

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



13th September 2024

Friendship!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The beginning of the year is always an exciting time, with new children, new displays and new learning planned in the classes. All of the staff have been busy over the holidays creating enabling environments to engage and enhance the children's learning.

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school and the learning buzz in the classroom has been impressive. We have started the year with a whole school focus on 'The Lost Words' focusing on the language used and the art work within the text. This has also allowed us to think about the world around us and what we share it with.

The outdoor environment continues to develop with new areas uncovered, to make the playground a more exciting place for the children. Inside the school has also seen changes, with new windows and doors fitted to improve our energy efficiency.

One of our changes this year is that the children in year 3-6 will be asked to complete some weekly homework activities, to support their learning in spellings, reading and basic mathematical fluency. This homework is not compulsory, but will give the children more strategies to facilitate their learning and extend what they are already doing in class. If you have any questions about this, please do ask.

All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

16/9	Splash assembly
18/9	Chestnut trip to Parham
20/09	Jeans for genes day.
26/09	Yr 5/6 football tournament
02/10	Harvest festival
03/10	Flu vaccination
04/10	Yr 3/4 football tournament.
08/10	Year 6 Interfaith day.
10/10	Six weeks in meeting
14/10	KS2 girls football tournament
24/10	Whole School Cross Country
25/10	INSET day
15/11	Children in Need Day
19 th and 20 th / 11	Parents evening
21/11	Chestnut class Parliament trip

Our collective worship theme is friendship, linked with our Christian value of love.

We will be encouraging the children to consider showing friendship in the darkest of times.

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.

What's happening in school?

Forest School

On Friday 6th September, all of the children from year 1-6 visited the Forest as part of our 'Lost Words' learning.

The children worked in mixed groups taking part in 5 different activities:

- Sound scapes
- What animals live here?
- Tree identification
- Shelters
- Free time.



The children had a fabulous time exploring the woods, considering how different animals can use it and the different species within it. This supports the children's scientific understanding of animals and their habitats, showing them what this looks like during the autumn months in a wooded environment.

The forest also helps the children to develop resilience and independence, creating shelters with minimal materials so that they can use problem solving skills, in context. Also, how they can work together, as part of a team, to create something that will benefit all of them.

Finally, the forest is fun! The children get the chance to climb trees, play in the mud and spend time together (all properly risk assessed of course).



Maths fact – Minuend

- a quantity or number from which another is to be subtracted.

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SPAG fact- Apostrophe

a punctuation mark (') used to indicate either possession (e.g. Harry 's book ; boys ' coats) or the omission of letters or numbers (e.g. can ' t ; he ' s ; 1 Jan. ' 99).



SIAMs inspection

At Slindon CofE Primary school we serve our local community and enable our school family to flourish. We recognise that everyone is Unique and want to ensure they are able to Learn and Develop in a high quality learning environment. We enrich the spirit in an Enabling Environment, in which Positive relationships foster creativity and curiosity. In hope we encourage our community to shine brightly and be courageous advocates of our world, shaping their futures for the better.

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Galatians 5; 22-23

Let Your Light Shine ~ Matthew 5:16

As you may have seen on Wednesday 18th September, we have our SIAMs inspection. This is an inspection which looks at the Christian distinctiveness of the school and how we are promoting our school vision to our wider community.

A quick plea from the school, if your child came home with an RE book at the end of last year, could they please bring it back into school, so they can share some of their work with the inspector.

We are very proud of our Christian distinctiveness and are looking forward to celebrating what we do as a school, this includes:

- Our collective worship, where we gather together and focus on a core theme.
- Our services at the Church, where we worship as a whole school community.
- Our 'Star of the Week' and 'Fruits of the Spirit' awards.
- The calm atmosphere in the school, which supports the children's learning.
- The kindness, joy and goodness of the children and staff, how they behave to one another and the relationships they forge.
- Our school family, and the support we receive from the children, parents and the local community.
- Our relationship with St Mary's Church and the support of Rvd Dyson and the Church community within the school.
- Celebrating academic, as well as social and personal achievements.
- Our provision of experiences for the children, such as trips, tournaments, visitors and engagements with local projects e.g. art projects and the Civil War project.
- Using Thoughtfull to support parents with school based anxiety.

