

News from Stower Provost Primary School December 2018

The children are continuing to work hard, improving their reading, writing and maths, while also learning about a wide range of different topics. We were honoured to be a part of the dedication of the new War Memorial at East Stour Village Hall in November, which complemented our learning about the Centenary of the Armistice. We also take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, including sporting fixtures against other local schools, though bad light does stop play for some of our after-school clubs at this time of year.

We are always keen to welcome the community into school. I have recently shown a former pupil round the school who last set foot here in 1956! His fascinating tales of post-war Woodville Primary (as we were then), were highly entertaining, and he was very interested to see not only what had changed, but also what was still fundamentally the same. If you have any personal history with the school, we would love to hear from you.

This is always a very special half term in primary schools as the children start to count off the days to Christmas, most of which seem to be filled with exciting activities and lessons with a particular theme. The sales of red tissue paper and glitter across the country at this time of year must be extraordinary! The box of biscuits for the cleaning staff seems small compensation for the amount of extra time needed to scrape the dried PVA glue off the tables, but the results of all this creativity lead to a very colourful school.

The lead up to the end of term is full of special events, many of which are led, or funded, by our hard-working Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, the PTFA.

Our first week in December includes a Christmas Jumper Day, with the children bringing in prizes for the Gifts in a Jar stall at the Bazaar, and a Christmas Tree Service where the children hang their own creations on a fabulous tree in the school hall. In the second week, the younger children take to the boards for their annual Nativity Play, this year's delight entitled 'Born in a Barn'.

The aforementioned PTFA Christmas Bazaar takes place on Friday 14th in the school hall, 3:30pm – 5:30pm offering an excellent array of stalls, entertainment and refreshments. We are also hoping to welcome a very special visitor who is always eagerly anticipated by our younger children.

In the last week of term we will be taking the children to Stour Provost Church for our Carol Service (4:00pm on 19th December), and a highlight for the children is the trip to the Pantomime (oh yes it is...). We finish the term with a last assembly and a special lunch put on by the PTFA, followed by a sweep round to make sure all lunch boxes and PE kits are taken home, before a well-deserved rest for the children. Please do join us for the Carol Service or the Bazaar, you would be very welcome.