

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEART- HAND -MIND

March No 1, 2022

<https://trello.com/b/qdazum9d/headteachers-board>

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day Thursday 3 March 2022

Yesterday marked World Book day and we were absolutely delighted with the response of families to our request for Wizard of Oz themed costumes. We had a wonderful array ranging from Flying Monkeys, Scarecrows, Lions, Dorothys, Tin men, witches, and a wizard to an emerald city, yellow brick roads and even a Kansas house! I have put photos taken by Mr Glazier throughout the newsletter and they are also all on Heads Trello board see link at top of letter.



We started the day by sharing all the wonderful work that the children have done this week about our theme book The Wizard of Oz, and we enjoyed looking at poetry, descriptions and artwork (and of course all the costumes!)





We continued the day by holding a bookshop with the help of Borzoi books whereby the children could choose a book using their World Book day vouchers. The children enjoyed choosing from a lovely selection of books with the help of Marianne from Borzoi books, who was also dressed for the occasion as a yellow brick road with a yellow lego brick necklace!

We hope the children had a great day and enjoyed all the literacy related activities. We have linked it very much to the idea of Dorothy wanting to go home which links well with our charity of the year "WellChild" who help terminally ill children to be cared for in their own homes. We also linked it very much to the character and their hopes for a heart (tin man) a courageous brave self (the lion) and a brain (the scarecrow) which of course links really well with our school values of Heart, Hand and Mind. Do please ask your children about their day and thank you very much again for your support with their lovely outfits. Enjoy the pictures, even the cooks had red shoes on their hats! Check out <https://trello.com/b/zHsu6xBg/class-2> for all classes, or any class trello board where the pictures are repeated.



Dance Festival at Cheltenham Town Hall

Our children from Class Five with some Class 4 helpers danced beautifully at Cheltenham Town hall on Wednesday 2 March. This was so amazing, we were so glad to have the opportunity to attend something normal and to give the children the chance to really shine and enjoy themselves. If you recall they ran a cake stall to fund their costumes which I think really made it!

Below are some pictures of the children in their costumes and a link to the video of the children dancing on trello. We are aiming to show the parents of those who attended the dance after school on Tuesday next week (8th March)



Well done to every one for taking part and to the staff for all their hard work, special thanks to Mrs Townsend, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Stubbs and to the parents who went along to support the children.

I was particularly pleased with the high energy of the performance and one of the organisers afterwards commented that we were the best there and that we should enter another competition in Oxford as we were so good. Some of the children in Class 4 had stepped in at the last minute and had to learn it all so quickly so they are also to be particularly praised. Here are some parental comments too

"I just wanted to say, that I attended the Dance Festival and they all did a fantastic job! They looked amazing in their colourful costumes and the dance was so enjoyable to watch!

It really put a smile on my face, especially as it has been so long since we have been able to see the children perform.

Please thank everybody involved for their hard work. I can imagine how hard it must have been to get the children to remember their steps and to perform them with so much energy ! "from a Y6 parent

Check out the video here on the latest news link - <https://trello.com/b/qdazum9d/headteachers-board>

The children each received a super glossy certificate from the Schools Dance Festival 2022 in assembly today.

Wake up Wednesday

We are continuing with our Wake Up Wednesday weekly posters to help families to keep children safe on line. Please find attached this week's guidance on how to keep safe online.

Bingo night- all proceeds to the PTFA

On Monday 7 March we would like children to wear their own clothes and instead of money, please bring in bingo night prizes including tea, coffee, biscuits, chocolates, toiletries and of course red wine, white wine or Prosecco so that we can put together some fabulous prizes. The bingo night itself is being run by our fabulous PTFA and is planned for Friday 11 March at 7pm see fliers attached for details and it should be great fun with a bar and raffle including a cup cake bouquet hand made by Mrs Leighton and a Swedish or Deep Tissue Massage donated by Mrs Copley.



