or perhaps a Rainbow? Did you have fun?

There are lots of girls looking to enjoy what you did but we need more leaders. Could YOU help? Could you give a few hours a week to be a Rainbow or Brownie leader?

The Rainbows and Brownies are looking for someone who likes to get involved with activities, is organised and, most importantly, likes to have fun!

If you feel you could help, please contact Penny 01752 690302 or email penspencer100@gmail.com

Ballaré School of Performing Arts has some exciting new classes starting in Ivybridge this term for primary school aged children from 6 years! On Wednesday, adding to the already popular Junior Street at 4pm there is a new Musical Theatre class at 6pm (at the Ivybridge Baptist Church Hall) On Thursday, there are two brand new classes Junior Acro at 5:30 and Junior Lyrical at 6pm (at Ivybridge Community College) Friday continues with Primary and Grade 1 tap and modern classes (at Ivybridge Community College). If you are interested in coming for a taster session or for a copy of the full timetable, please email Jo Wilson at ballareschoolofperformingarts@gmail.com

Ordinary Extraordinary - An Inclusive Arts Festival for the whole family. Dartington Estate 25 & 26 October

Drama, Music, Dance, Film, yoga, hula-hoop and Animation Workshops; Music, Dance and Drama performances, Relaxed Film Screenings of The Emoji Movie and Peanut Butter Falcon, a silent disco and VIP Ball with live music plus a retro gaming installation. Also on offer a safe & confidential space to talk about anything on your mind with psychotherapist, Julie Best-Clark MBACP, both one-to-one and group sessions available. The festival for everyone, curated, produced and created by young people with learning disabilities. Tickets available at

www.dartington.org/event/ordinary-extraordinary/

£5 per day. Book both days for £7.50 – discount applies automatically at checkout. Just add a ticket to your basket, then use the 'EDIT' button to add more tickets. Carers – please contact the box office on 01803 847070 to book your free Carer/Parent ticket.

This is an inclusive festival. People with disabilities are very welcome. Please get in touch with us if you have any particular access requirements

Dates for Your Diary Autumn 2019

October 2019	
09/10/2019	Stowford Friends Discos
10/10/2019	World Mental Health Day
10/10/2019	Flu Immunisation F-Yr 6
11/10/2019	3pm Uniform Stock Clearance Sale - hall
11/10/2019	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Year 6
15/10/2019	4-5.30pm Yr 3/4 Boys Football at ICC
16/10/2019	1.30pm Developmental Language Disorder Awareness at Stowford School
17/10/2019	AM KS2 French Breakfast Cafe
17/10/2019	Last day of Term
18/10/2019	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
21/10/2019	Half Term Holiday
28/10/2019	Return to School
31/10/2019	Deadline for applications to Secondary School
November 2019	
08/11/2019	Remembrance Day Assembly (in school)
11/11/2019	Anti-Bullying Week - 'Change Starts With Us'
15/11/2019	Primary School applications open
15/11/2019	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Year 5
18/11/2019	Last week of clubs
19/11/2019	Year 3 last swimming session
20/11/2019	Yr 3 Residential Swifts go
21/11/2019	Yr 3 Residential Swifts return Swallows go
22/11/2019	Yr 3 Residential Swallows return
27/11/2019	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
28/11/2019	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
28/11/2019	4-5.30pm Yr 5/6 Indoor Athletics
30/11/2019	Stowford Friends Christmas Fair TBC
December 2019	
03/12/2019	4-5.30pm Yr 5/6 Basketball at ICC
05/12/2019	5.30pm LGB Meeting
09/12/2019	KS2 Carol Service Rehearsals - Church
10/12/2019	AM Nursery Christmas
10/12/2019	1.30pm KS2 Carol Service - Church
10/12/2019	6pm KS2 Carol Service - Church
12/12/2019	AM Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Performance
12/12/2019	PM Foundation Christmas Nativity
12/12/2019	6pm Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Performance
18/12/2019	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/2019	School Christmas Lunch
18/12/2019	6pm Donkey Sanctuary Christmas Service
19/12/2019	Last day of Term
20/12/2019	Christmas Holiday

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 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)

