

Stowford School News

November 2019 (3)

Dear Parents and Carers

The weather is changing now and we have been experiencing some lovely cold, crisp and sunny days. We would like to ensure children are able to play outside as much as possible. To enable this please make sure they are equipped with coats, hats and gloves in addition to their wellington boots. The wellies are particularly important otherwise mud gets trodden into the carpets after playtime and Wild Tribe sessions.

General Election, Thursday 12th December 2019:

As you are aware there will be a General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019. This is the same day as the Year 1 & 2 Christmas performances and the Foundation nativity. Please rest assured that these Christmas events will go ahead as planned and the school will be open as usual. The polling station will be in the Nest and the school will implement the usual arrangements to ensure the children's safety at drop off and collection times. The school car park will be open for voter parking - please do not use this to park to attend the performances.

Remembrance:



A special assembly of remembrance will take place in school on Monday 11th November where children will mark the two minute silence at

11.00am. We will be proud to have our 'Poppy Wall' ready for the assembly. Thanks to everyone who is sending in a poppy.

Miss McIntosh, Mrs Vosper and a group of children whose parents are in the Armed Forces will be in the town of Ivybridge laying a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the school. Money collected for the poppies will now be passed to the Royal British Legion.

Anti-Bullying Week:

Anti-bullying week starts next week on the theme of 'Change Starts With Us'. Children will be discussing this as part of their curriculum during the week.



Children in Need Friday 15th November 2019:



Mr Jackson and Eagles class have been busy organising some fun events for children to take part in during the school day to raise money for Children in Need 2019.

For a minimum donation of £1, the children can come to school on Friday 15th November dressed in mufti with spots; all classes will have an opportunity to join in the fun in the hall where they will play a variety of exciting games. Thank you for your support.

Parents' Evenings:

This year Parents' Evenings take place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please be aware that there are only enough appointment times for one appointment per child (i.e. 15 with each teacher on each evening). Letters will be sent home with the children to the parent/carer with whom they reside. Where parents share residential custody it is assumed that both parents will be able to attend the appointment together. Where parents are separated and cannot attend together, please contact the school to make alternative arrangements to see the class teacher - this could be a phone call with the teacher or by appointment on an alternative date. All parents and carers are always welcome to see their child's teacher. I will also be available on both evenings and will be very happy to meet with parents/carers who would like to speak with me - please drop in or contact the school office if you would like a specific appointment time. Please also remember that if there is anything that worries you, you don't have to wait for the next Parents' Evening. Any adult in school would be happy to make time for you to address any concerns or answer your queries.

Admission to Foundation Stage September 2020:

Children born between 1/9/2015 and 31/8/2016 are due to start school next September. You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Applications are open from 15th November 2019 and will close at midnight on 15th January 2020.

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on: 0345 155 1019 or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk.

Offers of places are made by the Devon Schools Admission Service on Tuesday 16th April 2020.

Even if you have a child already at the school or in the nursery, you must apply for a place through the Admissions Team. If you have a child who will start school in September 2020 and would like to come and look around, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange this with you.

Public Consultation: Devon School Admission Arrangements and Education Transport Policy 2021-2022

A DCC public consultation is now open inviting you to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded and some academy schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2021-22.

To view the policies, please visit

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy.

This is the annual opportunity for parents, other schools, early years' settings and the local communities to review the admissions arrangements that are proposed and to comment on them, making suggestions for change.

The consultation ends on 3rd January 2020.

Parent App Lite: As mentioned in the previous newsletter, introduction of this system is now underway. Please look out for the emails in connection with setting up this system and ensure you use it to keep information up to date. If you have any questions, please contact the school office where the team will be happy to help.

ParentPay/Cypad:

Following recent issues with Cypad, we have recently emailed a reminder of the online booking procedure for school meals via ParentPay. A copy of the letter is also on the school website. As the letter states, the lunch system works best when parents/carers preorder their children's meals so please do find the time to do this.

Thank you all for your support.

Cake sale for Savannah:

An admirable group of children are raising money today after school by selling cakes to raise money for their young cousin Savannah who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. Please support by buying cakes if you can. Well done children for being so thoughtful and proactive.

Please catch up with all the news from Stowford Friends on the next page of this newsletter.

There is some information about the Yurt project with photos.

Best wishes

Sue Williams

Headteacher

SPORTING CELEBRATIONS

Cross Country:

The South Hams and West Devon Cross Country event was held at Filham Park on 29th October on a wet and windy day. Well done to all the children who took part - they were rewarded with a hot drink on their return to school. Stowford School was very successful and the winning teams, along with the West Devon schools winners will be invited to the County Finals in March next year. Well done runners!