MUSIC ACROSS THE SCHOOL

This event which was delayed from before half term took place this afternoon. Each class performed their wonderful pieces to the rest of the school and we hope to get video and audio copies of this posted on our Trello soon for parents to enjoy. The children have worked incredibly hard this term on their songs and musical accompaniment and we are very proud of them all for their hard work

We have had some good news about Music in Class 4 with three groups having their musical compositions chosen to be actually created by a London Orchestra - more on this as the details emerge. The winning pieces were composed by Isobel Joynes and Lily O'Kane, George Powles and George Adams and Emma Marais. I am so pleased that more than one child was selected, let alone three groups! How FABULOUS!!! Well done Class 4 and Miss Paveley.

RAGS TO RICHES

We are delighted to announce that we raised £111.04 for rags to Riches for the school. The funds will go directly to the children and the clothes will be heading off to Eastern Europe. Many thanks to Mrs Swallow for organising this event and to everyone who sent in clothes. We will try to do this regularly.



SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

As a school we are managing any questions from the children as and when they arise in an age appropriate way and supporting any children who may be feeling anxious about things they have seen or heard in the news or online. We will be guided by the community in regard to ways in which we can help alleviate the humanitarian crisis and uncertainty which is unfolding in Ukraine, with your support as we are aware that there are many local appeals and collections taking place. We will let you know of our plans and make sure we work with charitable partners to ensure our efforts are targeted where most needed.

Successes outside school



This week Tara reached Level 1 in her gymnastics awards and was told that she had done a perfect forward roll. Well done Tara you have done so well!

Attendance awards - the attendance awards were drawn in assembly with tickets from a tub- one for each week that your child has been in school over the last half term . The winners were drawn in assembly as follows:

Class 1 – **Freya King**

Class 2 – **Ethan Harris**

Class 3 – **Bethany-Mae Antiojo**

Class 4 – **Sam Brian**

Class 5 – **Ebonie Cross**

We will now start these again for this half term and will have some nice Easter prizes for attendance in each class for the next six weeks so do make sure your child comes to school every day that they possibly can.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Effie bought in this lovely book to help celebrate her birthday this week, a big thank you to her for her kind donation to Class 2. Hope you had a lovely birthday Effie.



Oscar bought in his lovely book which is GrimWood. A big thank you to him for his lovely book for Class 4.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

Monday 7 March - Non Uniform Day in lieu of BINGO prizes for the PTFA Bingo night, thank you for your support in this venture.

Friday March 11 BINGO - adults only

6.45pm doors open for 7pm start at school in the school hall - prosecco and wine bar, raffle of amazing flower bouquet made from beautiful hand crafted cakes donated by Mrs Leighton, and a Swedish or Deep Tissue Massage donated by Mrs Copley. There will be prizes for lines and full house, all welcome £5 a ticket. Either purchase ticket on the night or in advance from the school office.

Monday 14 March - British Science week - we will be looking at plants and growth in all classes this week as part of British Science Week

Tuesday 15 March and Thursday 17 March - Parents evenings

Please arrive in good time at your child's classroom door and wait until you are asked to come in. Please bring a brolly if its raining! You will have time to talk to your child's teacher and to look at selected books and work. We will book in another opportunity for parents to come in after half term to the hall to look at children's books in more detail. Please do not bring younger siblings in to school unless you really have no alternative as it is much easier to talk about your child's progress without distractions.

Tuesday 5 April – Easter Egg Scamble

Thinking ahead Tuesday 5 April will be our annual pea scramble and easter egg hunt in key stages outside on the field, with the generous support of the PTFA, Coop and Tesco – lots of easter fun, the children will be asked to bring in £1, plenty of chocolate for all!

Thursday 7 April - Provisional Easter Tea for our grandparents and elderly residents at 2pm, please phone the school office to book a place, all children will be taking part in these much loved events which we have been unable to do since lockdown. Please note that we will be serving tea, playing BINGO and performing in line with our COVID-19 risk assessments so it will not be quite the same as usual but we will be doing our best!

For those of you who do not know what happens, Class 1 sing dressed up in our school easter costumes, Class 2 play bingo with the visitors, Class 3 and 4 make them gifts and cards to take away and Class 5 provide easter tea, helped by The PTFA on the teapot! The PTFA will also be running a raffle.

