

# Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Summer term!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is always busy in any school, but it is also an exciting time. We get to celebrate the year and enjoy the many events that happen in the school.

The teachers have been busy creating new learning experiences this half term. If you would like to look at the key knowledge being taught, please check the knowledge organisers on the school website:

<https://www.slindonprimary.co.uk/web/home/131418>

A couple of future dates for your diary (which don't fit on the other side):

- School summer fair – 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Sports day – 24<sup>th</sup> June.

We will be asking for lots of help with our summer fair, so please if you have any contacts let us know so we can raise vital funds for the school.

There are also lots of trips, learning in the forest and a production to look forward to, so please keep an eye on emails and letters for updated timings and dates.

As always, if you have any comments about the school or would like a discussion about your child, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Laura Webb  
Headteacher

### ***Justice linked to goodness.***

*This half term we are focusing on justice and what is fair. We will be discussing parts of our lives and the lives of*

*Others that we would consider unjust.*

## Dates

30/4	Parent workshop around fears and worries.
30/4	Messy Church
3/5	Hazel Class in the forest
3/5	Yr 5/6 Civil War Project
7/5	Parent workshop around fears and worries.
8/5	Catkin and Hazel class trip to Marwell Zoo
10/5	Hazel Class in the forest
13/05-16/05	KS2 SATs week
15/05	Tuppenny Barn for Catkins
17/05	PTA Cake Sale
17/05	Forest School for Chestnut and Hazel
21/05	Messy Church
24/05	Break the rules day
03/06	INSET day



# What's happening in school?

## Chestnuts

Whilst Chestnut Class were really looking forward to their residential at the start of this term, they would all agree that the highlight so far, since returning to school after the Easter holiday, was their morning with CYE.

As we couldn't go to CYE, CYE came to us and entertained the children with a morning of team-building exercises. The children used planks and tyres to cross the swamp safely; completed an egg-drop challenge; practiced their archery skills and tackled a word game without words!



## Catkins

Catkin's Class topic for this half term is 'A Ticket to Ride'. Our focus for the first two weeks back has been space travel. We have been sharing the class text 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We have explored our class space station, built rockets, learnt the name of the eight planets in the solar system and enjoyed malleable experiences including alien slime, moon sand and galaxy water play. We have also taken inspiration from the work of Jackson Pollock and Peter Thorpe to begin to create our own space artwork.

### Number facts

Number facts are simple calculations with two numbers. They could be addition, subtraction, multiplication or division. Sometimes these can be called fact families. Number bonds (like  $3 + 7 = 10$ , or  $9 - 4 = 5$ ) or facts learned from times tables (like  $4 \times 6 = 24$  or  $27 \div 3 = 9$ ) are number facts.

### Prepositions

Prepositions are words which link nouns, pronouns and phrases to other words in a sentence

Prepositions often describe the position of something, the time when something happens or the way in which something is done. The prepositions "of", "to" and "for" have other functions.

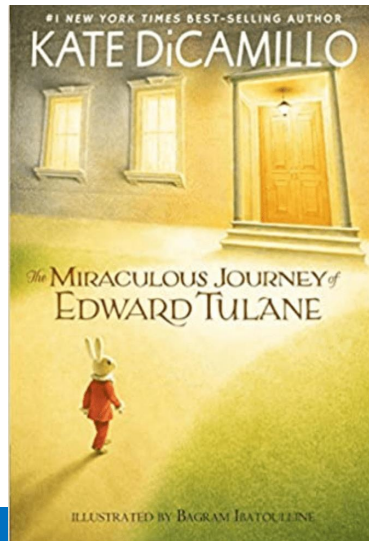
## Upcoming PTA events

- Cake Sale – 17th May
- Break the Rules Day – Friday 24th May
- Non-School uniform day for a tombola prize – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Non-School uniform day for a bottle – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Summer Fair – 22nd June.
- Summer 2 Lollies – TBC

## *Acorns*

Acorns have had a very busy start to the new term. We have begun our learning about the sinking of the RMS Titanic, and the children have shown a real interest in the variety of passengers who boarded the fateful ship.

