Dear Parents and Carers

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our weekly newsletter. Hope you are all keeping safe and well and enjoy our latest news, advice and creations from the school and wider community.

I just have to start with this wonderful mosaic picture by Phoebe Harris in class 3- all I can say is it is totally stunning and very beautiful in more ways than one! Well done Phoebe that is truly inspiring! What a great way to start the letter this week.

Edwardstow

Our lovely friends at Edwardstow would really appreciate some cards, messages or a letter as they are very isolated since lockdown where they are missing the usual visits from relatives, volunteers and community groups. I am sure some of your lovely artwork would really brighten their day or a cheery message or two. They can be dropped off in the front porch while people are out on their daily exercise or posted to:

C/O Gemma Joynes, Edwardstow Court, Fosseway, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, GL54 1AT.

Stow Youth Club

https://www.facebook.com/StowYouthCentre/

Stow youth club have launched a new face book page which you can check out on the link above to keep in touch with all their latest news and suggestions for activities during lockdown.
Birthday Books
Hope you continue to enjoy your birthdays in these unusual times. Here are two of this week’s lovely birthday children, Darcey (I love the T shirt Darcey) and Harry (great cheeky smile) with their birthday books for the school, a massive thank you to you both - hope you had a fabulous day!!! They look very, very happy don’t they?

Favourite books
The teaching partners have come up with their favourite books this week to share with you and maybe there might be an idea or two to look up to read to your children or for your child to enjoy reading independently.

Mrs Christian has chosen The Girls who walked on air by Emma Carroll, Philip Pulmans Northern Lights and Wonder by RJ Palacio (this is one they will meet at secondary school I am sure)

Thank you for those great tip offs for a good read!
Mrs Rapley loves Beatrix Potter books and has been reading some to Class 2, she also loves this book The Marvellous Mongolian by James Aldridge

Carrying on with the equestrian theme Mrs Nicholson would recommend Black Beauty by Anna Sewell as it was her favourite as a child and she read this book most evenings to her daughter Holly.

Similarly Miss Mann recommends this book My Friend Flicka. Miss Mann also commented that it was old and rare, just like her – this is certainly NOT true although there is only one Miss Mann!

Mrs Swallow loved The Old Woman and her pig when she was a girl and actually took that very book to infant school and read it to them when she was about six - what a clever young girl! She also recommended Rudyard Kipling’s Just so stories
Mrs Clough, Mrs Swallow and I reminisced about ladybird books which are now quite valuable. This was my favourite as I liked the princess as she had dark hair not blonde like they usually were in the 70s although I had a morbid fascination with the page where the princess is in the storm

Mrs Pulham really loves the book Secret garden (staying with the ladybird theme) and she has been enjoying the book Mud puddle farm with Freddie during lockdown.

Mrs Taylor loves the Magic Faraway Tree and reads it with her children and Mrs Luney loves the Enchanted Wood another Enid Blyton classic and this copy is her favourite as a child and is her most treasured book which she has read to all three of her children.
Mrs Neville recommended this book which she loved reading to her girls (bit of a lady bird and animal theme going on here, it’s a great book with a lovely moral to the tale. She also recommended this book Stay where you are and then Leave by John Boyne suitable for children aged 9 and upwards, Mrs Neville actually met the author with her daughter Frankie on a Stow school trip years ago. The author also write Noah Barleywater which is a chosen text in the juniors.

Thank you to everyone for your tip offs, next week the governors will share their favourites with us all!!!

**News from the classes**

Chicks are still arriving in various places. Mrs Luney sent in this really cute one of her daughter Emme with a whole bunch of new friends!! Thank you for sharing this very chilled picture.

Staying with the horse theme for one more picture here is Lily with her horse and dog and of course with George, I have been hearing very good things about their behaviour and helpfulness around the home and the effort they have been putting into their work so well done O’Kane children!
Mr and Mrs Huxson NHS Superheroes Plaque
This is definitely now a regular new item and I am glad to announce that The Hucksons are now aiming for £500 ... wow... keep going, we are so proud of you!

Cookery feature
Here are some of the lovely creations this week... Milly has made an apple crumble with very little help, how clever, Juliet and Marilyn made their grandmother some gluten free brownies for her birthday and some cookies for themselves yummy and very kind of them Poppy Gardner made these delicious looking cakes and you can see the photos of how carefully she measured everything.

Mr Rogers has kindly done another recipe for us all which you will find at the end of the newsletter, this week it is Strawberry MugNuts yummy!! I’m definitely giving it a go it looks like something I could achieve Here a picture of my Winston Churchill fruit cake that I mentioned last week, with strawberries on to cover the black bits!! It was ...edible....
School reopening
I am sure that you are all wondering about further details following last Sunday’s announcement and I would like to assure you that as a school we have been working very hard to respond to the government request and guidance regarding opening to more children from 1st June.

I wrote to you all on Monday this week saying we are unlikely to be in a position to answer your many questions at that point. This is still the case, however I have included a letter with this newsletter which further outlines the areas we are currently exploring as part of our initial plans, and this may give a bit more clarification of what is happening.
Right that’s the serious part done, now onto the children and what they have been up to.....
The Blue Whale is the largest animal on earth.

13/5/2020

They can live a long time.

It's heavier than an adult elephant.

They can grow to be as long as two school buses.

They eat more than 3 tons of fish a day.

They are the loudest animal on the planet.