It is held in the hall at 2pm and is finished by 3pm, all grandparents and elderly friends of the school are most welcome but we do need names in advance please

for catering purposes, please ring the office or mention names to Mrs Scutt or Mrs Stubbs at the front door.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our fabulous stars of the week and to everyone who earned a certificate in school this week.

Class 1

Star of the Week - **William Lloyd** for his great enthusiasm for his work

Class 2

Star of the week – **Mia Longstaff** for working hard all week

Class 3

Star of the Week – **Mollie Tustin** for always trying her hardest and achieving fabulous results

Class 4 Star of the week - **Lily O'Kane**

Class 5 Star of the week – **Connor Flaherty**



VALUES – these are our three school values and rules). This week, these children have embodied our school rules and values:

HAND (these children have been safe)

Archie Essex
Charlee Poole
Alexis Essex

HEART (these children have been supportive)

None this week

MIND (these children have persevered in their learning)

William Pope
Jude Williams

CURRICULUM CERTIFICATES

English - Jessica Morris
Science - Loki Copley
Geography - Harry Anderson
English - Poppy Leighton
Handwriting - Rowan Davidson
Maths - Oscar Clifford
English - Lydia Quiney
Maths – Bobby Harris
Music - Ria Tomlinson
Maths - Sadie Rogers

World Book day special awards

Amelia Andrews
Rohan Flaherty
Ella Morris
Milly Wheeler
Freya King
Grace Cox
Naomi-Lee Clarke
Gracie Adams
Noah Lynch
RJ Antiojo

MATHS PASSPORTS

Ethan Erwood - Ireland
Freya King - Wales
Charlee Poole - Scotland
Bethany Antiojo - Antarctica
Elijah Rogers - Australasia
Brooke Beasley - Africa

BONUS MERITS

Parker Molner - for amazing drawings, diary and artwork during Storm Eunice - well done

Lydia Quiney - for lovely work completed at home during Storm Eunice including two short books

Harry Robinson - for amazing writing with much detail and great vocabulary and punctuation, good IT skills too completed during Storm Eunice

HOUSE POINTS

RED	YELLOW	BLUE	GREEN
1230	1153	1131	1222

So, the winners for last half term were the **REDS** and we are starting afresh again this week, same with attendance awards

If you have any questions or concerns do please ring us on 01451 830784 or email at any time head@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk or admin@stow-on-the-wold.gloucs.sch.uk. Don't let little worries become big concerns! Please talk to us if we can help in any way or if you have any worries at all. Thank you for all your support of our various events and performance and activities in school it really helps us to ensure that the children have a rich and memorable curriculum filled with lovely experiences.

From next week in line with our risk assessments, we will be returning to school dinners all together in the hall and shared play and break times, we will also be reinstating team meetings for each house on a Friday and starting up School Council meetings again, all of which involves mixing the key stages. We keep our activities under constant review and if we had an outbreak we may of course at any-time be advised to review our infection controls, but in the meantime we need to return to as much normality in the curriculum and timetabling as possible.

We will finish with more lovely pictures from yesterday and if you check out the Trello boards you will find even more there.

Together We Can Succeed

**Rebecca Scutt
Headteacher**











MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Non-uniform Day

Monday 7th March

In exchange for the children wearing non-uniform on Monday 7th March we would love them to bring in a donation that will be used as a game or raffle prize at the

PTFA Bingo Night
to be held at school on
Friday 11th March at 7pm.

Suggested ideas:-

Red and white wine, Prosecco/sparkling, tea, coffee, biscuits, chocolates, stationery, toiletries, photo frames, candles.

THANK YOU!



BINGO!



FRIDAY 11th MARCH

DOORS OPEN AT 6.45pm

1ST GAME STARTS AT 7.00pm

**AT STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST EDWARD'S DRIVE
STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GL54 1AW (01451 830784)**

FABULOUS PRIZES, RAFFLE & LICENSED BAR

**PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKET IN ADVANCE
FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE - £5.00 PER TICKET
(INCLUDES BINGO TICKETS AND SNACKS)**

ADULTS ONLY

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

...TYPING...

NEWS

PRIZE

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

