Dear Parents and Carers
Welcome to our December newsletter, we hope that you enjoy reading the latest from school.

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thank you to everyone who came along or supported the PTFA Christmas Fair last Friday, with donations and gifts. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with a visit from Santa, an amazing raffle and lots of fun stalls and activities. We particularly enjoyed the singing from Miss Paveley’s choir which helped to make us all feel very festive. We took over £1500 on the night with the children’s efforts as well as the PTFA taken into account. All the money goes to the children. Here are a few pictures from the evening in case you missed it.
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL at St EDWARD's CHURCH

The infants have been up to the Christmas Tree Festival this morning to take a look at the trees and our Juniors will be singing this afternoon in a special concert to mark the start of the festival, we will be including a few of our Young Voices medleys as well as a few firm favourites. Do please pop up and vote for our Infants and Juniors trees as we really hope to win a category again this year. I am sure you will agree that they look amazing!! The theme this year is Christmas Carols.

The juniors have created a rather tongue in cheek “A Christmas Carol” based on the 19th century novel by Charles Dickens. A Christmas Carol recounts the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. After their visits, Scrooge is transformed into a kinder, gentler man.

Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol during a period when the British were exploring and re-evaluating past Christmas traditions, including carols and newer customs such as Christmas trees. Ours has a more Muppet Christmas Carol feel to it and is complete with Kermit the frog and it even has a light up lamp post thanks to Mrs Luney – I think it looks wonderful.
The Infants have opted for a beautiful carol, *In the Bleak Midwinter*, which we have taught the children to sing this year for a change. It's a fabulous carol with the lyrics based on a poem by the English poet Christina Rossetti. The poem was published, under the title “A Christmas Carol”, in the January 1872
The poem first appeared set to music in The English Hymnal in 1906 with a setting by Gustav Holst, who was born in Cheltenham. I think both Rossetti and Holst would have loved this pretty tree.

**READINGS**
We are very grateful to the children who have put themselves forward to read in church on Sunday 8 December, well done to Will, Jess and Milah for volunteering. We are looking forward to watching them read at this lovely service.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHT TURN ON**
Before our productions start we will be asking *that ALL the children* come to the Square by the tree on Friday night at 5.15 for a 5.30 start singing all our favourite carols that we have been practising. We would like them to wrap up WARM and wear something festive on their heads like Christmas hats or tinsel or similar. A torch is a good idea for singing along to the words. All family members most welcome to join us on this lovely occasion when Katie May Bevins will be turning on the Stow Tree lights as an ambassador for the school and Santa will be making an appearance on his fire engine! There will be free soup and I am sure there will be some
mulled wine or snacks available, so do come along and support us just for half an hour, many thanks

Christmas Productions
Just another reminder....
Monday 9 December 2019
Tuesday 10 December 2019
Thursday 12 December 2019
We will be having a bar and raffle on the evenings of our Christmas Infants performance of ‘Lights Camel Action’ next week so do bring your purse. We will also be selling sweets and snacks and hot drinks for those of you adhering to the ‘none for the road’ campaign. It’s going to be a fun packed show brimming with talent and we are sure you will love it.
The show will be on Monday at 2pm for those noisy pre-school siblings and for anyone in the community who prefers an afternoon. The Juniors will also get a chance to watch it then. In the evenings we will be performing at 6pm but we would like the children in by 5.30pm please.
We will not be charging for this event but we will be shaking a bucket at the end for Acorns which is this terms charity.

Your local children’s hospice
You may be interested to know that the lovely donations that you gave earlier in the year were used at a raffle at a charity ball last week which raised £6000 for Acorns, well done to Mrs Nicholson for her hard work organising this and a big well done and thank you to everyone else for supporting with such wonderful contributions.
Here are some pictures from the event
Whilst we are on the subject of charities that the school is involved with you will also be interested to know that The Tracey Sollis Leukaemia Trust (last year’s charity) won Organisational Fundraiser of the year at this year’s Anthony Nolan supporter Awards held at the Tower of London on Thursday 28th November. Over the past 23 years the trust has raised £1.2m for Anthony Nolan. Here is Sue Sollis with Harry the Hedgehog. Mrs Salters son who does a lot of charitable work with them is also in the picture.

Birthday Books
Here is Peter with a lovely birthday book The Dinky Donkey which I am sure Class 2 will really enjoy reading, thank you Peter.
Mrs Swallow is very happy for families to come along and take a look – you can’t miss it as you come into Guiling Power.

Class 5 assembly
This will be taking place on Friday 13 December at 2.30pm, do come along. The children will be sharing their learning about World War and there will be an opportunity to look at all their books. Afterwards the children will be selling goods to raise money for their class so do support them.

Friday 13 December,

This year, Christmas Jumper Day is taking place on Friday 13 December, with the occasion always falling on a Friday in December.

