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Newsletter: End of Year July 2024

We are into the last few days of school at the end of another academic year, and time has flown by once again. When I was lucky enough to become Headteacher at Stowlawn nearly 5 years ago there were 219 children in the school.

When we come back to school in September, we will be fully 2 form entry, with over 420 children on roll! Inevitably with such growth, school staff can come and go as they move on to new adventures, retire, or fill new positions within the school. In this newsletter you will find information about staff changes and also a full staff and class list so you can see what the whole school will look like from September – if you compare this to the ones issued in previous years you will see just how much school has grown!

As Stowlawn families, you are such a big part of that journey and all of the staff would like to say thank you for your support and encouragement you give to your children, as well as to us as a school, every year. I would also like to say a personal thank you to all the wonderful staff we have here at Stowlawn. They really do go above and beyond for all the children to ensure that they are given amazing opportunities and learning across the curriculum.

With us all working together we really are #teamstowlawn and continue to look forward with excitement to the future.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer break, and look forward to welcoming lots of you back to a new school year on Wednesday 4th September.

Mrs Charles

Staff News

Hello to.....

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed a number of new staff in to Stowlawn. **Mrs McCallion** has joined us as our attendance and pastoral worker. You may have contact with her from September around your child's attendance or if they have medicines or medical needs.

Mrs Bering and **Miss Whitehouse** have joined us as HLTAs, which means they will be working with some groups in a morning, but covering classes when staff have release time in an afternoon where needed. **Mr Clayton** has joined us as a TA and will be working in KS2. We have also welcomed some new dinner staff – **Mrs Ibekwe**, **Mrs Janson**, **Miss Williams** and **Mrs Dawson** are all now working across the school supporting children over lunchtimes.

From September, we will be welcoming some new teachers too. **Mr Brooks**, will be teaching in Year 4, alongside **Mrs Smart** who we congratulate on passing her teacher training! **Miss Guest** will be teaching in Year 1 and **Miss O'Hara** in Year 2.

and goodbye....

This year we are saying goodbye to 3 members of staff.

Mrs Banga leaves us for an exciting new adventure, as she prepares to emigrate to Australia later in the year.

Mr Osborne – our very own Mr O! – is leaving after nearly 5 years at Stowlawn. His work supporting children across the school has been invaluable and he will be leaving a vibrant Mr O shaped hole as he goes to work across a local academy trust.

Finally to a lady who is retiring after an amazing 24 years at Stowlawn. **Mrs Clark** has worked with many of you and your children over the years and has seen many changes during her time here. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a restful retirement, but with many adventures in her camper van!

Congratulations.....

We would also like to say a big Stowlawn "Congratulations" to Mr. Powell, Mr. Page and Miss Cheema who are all getting married during the holiday. When we return to school in September, Miss Cheema will be known as Mrs Murphy.



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Year 6

We can't let the end of the year go by without saying a big "GOOD BYE" to our Year 6 children. Through their time at Stowlawn, they have shown all of our Stowlawn Six in abundance. This year especially they have also shown the way as amazing role models to all the younger children in school with their excellent attitude toward all aspects of school life. **Year 6 it has been an absolute pleasure to have as part of the Stowlawn family and we will miss you all!**

Attendance

We are already having families send in leave of absence requests for holidays next academic year. I wanted to remind you about information from the last newsletter. On August 19th new attendance law will come into force which we have to adhere to. Holidays in term time are not permitted and cannot be authorised and a fine will be issued by the local authority.

For example, if a family with 2 children and 2 parents go on holiday for a week in term time, this could cost £360 if 2 parents are fined, or £180 if just one parent is fined (this is dependant on who applies for the leave of absence).

Every school must adhere fully to the DfE's new guidelines. Funds gained from any fines go to the Local Authority and are not shared with individual schools.

Trips and Visits

Many of you found it useful having the years trips and visits mapped out at the beginning of the year. We are making some changes to our curriculum which means a couple of these may be different next year. Therefore we shall put out a new list at the beginning of next term.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Monday 15 th July | Performance Club | Performances for parents and school |
| Tuesday 16 th July | Performance Club | Performances for parents |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Year 6 | Leavers' celebration - Bowling |
| Thursday 18 th July | Year 6 | 1.15 pm – Leavers' assembly for parents |
| Friday 19 th July | Whole School | Lunchtime finish for summer holidays Nursery - Normal time 1.00pm – Reception 1.05pm - Years 1, 2, 3 1.10pm – Years 4 and 5 1.20pm – Year 6 "Final Goodbye" |
| Wednesday 4 th September | Children return to school for the new academic year. (New Nursery / Reception parents will receive separate start times) | |
| Academic Year 2023/2024 INSET days –school closed to children: Monday 2 nd September 2024 Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Friday 20 th December 2024 Monday 21 st July 2025 (1 further day to be arranged) | | |



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Class and Staff List Academic Year 2024 /25

Headteacher (DSL): Mrs. Charles

Deputy Headteacher (DDSL): Mr. O'Connor

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Whitehouse. Mrs. Vaughan,

SENCO: Mrs. Glover

Pastoral Support Officer (DDSL): Ms Manby

School Business Manager: Mr. Martin

Office Manager: Mrs. Balde

Office Assistant: Ms. Law

Attendance and medical/ pastoral worker : Mrs McCallion

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| Nursery | Acorns AM only | Miss Lochhead <i>Miss Hartshorn, Mrs Stamp</i> | |
| Reception | Beech | Miss Demitri <i>Mrs Holiday</i> | Phase leader : Miss Lochhead |
| | Ash | Mrs Murphy (Miss. Cheema) <i>Mrs Rudge</i> | <i>pm- Miss Hartshorn</i> |
| Year 1 | 1 Rowan | Miss Finch <i>Miss Gamston</i> | KS 1 Phase leader : Mrs Vaughan <i>Mrs Kaur (SEN TA)</i> |
| | 1 Birch | Miss Guest <i>Miss Sadler</i> | |
| Year 2 | 2 Holly | Mr Pitt <i>Mrs Bastable</i> | <i>am : Mrs Bering (HLTA)</i> <i>pm : Mrs Stamp</i> |
| | 2 Chestnut | Miss O'Hara <i>Mrs Stack</i> | |
| Year 3 | 3 Oak | Mrs Naik/ Mrs Glover <i>Mr Balde</i> | Lower KS 2 Phase leader: Mrs Whitehouse |
| | 3 Elder | Mr Corfield <i>Ms Bal</i> | |
| Year 4 | 4 Cherry | Mrs Smart <i>Mrs Warrender</i> | <i>am: Miss J Whitehouse (HLTA)</i> |
| | 4 Willow | Mr Brooks <i>Ms Briggs</i> | |
| Year 5 | 5 Pine | Ms McKay <i>Mrs Shakespeare</i> | Upper KS2 Phase Leader: Mrs Green |
| | 5 Hawthorn | Mr Page <i>Mrs Patel (SEN)</i> | |
| Year 6 | 6 Poplar | Mrs Bedworth <i>Mr Clayton</i> | |
| | 6 Maple | Mrs Clarke (Apprentice teacher) Mrs Green <i>Mrs Morgan</i> | |