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Newsletter: END OF YEAR JULY 2023

I probably say this every year, but I really can't believe we are only a few days away from the end of another jam packed year at Stowlawn! We have held so many events, activities and performances on top of our usual teaching and learning that the time has just flown past. I have the privilege of being able to see the whole school on class dojo and looking back on this year has made me so proud of the children and staff and all we have achieved. None of this would be possible without the support of yourselves – our wonderful Stowlawn families and community. Educating the children takes a team, and you are a vital part of that team, supporting everything that we do. For that we would like to say a very big thank you! Over the last few weeks we have met lots of new families as children new to school have visited ahead of starting Nursery or Reception in September and we are excited to welcome them to our Stowlawn family.

Just a reminder that we are still at school next Monday and Tuesday– with times of our Tuesday lunchtime finish as follows :

Nursery - Normal time **Reception** - 1.05pm **Years 1,2,3** - 1.10pm **Years 4 and 5** - 1.15pm
Year 6 - 1.20pm "final goodbye".

As you can see, we finish with our Year 6 "final goodbye". We are so proud of our Year 6 children, and the tremendous year they have had. At this time of year we can really see how much they have matured and grown, and this – along with their fantastic SATS results – shows how much progress they have made. They have some end of school activities to enjoy, and then we will wave them off ready for their new challenges at secondary school. We look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the future. Well done Year 6 - we are very proud of you and we will miss you!

Staff changes and new classes

We have recently welcomed back Mrs Naik and Mrs Morgan, who have been on maternity leave.

At the end of this term we are saying "Goodbye" to Mrs Stack in the school office. She is retiring from Stowlawn after 32 years of working here! Thank you Mrs Stack - and we hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement. Mr Cocker will also be leaving us at the end of this year.

A full list of next years classes and teachers can be found at the end of this newsletter.

School Trips and Visits

An important part of our Stowlawn learning experience is to provide a range of trips and visits for children in every year group. However we are also aware that the cost of living rises are having an impact on some families. We have been looking at trips and costs to support families as we would like all children to take part.

Therefore we will now cover the cost of coach travel for all the trips that happen across the school year, and we will be only be asking families to contribute towards the cost of tickets/ workshops/entrance fees etc. We have also put together a timetable showing which trips are planned to happen in which year groups and when. Obviously this can be subject to change and we do not know the costs of these trips yet, but we hope this will help parents to budget and be aware of any extra costs that are coming up.

This can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Previous pupil success

2 of our former pupils, Maisie and Ava, had been extremely successful with their dance troupe and now have the chance to go to Florida next year to compete in an international competition! If you would like to find out more then please follow the link below to their fundraising page. Good luck girls – we know you will be amazing!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/allstar-world-championships-2024-expenses>

September "Back To School"

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 6th September – for further dates please see the "dates" section below.

Children who are currently in Nursery and moving to full time in September will receive their own start dates.



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Dates For Your Diary

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| Tuesday 18 th July | Nursery and Reception | Sports Day (9am) – weather permitting |
| | Performance Club | 4pm - Final Performance of “Peter Pan” Adults / over 11 years only |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Years 3 to 6 | Sports Day (9am) – weather permitting |
| | Years 1 and 2 | Sports Day (1.15pm) – weather permitting |
| Thursday 20 th July | Nursery | “Graduation” |
| Friday 21 st July | Whole school (up to Year 5) | Visit to new classes and new teachers |
| | Year 6 | Leavers trip |
| Monday 24 th July | Year 6 | 1.00 pm – leavers assembly for Year 6 parents (note change of time due to length of performance). |
| Tuesday 25 th July | Whole School | Break Up for Summer Holidays Nursery - Normal time 1.05pm - Reception 1.10pm - Years 1 ,2, 3 1.15pm – Years 4 and 5 1.20pm – Year 6 “final goodbye” |
| Wednesday 6 th September | Years 1 to 6 | Return to school for new school year. Reception and Nursery children will receive starting details separately . |
| Friday 27 th October | Whole School | Break up for half term |
| Tuesday 6 th November | Whole School | Return to School |
| Thursday 21 st December | Whole School | Break up for Christmas holiday |
| Monday 8 th January | Whole School | Back to School |
| Academic Year 2023 / 2024 INSET days – staff training and school closed to children : | | |
| Monday 4 th September 2023 | | Tuesday 5 th September 2023 |
| Monday 6 th November 2023 | | Friday 22 nd December 2023 |
| Monday 22 nd July 2024 | (children will break up for the summer on Friday 19 th July 2024) | |



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Trips and Visits 2023 / 2024 (subject to change)

| | Autumn | Spring | Summer |
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| Nursery | | | Adventure Street |
| Reception | | Think Tank - Germ workshop | |
| Year1 | Wonderland Telford | | Zoo Visit |
| Year2 | Residential - 2 nights Frank Chapman | Sea Life Centre (2 nd half Spring term) | |
| Year3 | | Enginuity Inventions Museum | Growing / plants Botanical Gardens |
| Year4 | Pantomime | | Black Country Museum |
| Year 5 | Pantomime | | Think Tank Planetarium |
| Year 6 | 1 visit to support authors / writing to be arranged | | Residential - 2 nights Pioneer Centre |



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Classes and teachers – September 2023

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| Nursery | Acorns AM only | Miss Lochhead | <i>Mrs Vaughan Ms Hartshorn</i> |
| Reception | Beech | Miss Bailey <i>Miss Gamston</i> | Miss Lochhead (EYFS lead) |
| | Ash | Miss Cheema <i>Mrs Holliday</i> <i>Ms Hartshorn – pm</i> | |
| Year 1 | 1 Rowan | Mrs Banga <i>Mrs S Clark</i> | Mrs Vaughan (Assistant Headteacher/ KS1 leader) |
| | 1 Birch | Mrs Morgan <i>Mrs Stack</i> | |
| Year 2 | 2 Holly | Miss Finch <i>Mrs Stamp</i> | |
| | 2 Chestnut | Miss Dimitri <i>Miss Sadler</i> | |
| Year 3 | 3 Oak | Mrs Naik / Mrs Glover <i>Mrs Warrender</i> | Mrs Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher/ Y3 and Y4 leader) |
| | 3 Elder | Mr Corfield <i>Ms Bal</i> | |
| Year 4 | 4 Cherry | Mrs Smart (Apprenticeship teacher) Mrs Whitehouse <i>Mr Osborne</i> | |
| | 4 Fir | Mr Page <i>Mr Balde</i> <i>Mrs Patel (SEN support)</i> | |
| Year 5 | 5 Pine | Ms McKay <i>Mrs Briggs</i> | Mrs Green (Assistant Headteacher/ Year 5 and 6 leader) |
| | 5 Hawthorn | Mr Pitt <i>Mrs L Clarke</i> | |
| Year 6 | 6 Poplar | Mrs Bedworth <i>Mrs Shakespeare</i> Mrs Green - am | |
| Mrs Charles - Headteacher Mr O'Connor - Deputy Headteacher Ms Manby - Pastoral Support Officer Mrs Glover - SENCO Ms Davis - Education Welfare Officer Mr Martin - School Business Manager Mrs Balde - Office Assistant | | | |