

## NEWSLETTER 1 - AUTUMN TERM 2014



### **Welcome to the Autumn term!**

It is lovely to see all of the children back at school looking smart in their new uniforms and new shoes. May I remind you that long hair should be tied back, the only jewellery allowed is stud earrings, and we don't expect to see fluorescent socks, nail varnish, tattoo transfers, charity bracelets or sweat bands. A complete PE kit (including plimsolls or trainers), should be sent in on Mondays ready to use during the week. Please ensure that all clothing and shoes are marked with your child's name and check regularly that PE shoes still fit! Thankyou!

### **New Pupils**

We are delighted to welcome our new Reception children – Daniel, Tristan, Edward, Eva, Jasper, Finley, Elisabeth, Alfie, Elena, Brody, Miranda, William, Peter, Vriya, Ashleigh, Annie, Jacob and Amelia. Other children have also joined us this term – Sammy in Hazel class, Roxy in Acorns and Finlay in Chestnuts. That means our number on roll at the beginning of this academic year is 104!

### **Changes**

The coming academic year will be an important one for the school as the governors begin the process of advertising for a new Headteacher. I have a special birthday in March and have informed the governors of my intention to retire at the end of the Spring term. I came to Stower Provost in June 2008, drafted in by the Local Authority as Acting Headteacher, and have overseen many positive changes since then. The school is in a strong position now in terms of its growing numbers, its reputation within the local community and its improved Ofsted gradings in the last few years. It has a dedicated team of staff who will help a new leader to continue moving the school forward on its journey to excellence.

### **Letters**

Most of the newsletters and other school letters will be sent home on Thursdays, although occasionally we have to send things on other days too. Newsletters are on white paper, sports letters on blue, PTFA on pink, trip letters on green, class letters on yellow and emergency / urgent letters on red. If you are happy to receive letters by e-mail, instead of paper copies, please talk to Mrs.Pike in the school office.

### **Lost**

One of our year 6 pupils, Callie, has lost her new school sweatshirt which has her name sewn inside and a bronze star badge and a monitor's badge. Please check your child's uniform and bags so that we can reunite Callie with her new jumper.

### **Buses**

I know there have been some difficulties with the transport this week; unfortunately one of the tenders was given to a different company and there have been a few glitches. Please be patient with Mrs.Pike who is doing her best to sort things out as quickly as possible.

### **Hot Lunches**

We are really pleased with our new hot lunches and I would urge everyone who is entitled to a free lunch to try them, if only for a week. The online ordering needs to be done at least 7 days in advance. Key Stage 2 children who are out on a trip next Tuesday will have that lunch credited to your next order.