

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



10th February 2023

Another half term finished!

Dear Parents/Carers,

And what a half term it has been!.

This term we have seen school trips for all of the children in the school, cake sales, an upcoming disco, sporting events, a book fair, visits from other schools and our usual range of learning.

It has been a busy half term and the children have risen to all of the learning and challenges we have given them. It has been great to see the children doing the magic mile around the school playground and to see different teams competing in competitions, but the most important thing was the children always had a smile on their face and represented the school with respect and joy.

On top of this we have seen the children challenged to improve their work through editing and proof reading. They have produced some amazing pieces of writing this half term and are showing real improvement.

We have also seen our PFA continuing their fundraising efforts, with more activities planned after half term to reach our fundraising goals. As a school, we are very thankful for all of the donations we have received and they will help us to provide the best quality education for our children.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you all a restful and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 21st February.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Next half term our theme is Respect, linked to patience. We will be talking about having respect for ourselves, the elderly and animals. Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Dates

7-20/02	Travelling Book Fair at school
10/02	Valentines Disco (TBC)
20/02	INSET day 4
2/03	World Book Day
03/03	Stay and read
03/03	ProKick event
07/03	Parents evening 1
08/03	Parents evening 2
14/03	Messy Church
22 – 24/03	Chestnut Residential trip to Hooke Court
28/03	Future Flyers
29/03	Chichester Festival
31/03	Easter Egg Tombola
19/04	Break the rules day
21/04	Catkins trip to Goodwood
05/06	INSET day 5

What's happening in school?

Houses of Parliament Trip.



On Thursday 2nd February, Chestnut Class had a fantastic day in London. They walked to Buckingham Palace, met a pelican in St James Park, went to Trafalgar Square, Horse Guards, Downing Street and then the Houses of Parliament. We got to watch debates in the Lords and Commons, then met our local MP, Andrew Griffith who answered lots of their questions. The children were very concerned about the impact of climate change and were able to debate banning smoking.

It was a fantastic day and the children behaved amazingly.

Fracking Day

On the 31st January, the year 5 children from Petworth CofE Primary School joined us for a Geography and Philosophy day.

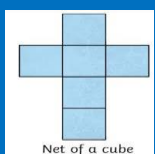
Led by Miss Poulton and Mr Neary, they investigated the potential benefits and pitfalls of fracking, while looking at the potential geographical positioning of a site.

They finished the day with a debate, with both sides of the argument being presented. Overall, it was a fantastic day and we are looking forward to sharing more learning opportunities in the future.



Maths fact – What is a net of a shape?

The 'net' of a shape (also called a geometry net) is a term used to describe what a 3D shape would look like if it was opened out and laid flat.



SPAG fact- Homophone:

Two different words that sound the same but are spelt differently, e.g. hear, here.



McDonalds sports equipment

Our wonderful PFA contacted McDonalds about donating some sports equipment to the school. We were lucky enough to be chosen and have received: 4 new footballs, a speed ladder, a set of cones, a bag for the balls and a set of green and red bibs. We are massively thankful to McDonalds and the PFA for allowing us the opportunity to have some new equipment.



ProKick fundraising

This week the children got to meet Matt Patterson, a professional football player, who has played for Southampton, Bognor Regis and Aldershot. On the 3rd March, he is returning to the school with his large inflatable goal and all of the children will have the chance to shoot a goal to see how fast they are.

We are asking the children to be sponsored to do this, however this can be anything from 1p upwards and every little helps to support the learning and education of children across the globe. To find out more please visit: <https://www.scfchildrenscharity.org.uk/prokick>



PFA news!

The PFA have been exceptionally busy again this half term with a Valentine Cake Sale and Valentine Disco, both of which raise vital funds for the school. They have recently given us funding for a new oven and installation, so the children can cook in the school as part of their DT.

If you would like to be part of the PFA, or just want to help with some fundraising, they are holding an AGM on the 23rd February, 9:30 at Denmans Garden.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has bought a book from the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair. The Fair is being picked up on the 21st February, so will be out on the morning of this day only.

We will let you know how much we raised for books as soon as we can ☺



Standard School Year 2022/2023

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2022/2023 for West Sussex
The School Year

	2022				2023													
	September				October				November				December					
Monday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
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Wednesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
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Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023

Christmas Holiday	27th December 2022 (in lieu of 25th)	May Day	1st May 2023
Boxing Day	26th December 2022	Spring Bank Holiday	29th May 2023
New Year Day Holiday	2nd January 2023 (in lieu of 1st)	Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2023
Good Friday	7th April 2023		
Easter Monday	10th April 2023		

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)			
School holidays	■	September to October half term	37
		October to December	35
Bank holidays and national holidays	■	January to February half term	29
		February to April	30
Start of Term	□	April to May half term	29
		June to July	35
End of Term	□	Total	195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2023 will not be determined until the 2023/24 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
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HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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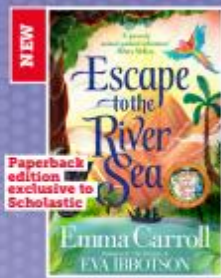
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