

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



12th January 2024

Welcome back to 2024!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are back into the swing of the school term and are very excited by all of the opportunities we have planned for the spring term.

Miss Heater has been busy arranging sporting events for the children to participate in and looking for further initiatives that we can be involved in. We are also lucky enough to have started our swimming sessions again, at Arun Leisure Centre and it is wonderful to see the children growing in confidence in the water.

As you may have seen by the recent letters, we are also pushing reading in the school and are looking for more readers to come in and support the children. If you have a little time and would like to come and read, please talk to Mrs Cooper about getting a DBS. We also appreciate all of the work you are doing at home to improve the children's reading.

It has been lovely to see all of the children coming back to school in smart school uniform. If you are unsure of the uniform requirements, please ask or look at our website:

https://www.slindonprimary.co.uk/web/school_uniform/595525

Thank you again for your continued support.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

18/1-25/1	Prayer week
21/1	Grounds clearance
22/1	SPLASH assembly
23/1	Yr 5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
26/1	Yr 5/6 Civil War Project
6/2	Yr 3/4 Football Tournament
7/2	Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament
9/2	Intra school hockey
9/2	Yr 5/6 Football tournament
19/2	Inset day
22/2	Yr 5/6 Parliament trip
26/2-1/3	Bikeability training
27/02	Bronze Ambassador (Yr 5)
7/3	World Book Day
8/3	Yr 5/6 Civil War Project
8/3-15/3	British Science Week

This half term we are learning about trust, linked to faithfulness.

In this first couple of weeks, we have been looking at how we can be trustworthy and how we can have trust in one another.

What's happening in school?

Catkins

Just before Christmas we were very lucky to be contacted by Barrett Homes, who are building in the new Fontwell Estates. They asked us if there was anything the school needed and Mrs Merrett jumped in with a new role play area for Catkin Class.

This was generously donated and the children have been able to access this area, as part of their self-initiated learning. So far it has been a shop and a vets.

This has been further supported by a generous donation from Mr and Mrs Sercombe in the village, which has paid for a new mini café for the outside area.

Both of these will really support the children in their exploration of the outside world and role play opportunities.



Maths fact

- The Fibonacci Sequence is the series of numbers:
- 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ...
- The next number is found by adding up the two numbers before it:
- the 2 is found by adding the two numbers before it (1+1),
- the 3 is found by adding the two numbers before it (1+2),
- the 5 is (2+3),

English fact!

Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word that connects other parts of a sentence. It can connect two words that both do the same thing in a sentence. "And" in the sentence "the boy and the girl run" connects the boy to the girl because they both run. Conjunctions can even connect two clauses that would normally be different sentences together. The word "but" in the sentence "I like cats, but he likes dogs" is a conjunction doing this.

Acorn class Djembe drums

Acorn Class have embarked on another musical exploration this half term...They are working with the West Sussex Music Service to learn the Djembe drums. In this they are being challenged to explore rhythm, pulse and create their own compositions. The first lesson went very well and we are looking forward to seeing how they do in future lessons.



Standard School Year 2023/2024

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024 for West Sussex

The School Year





	2023			
	September	October	November	December
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
	2024			
	January	February	March	April
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	May	June	July	August
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/2024

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2023	May Day	6th May 2024
Boxing Day	26th December 2023	Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024
New Year Day Holiday	1st January 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2024
Good Friday	29th March 2024		
Easter Monday	1st April 2024		

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		September to October half term	36 days
		October to December	35 days
Bank holidays and national holidays		January to February half term	29 days
		February to April	29 days
Start of Term		April to May half term	29 days
		June to July	37 days
End of Term		Total	195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2024 will not be determined until the 2024/25 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.

West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2024?

- Do you think, for whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 04 September 2023.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:

Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 02 October 2023.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Monday 15 January 2024.

For more information on the admissions process:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussexsendias.org



Safeguarding at Slindon

What is safeguarding?

Visitors coming on to school premises, including the playground, have a duty of care towards the welfare and safety of the children and adults in the school. This is called safeguarding.

Safeguarding means that:

- children are protected from maltreatment
- a child's health or development is protected
- children grow up with safe and effective care
- action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children in our care to protect them from harm. **We take this responsibility very seriously** and we work in close partnership with parents and professionals to protect all of our children. The school will take any reasonable action to ensure the welfare and safety of its pupils is maintained.

Our staff and governors have been trained on safeguarding in line with the KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION document and have taken part in 'PREVENT'.

If you worried about a child's safety you can contact IFD (Integrated Front Door) directly on [01403 229900](tel:01403229900)

Who to contact in our school

If in doubt, talk to someone... Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Laura Webb, Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Deputies

Mrs Hazel Flower, School Business Manager

Mrs Karen Cooper, School Secretary

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Katy Horner

Or you can email: dsl@slindonprimary.co.uk

REMEMBER, KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO!

Headlice

Over the last few months, we have seen an increase in the number of headlice cases in the school. Please ensure you are checking your child's hair regularly and treating any lice found.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please remember that we are now strictly a 'no nut' school. Please ensure that the food you send into school for your child has no traces of nut products.



Enjoy archery, fencing, football, basketball, tennis, hockey, athletics, dance, dodgeball and more!

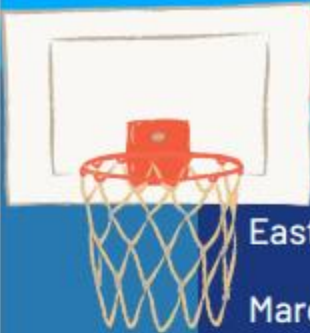


15 - 19
FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP



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PLEASE SEE THE STEPS BELOW ON HOW TO SECURE YOUR SPACE

	M	T	W	T	F
East Preston	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
March	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Bartholomews	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whiteley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rose Green	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Berewood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steep	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗



**Half Term Camps -
MONDAY 15th- FRIDAY 19th
February**

BOOK HERE



Use the QR located here to book your space at our February Half Term Camps.

Alternatively head over to our website at www.jc-sportsonline.com and click the holiday activities to find the booking link