Dates for Your Diary Spring 2020

January 2020	
06/01/2020	1 st day of Spring Term Return to School
13/01/2020	Letters out re Clubs
14/01/2020	Year 5 Swimming (1 st session)
15/01/2020	Deadline for applications to Primary School
20/01/2020	Clubs start this week
24/01/2020	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Year 4
28/01/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 2 Multi Skills Festival at ICC
30/01/2020	5.30pm LGB Meeting
February 2020	
06/02/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 3/4 Indoor Athletics at ICC
11/02/2020	Safer Internet Day
12/02/2020	7pm Childminder Training (Early Maths)
13/02/2020	Last day of Term
14/02/2020	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
17/02/2020	Half Term Holiday
24/02/2020	Return to School
27/02/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 4/5/6 Indoor Athletics at ICC
March 2020	
02/03/2020	Secondary School National Offer Day
05/03/2020	World Book Day at school
09/03/2020	Devonport Swimming Gala TBC
10/03/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby/Mega Event TBC
13/03/2020	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Year 3
16/03/2020	Last week of clubs
17/03/2020	ICC Gym & Dance Show (1-7pm) TBC
18/03/2020	Nursery Parents' Meetings TBC
19/03/2020	5.30pm LGB Meeting
24/03/2020	Year 5 last swimming session
24/03/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby/Mega Event TBC
25/03/2020	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
26/03/2020	3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
26/03/2020	AM/PM Dance Shows ; Parents/Carers invited
27/03/2020	Stowford Friends Easter Egg Competition
27/03/2020	Last day of Term
30/03/2020	Easter Holiday

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' above. There will be more information about the LGB and their role in the next edition of the school newsletter.

Dates for Your Diary Summer 2020

April 2020	
14/04/2020	1 st Day of Summer Term Return to School
16/04/2020	Primary School National Offer Day
20/04/2020	Letters out re Clubs
21/04/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 3/4 Girls Football Tournament at ICC
23/04/2020	5.30pm LGB Meeting
27/04/2020	Clubs start this week
28/04/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 5/6 Girls Football Tournament at ICC
May 2020	
01/05/2020	KS1 Test period begins
08/05/2020	May Bank Holiday - VE Day - School Closed
11/05/2020	KS2 SATS week
13/05/2020	7pm Child Minder Training
14/05/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 3/4 Quad Kids Tournament at ICC
15/05/2020	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Year 2
21/05/2020	4-5.30pm Yr 5/6 Quad Kids Tournament at ICC
22/05/2020	Last day of Term
25/05/2020	Half Term Holiday
June 2020	
01/06/2020	Return to School
02/06/2020	1.30pm Yr 5/6 Rounders Tournament at Filham TBC
03/06/2020	Class and Team Photos
04/06/2020	4pm New intake (Sept 2020) meeting
08/06/2020	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Week
09/06/2020	ICC Open Morning - Yr 5 Parents (with children - optional) TBC
11/06/2020	New intake (Sept 2020) session 1
12/06/2020	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Year 1
15/06/2020	Last week of clubs
18/06/2020	New intake (Sept 2020) session 2
18/06/2020	5.30pm LGB Meeting
19/06/2020	Stowford Friends Summer Fair TBC
22/06/2020	Yr 5 Bikeability Week
23/06/2020	F/KS1 Sports Day
24/06/2020	Nursery Sports Day
25/06/2020	KS2 Sports Day
July 2020	
03/07/2020	F/KS1 Reserve Sports Day
03/07/2020	3.15pm Stowford Friends Cake Sale Foundation
07/07/2020	School Transition day
07/07/2020	New intake (Sept 2020) session 3
08/07/2020	KS2 Reserve Sports Day
09/07/2020	Yr 6 Transition day at ICC
13/07/2020	Reports to parents
15/07/2020	AM Nursery Graduation
15/07/2020	3.30-4.30pm - Report discussion session
16/07/2020	1.45pm & 6pm - Yr 6 production
17/07/2020	Yr 6 visit to Woodlands
20/07/2020	Stowford Friends - Yr 6 Leavers' Disco 7-8.15pm TBC
21/07/2020	9.30am Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly - Yr 6 parents/carers invited
21/07/2020	Last day of Term
22/07/2020	Non Pupil Day - School Closed
23/07/2020	Summer Holiday