There are many more things we could list, but I hope you will join with us on the day to celebrate our Christian distinctiveness and please feel free to talk to the Inspector.

Parent Survey

Since the last survey we have incorporated these things into the school:

- 1) ELSA provision for children who struggle with emotional literacy.
- 2) Knowledge organisers available on the school website.
- 3) Termly reports of internal data in maths and English.
- 4) Thoughtful workshops for anxiety.
- 5) More after school clubs, including Premier Sport and breakfast club.
- 6) Swimming sessions continuing in the spring term.
- 7) More parent workshops to support phonics, reading and mathematics.
- 8) More school trips to give context to the children's learning.
- 9) Parent information around internet safety.
- 10) And many, many more...

We are constantly seeking to improve and to know what we can do to improve, so please fill in our parent survey. If you need a paper copy, please pop into the office. Also, if we are doing anything well, please let us know 😊

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aQmu3iN6QU-l1qEOTJrvoLAWuzELJEZHtOe_fDYQQJpUMkZCUzkxQjNHMFNOQVJHMQ0TVpCS1dWSi4u

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!

Standard School Year 2024/2025

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2024/2025 for West Sussex

The School Year


	2024			
	September	October	November	December
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 28
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Saturday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	2025			
	January	February	March	April
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
	May	June	July	August
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025

Christmas Holiday	25th December 2024	May Day	5th May 2025
Boxing Day	26th December 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
New Year Day Holiday	1st January 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025		
Easter Monday	21st April 2025		

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)

School holidays		September to October half term	40
		October to December	35
Bank holidays and national holidays		January to February half term	30
		February to April	30
Start of Term		April to May half term	23
		June to July	37
End of Term		Total	195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2025 will not be determined until the 2025/26 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.

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Education & Skills
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Fully Funded School Support Course

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**Next Start date
30th September**

CACHE Certificate in Understanding
Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Six Week
Course
Mon - Fri
9:30 - 11:30am
12:30 - 2:30pm
4 - 4:30pm**

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**

Level 1:

- CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

Level 2:

- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

Level 3:

- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit).
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £21,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

Go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information and to enrol



St Philip Howard

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



OPEN EVENING

Thursday
26th September
5.00pm - 8.00pm
Talks from Headteacher at
5.15pm and repeated at
6.15pm and 7.15pm

OPEN MORNING TOURS

9am on Monday,
Wednesday and Friday
between 30th September
and 25th October

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 7th November
6.00pm - 8.00pm



“Becoming the people
God calls us to be”



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 01243 552055

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More information will be available on the school website

West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2025?

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

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 2 September 2024.

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

Thursday 31 October 2024.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 7 October 2024.

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

Wednesday 15 January 2025.

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



PARENTS & GUARDIANS

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL'S FUNDING?

WHAT IS CENSUS DAY?

Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives.

Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding your school can access.



WHEN IS IT?
3RD OCTOBER
2024

WHEN DO I
NEED TO
BOOK?

BEFORE THE
19TH SEPTEMBER

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GROW OUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING... HERE'S HOW!

Make sure you book a meal for the day! Use your ParentPay login and order a meal for the 3rd October 2024, whichever meal your child would prefer. Please note the dessert for this day will be a vegan pancake with syrup, to make it extra special!

If your child has a special diet, we have a GF vegan shortbread available for dessert or their usual menu will remain in place.



CENSUS DAY 2024

AMERICAN THEME DAY
3RD OCTOBER 2024

MENU

Beef Burger & Chips,

Macaroni & Cheese,

-

Side of Sweetcorn or Baked Beans or
Salad

-

Vegan Pancake with Syrup



SPECIAL DIETS

SD GF Tomato & Lentil
Pasta

-

Side of Sweetcorn or
Baked Beans or Salad

-

GF Vegan Shortbread
*or usual menu remains in
place