Boys' Futsal:

On Tuesday 5th November, the Year 5/6 Boys Football team took part in the Ivybridge Learning Community (ILC) Football Tournament at ICC. This was a great event and although through to the finals, the team lost by 1 goal. Well done team!

Dates for Your Diary Autumn 2019

November 2019	
11/11/2019	Remembrance Day Assembly (in school)
11/11/2019	Anti-Bullying Week - 'Change Starts With Us'
15/11/2019	Primary School applications open
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	General Election
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

Ink Cartridges Recycling Scheme:

Stowford School is still continuing to collect ink cartridges as part of the 'Empties Please' scheme. There are collection bags and a box in reception. There is a list of cartridges that can be accepted at www.emptiesplease.com.

Empties Please
 Recycle 'INK CARTRIDGES' and raise £££'s for your school!
 OVER 1,500 SCHOOLS NOW RECYCLE WITH US INCLUDING YOU!!!
 Collect your recycle bag from school → Take bag home! → Fill with cartridges → Fill the recycle bin in school → Return The Bin To Us → We pay your school → EARN EXTRA WITH GREEN REWARDS
 Please visit our website for an up to date list of cartridges that we are able to accept. www.emptiesplease.com
 t: 0844 879 7179 e: info@emptiesplease.com w: www.emptiesplease.com
 Empties Please Ltd - Company No 7069773 VAT number 988504649
 Reg office: Unit 12, Orion Park, University Way, Ormskirk, CH54 0JG
 THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

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

Writing Implement Recycling Scheme:

Stowford School is also 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:
 Biro's / Mechanical Pencils / Highlighters
 Felt pens / Correction fluid instruments
 Ink pens and cartridges

But not:
 Glue Sticks, rubbers, rulers, wooden pencils or any sharp objects.

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

Community Notices

**Children's Yoga & Mindfulness
with Liz Turner (DBS checked)**

Mondays 4.30-5.30pm

(Term time from 4/11/19)

St. John's Church Hall, Blachford Rd,

Ivybridge, PL21 0AD.

£5 payable by term (initial drop-in ok)

Includes games/fun, age 6-11

Yoga can help give a healthy

head start in life

physical health

self-esteem - confidence

motor skills - calm mind

focus - concentration

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Stowford Friends - news & upcoming events

Project Yurt – exciting news!

Mrs Williams and Mr Hack have chosen a beautiful Mongolian yurt!!! It's going to be green with hand-decorated (Stowford) blue woodwork inside and out. There'll be plenty of room for a whole class and, thanks to a stove and insulation, it can be used all year round. This fundraising project has gone so well since we launched it last Summer, that we're hoping to install the yurt early in 2020. We can't wait!

Update on funds raised:

Halloween **discos** - **£476**

Year 6 were very unlucky with the weather for their **cake sale**, but raised **£47.20** despite torrential rain.

Total raised so far, since September, is an amazing £1485.72. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone who ordered **Cauliflower cards** – sorting through the orders is always a fun job for us, as we get to see all the fantastic pictures the children designed. Your friends and family are in for a treat when they get their cards this year! At the last count, we were still a few payments short – please check you remembered the BACs.

Coming soon: the Christmas Fair (30th Nov.)

with stalls and games, hot and cold refreshments, crafts, Santa's grotto, raffle and much, much more.

There are many different ways you can get involved and join in the fun, so please look out for a letter in book bags soon. We'll be very grateful for anything you can do to help, whether that's donating items for stalls, helping on the day or selling raffle tickets before the fair. We have some great **raffle prizes including: tickets/vouchers for Plymouth Aquarium, Paignton Zoo, Plymouth Raiders, Dinosaur World, The Watermark, Nando's, Plymouth Snowsports & Endsleigh Garden Centre** – so don't miss out! Please look out for tickets, coming to book bags soon. All fair proceeds for the yurt.

Cake sales reminder – because of serious allergies within the school, **Stowford has a no-nut policy**. We really appreciate your generous and delicious donations, but please, please, leave all nutty cakes at home.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE YEAR 5 CAKE SALE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR NEXT FRIDAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A CLASH WITH CHILDREN IN NEED.

Future dates:

Saturday 30th November: School Christmas Fair
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Look out for the letters coming home soon!



Mrs Williams found plenty to smile about on her yurt-shopping trip last week. These are just some examples – not the actual yurt we will get.