We will be having Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13 December so that the children can join in the fun and wear their festive clothing all day but we won’t be collecting money for Save the Children charity on this day as we are asking you so much for other things such as our chosen charity this term Acorns. If you would like to donate to Save the children then there are plenty of options online or at any branch of NatWest.
Football Success
Our fabulous Christmas footballers headed off to Cirencester to play some festive football. Here is a match report from Mr Tomlinson:

"The teams were mixed and everyone played very well. All had Christmas hats on (unfortunately adults didn’t get one!!) and if you scored when the Christmas disco music played it was worth two goals!!! Confused, you should have been there trying to follow it. Ria and Jolie’s team won 4 and lost 2. Here are our children at the end having a great time while we froze to death."

This afternoon our Y3 and 4 team are heading off again to play in a playoff match in Cirencester, good luck to them all in this very high ranking match.

A big thank you to Mr Tomlinson and Miss Paveley and Miss Harmond-Green for going along and helping our children have a fabulous time!

As always don’t let small concerns become big ones, my office door is always open, ring or call in for a chat.

Together we can succeed

Rebecca Scutt, Headteacher
STOW ON THE WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL
CALENDAR 2019-2020

09/12/2019  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
9/12/2019   Infants nativity 2pm
10/12/2019  Infants nativity 6pm
11/12/2019  Staff meeting 3.30pm
11/12/2019  Open the Book assembly
12/12/2019  Teaching Partners meeting with Head 12 noon
12/12/2019  SMT meeting for staff
12/12/2019  Year One trip to Smart Trees at Bishampton
12/12/2019  Infants nativity 6pm
13/12/2019  Christmas Jumper Day, wear your favourite festive outfit today!
13/12/2019  Class Five Assembly 2.30pm
17/12/2019  GECKO Maths day - Christmas themed maths problem solving day
18/12/2019  Staff meeting 3.30pm
19/12/2019  Infants Christmas party, wear party clothes to school
19/12/2019  Party food day, no school meals today
19/12/2019  Juniors Christmas party, wear party clothes to school
19/12/2019  Christmas Party food donations today for our whole school party lunch
20/12/2019  Carol Service at Stow Baptist Church 9.30am, all welcome
20/12/2019  Break up for Christmas at 3.10pm
20/12/2019  Christmas Dinner Day today
01/01/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
06/01/2020  Back to school 8.55am
09/01/2020  Lockdown and Fire Drill practices this week
09/01/2020  SMT meeting for staff
10/01/2020  School Council 9.15am
13/01/2020  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
15/01/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
15/01/2020  Open the Book assembly
16/01/2020  SMT meeting for staff
16/01/2020  Teaching Partners meeting with Head 12 noon
20/01/2020  Full Governors Meeting 6pm
20/01/2020  Poetry Slam Week
22/01/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
24/01/2020  Poetry Slam Week Assembly at 9.15am
29/01/2020  Open the Book assembly
29/01/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
31/01/2020  Class Assembly TBC 2.30pm
03/02/2020  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
03/02/2020  Governors Committee Meetings 3-6pm
03/02/2020  Second Mock SATS Week for Y6
05/02/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
06/02/2020  SMT meeting for staff
06/02/2020  Teaching Partners meeting with Head 12 noon
07/02/2020  PTFA Quiz Night for adults, TBC
07/02/2020  NSPCC Number Day
10/02/2020  Valentines Day raffle for children go on sale today £1 for five tickets
12/02/2020  Open the Book assembly
14/02/2020  Break up for Half Term at 3.10pm
14/02/2020  Class 4 Assembly 2.30pm
14/02/2020  Valentines Day raffle draw in assembly today
24/02/2020  Back to school 8.55am start for all
25/02/2020  Shrove Tuesday - pancake day!
29/02/2020  Leap year day!!
02/03/2020  Bookings open online for parents evenings
02/03/2020  Bookings for Parents evenings open today
02/03/2020  Stow Book Awards Week this week
02/03/2020  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
02/03/2020  Full Governors Meeting 6pm
04/03/2020  Teaching Partners meeting with Head 12 noon
05/03/2020  World Book Day, details to follow
09/03/2020  Parents evenings 3-6pm
10/03/2020  Parents evenings 3-6pm
12/03/2020  Parents evenings 3-6pm
13/03/2020  Class 3 Assembly 2.30pm
14/03/2020  Possible school based trip - keep this space if you like football
16/03/2020  SCIENCE WEEK
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17/03/2020  St Patrick's Day
18/03/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
20/03/2020  PTFA Adults Bingo Night date
26/03/2020  GECKO Maths day - Easter themed maths problem solving day
27/03/2020  Class One Assembly 2.30pm