They Fish eat

Wonderful Whales

It's the largest animal on earth.

In the wild, they can sleep.

You know that the Blue whale lives in the wild sea up to 80 years.

They are one of the tallest land animals.
The Mystery of the Naughty Gnome in the Gnome Valley

Gnome Valley is a beautiful, well-cared for garden. It is home to the happiest community of gnomes ever to grace a garden. Or so it was...

All was not well in Gnome Valley. Over the past few nights, there have been strange things happening here. A group of Baker gnomes had their rasp nkets. Then, the Water gnomes woke up to find all their red uniform hats adorned with yellow spots.

This morning, Gnome News has reported that a naughty gnome is the only explanation for these strange situations. Gnome Police are warmed and have relied in Detective Gnome to get to the bottom of what’s going on.

Can you help Detective Gnome solve the problems to discover which naughty gnome is behind the chaos deeds?

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Caught on Sunday: 15 fish caught. Thursday, two were caught on Saturday then on Tuesday. Was caught at the weekend? Yes.

Dear Gnome Writer's name

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Wonderful Whales

- They are mammals
- They eat fish, krill, squid, and scavengers
- The Blue Whale weighs more than 180,000 kg
- They can swim for 80 min.
- They are the largest animals in the world
- The males measure 24 m in length
- They are very long

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Every evening, we went for a walk before dinner. Today, we decided to have a bicycle ride instead.

We rode through the meadow, enjoying the fresh air and the beautiful scenery. The sun was setting, casting a warm orange glow over everything.

We rode to the field at the end of the path, where we found a hill. The children had a great time climbing and playing on the grassy bank.

When we arrived back home, we all had hot drinks and shared the story of our adventure. The children were thrilled with their new bicycle rides.
Here is that recipe from Mr Rogers

STRAWBERRY MUGNUTS

INGREDIENTS
(Per Portion)

- 4 TBL SP Flour
- 30g Butter
- 1 Egg Yolk
- 2 TBL SP Sugar
- 1 TBL SP Milk
- ½ TSP Baking Powder
- ½ TSP Ground Cinnamon
- 1 HEAPED TBL SP Strawberry Jam (or whatever flavour you want)
- Cinnamon Sugar (Caster Sugar with a pinch of Cinnamon)

METHOD
1. Put the butter in a mug and microwave for 30-45 seconds to melt
2. Add the egg, milk, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon
3. Mix thoroughly
4. Add the flour and mix again until it looks like cake batter
5. Make a divot in the middle with a spoon and add the jam. Cover over with the mixture
6. Microwave for 1 minute. Check if its cooked. If not microwave in 10 second bursts until the top doesn’t feel spongy anymore.
7. Remove and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Add another spoon of Jam if you want on top
   (much better if you do!)
8. Leave to cool for a few minutes. Break the top with a spoon if you want to cool quicker.
9. Eat straight away, it won’t keep like an oven baked cake. If you want to eat this as pudding you can make the mugs up before dinner and then quickly pop them in the microwave at the end. Make sure you cook these one at a time or the cake becomes chewy due to longer cooking time in the microwave.
So now on to our amazing children and the awards for this week....

CLASS ONE AWARDS

The Star of the Week
The star this week is Effie for her enthusiasm for her work on Australia

Heart: Poppy for being so caring towards her younger sister Eadie

Hand: Jude for safely pulling out his tooth (Mrs Clough did send him a congratulations voice note)

Mind: Tori for working hard on a story about koalas

CLASS TWO AWARDS

The Star of the Week
Star of the week - Harry Robinson - it's also his birthday today - writing an excellent blue whale fact-file and trying really hard with all his work this week

Heart - Millie Robinson - being really helpful at home

Hand - Mollie Tustin - demonstrating careful skills

Mind - Harry Anderson - making an excellent blue whale poster
### CLASS THREE AWARDS

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<th>Star – Phoebe for making an incredible mosaic piece for the NHS (see above) and putting so much effort into her writing</th>
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<td>Heart – Ilya for helping and supporting his sister at home with making up stories on walks to keep her motivated and going</td>
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<td>Hand – Poppy for helping in the garden, well done poppy</td>
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<td>Mind – Arlo, even when his brothers finish their work, he still tries his hardest to get his work done</td>
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### CLASS FOUR AWARDS

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<th>Alfie Morris, he always tries his best to complete his work, he made an amazing clock for the creative competition and is always challenging himself</th>
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<td>Heart – Ava Goode, Ava wrote a beautiful poem for her little cousin who she is missing lots</td>
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<td>Hand – Ella White, Ella safely tested objects by building a circuit to see if they were insulators or conductors.</td>
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<td>Mind – Freddie Pulham, Freddie has worked really hard on his times tables and got his highest score on 99</td>
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**CLASS FIVE AWARDS**

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<td>- Stuart for painting with his sister and cooking with his parents</td>
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<td><strong>Hand</strong></td>
<td>- George O Kane riding with his sister and den building safely</td>
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<td><strong>Mind</strong></td>
<td>- Lauren Totham 30/30 on maths 10/10 well done for persevering!</td>
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club this week, well done
Freddie
Have a wonderful weekend and please keep safe, we will keep in touch with you all and write again next week, don’t forget to listen in to the assembly and enjoy all the photos

Together, even though we are apart, we can and will succeed!

Rebecca Scutt
Headteacher

STOP PRESS here is Harrys cake, you will just have to imagine eating a slice x