30/03/2020  Governors Committee Meetings 3-6pm
31/03/2020  Easter Egg Hunt and Pea Scramble for all children, 1.30pm
                         on the field £1 per child
01/04/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
01/04/2020  Open the Book assembly
02/04/2020  Easter Tea for elderly residents 2pm, FREE, all welcome
                         please ring school to book in
03/04/2020  Break up for Easter at 3.10pm
20/04/2020  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
20/04/2020  Back to school 8.55am start for all
22/04/2020  Open the Book assembly
22/04/2020  Stephen Lawrence Day
22/04/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
23/04/2020  Teaching Partners meeting with Head 12 noon
23/04/2020  St George's Day
27/04/2020  Last Mock SATS week for Y6
29/04/2020  Staff Meeting
01/05/2020  School Council Meeting
04/05/2020  MAY DAY Children are due in school today
06/05/2020  Open the Book assembly
06/05/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
07/05/2020  SMT meeting for staff
08/05/2020  Bank Holiday for VE Day celebrations, no school
11/05/2020  SATS Week for Y6
11/05/2020  English SPAG Paper 1 short answers
11/05/2020  English SPAG Paper 2 spelling
12/05/2020  English Reading Paper 3
13/05/2020  Maths Paper 2 Problem Solving and Reasoning
13/05/2020  Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic
14/05/2020  Maths Paper 3 Problem Solving and Reasoning
15/05/2020  Key Stage 2 Whole school cluster athletics at Temple Guling
18/05/2020  Full Governors Meeting 6pm
20/05/2020  Open the Book assembly
20/05/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
21/05/2020  SMT meeting for staff
21/05/2020  Malvern Overnight Stay
22/05/2020  Break up for Half Term at 3.10pm
22/05/2020  Class Assembly TBC 2.30pm
01/06/2020  INSET Day, no school for the children
02/06/2020  Lockdown and Fire Drill practices this week
03/06/2020  Staff Meeting
04/06/2020  Sports Day all day, picnic 12 noon, races from 1pm
04/06/2020  SMT meeting for staff
08/06/2020  Phonics Screening Week for Year One
08/06/2020  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
08/06/2020  Croft Farm trip departs
10/06/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
10/06/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
10/06/2020  New Reception Parents Induction Night 7pm
11/06/2020  Book Fayre arrives in school today
11/06/2020  Reserve Sports Day
11/06/2020  Teaching Partners meeting with Head 12 noon
12/06/2020  Croft Farm trip returns
15/06/2020  Governors Committee Meetings 3-6pm
16/06/2020  New reception children in 1.45pm
18/06/2020  New reception children in 1.45pm
19/06/2020  PTFA Summer Disco 5.30 Infants 6.45 Juniors
19/06/2020  GECKO Maths day - Summer themed maths problem solving day
22/06/2020  Stage up ready for Summer Production
23/06/2020  New reception children in 1.45pm
24/06/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
24/06/2020  Open the Book assembly
25/06/2020  New reception children in 1.45pm
26/06/2020  Non Uniform Day- wear your own clothes in return for donations for the Summer Fayre
26/06/2020  Class Assembly 2  2.30pm
29/06/2020  SCIENCE WEEK
29/06/2020  School reports to headteacher today
02/07/2020  Class Swap afternoon, children to meet their new class
02/07/2020  Cotswold School Induction Day for Y6
02/07/2020  New reception children in 1.45pm
03/07/2020  Summer Fayre and Family Sports Day 5-8pm
03/07/2020  Y5 Science and technology afternoon at The Cotswold School
06/07/2020  2pm Dress Rehearsal for Juniors Summer Performance
06/07/2020  Full Governors Meeting 6pm
07/07/2020  Juniors Summer Performance 6pm
07/07/2020  MDSA meeting with Head 1.30pm
08/07/2020  Staff meeting 3.30pm
08/07/2020  Open the Book assembly
10/07/2020  Governors Awards Assembly and Attendance Celebration assembly
10/07/2020  School Reports out today for parents
13/07/2020  Sponsored Walk 9.30am
13/07/2020  Talent Show 1pm
15/07/2020  Attendance Treat - tea with attendance officer and headteacher
16/07/2020  Year 6 Sleepover at school
17/07/2020  Break up for Summer at 3.10pm
17/07/2020  Leavers Assembly, all welcome 9am coffee for 9.30 assembly
FESTIVE FUN IN STOW

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2019

From 5.00pm
FREE homemade soup & mince pies
Mulled wine

5.30pm: Christmas tree lights will be switched on by Katie-May Bevins, a pupil at Stow Primary School

Singing of festive songs by Stow Primary School children
Singing of carols by all present
Father Christmas

Free parking at the Shoppers Car Park adjacent to Tesco, Fosseway, and from 3pm at Maugersbury Road Car Park

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Stow-on-the-Wold

Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th
10.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 8th
12.30pm to 5.00pm

December 2019

Trees donated by
Fosseway Garden Centre
Prizes will be awarded for the best trees