We have also been enjoying our class book, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', and have produced some fantastic writing about the characters and setting in our English text, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.



## Standard School Year 2023/2024

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

### The School Year

	2023				2024			
	September				October			
Monday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
Thursday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Friday	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27
Saturday	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28
Sunday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22
	November				December			
Monday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27
Thursday	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28
Friday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22
Saturday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23
Sunday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
	January				February			
Monday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28
Thursday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Friday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
Saturday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Sunday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
	March				April			
Monday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Thursday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Friday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26
Saturday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27
Sunday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28
	May				June			
Monday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26
Thursday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27
Friday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28
Saturday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Sunday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
	July				August			
Monday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28
Thursday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Friday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
Saturday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Sunday	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		<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days</b>

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.

### Thought-full Workshops

Further to our letter about the Thought-full workshops for parents, here is a breakdown of each workshop. You do not need to attend them all and there will be opportunities for questions.

Session	Date	Theme
<b>Session 2</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> April	This session is one of two which focuses on supporting children with anxiety and worries. It explores what keeps anxiety going and the strategies that can be used to support children.
<b>Session 3</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May	This is the second session on supporting children with anxiety and worries. There will be further discussion of approaches to support an anxious child including use of language and the PACE approach (playfulness, acceptance, curiosity and empathy), including some ideas about how parents can incorporate these areas into their daily life.
<b>Session 4</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May	In this session we introduce emotion coaching which is a step-by-step approach in helping children to learn about emotions and how to deal with them.
<b>Session 5</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> May	In the final session we look at encouraging resilience. We explore how we can support anxious children to build their resilience and grow into adults who can cope with life's ups and downs. We bring the session to a close by reflecting on the workshops and next steps.

## 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](mailto: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.



## Children's Holiday Activity Club

4-12 year olds

Established in 2005 with the view of offering both sports and creative activities throughout the day. Starting with just one venue in Chichester we have built on our reputation and now have six venues around West Sussex.



01798 873077

If you are looking for a treat, or for someone to entertain your child, Whizz Kids is the perfect opportunity for children to really enjoy their school holidays. With fully qualified sports coaches on site teaching new skills providing the finest in sporting activities, together with a whole host of creative activities and much much more.

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[www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk](http://www.whizzkidsclub.co.uk)

For exact dates please visit our website.  
We accept Childcare Choices, Childcare Vouchers, Working Tax Credits & Tax Free Childcare.  
Whizz Kids is registered with Ofsted, see website for details and recent reports.

**only £32 per day**  
\* Bulk booking discounts available

### Venues

- 1 St Joseph's CE Junior School, Chichester
- 2 Shoreham College, Shoreham
- 3 Steyning Grammar School, Upper Beeding
- 4 Leechpool Primary School, Horsham
- 5 St Francis Catholic Primary School, Caterham



### Operating Dates

**FEB HALF TERM:** Sites 1, 2, 3, 5  
**EASTER:** Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
**MAY HALF TERM:** Sites 1, 2, 4, 5  
**OCTOBER HALF TERM:** Sites 1, 2, 4, 5  
**CHRISTMAS:** n/a

### SPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket/Kwick Cricket
- Tennis/Short Tennis
- Basketball
- Rounders
- Mini Sports
- Team Games
- Adventure Playground
- Field Activities
- Mini Olympics
- Dodge Ball
- Tag Rugby





### Our Locations



Ample free parking at all sites

## Active Fun!

### CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Cooking
- Face Painting
- Painting & Sticky Stuff
- Play Dough Modelling
- Story Telling
- Arts and Crafts
- Dance and Drama
- Treasure Hunts
- Themed Days
- Picnics
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Board Games

### EXTRAS

**Early Birds**  
8.15am - 9.00am (per day) £4.50

**Late Leavers**  
4.45pm - 5.45pm (per day) £4.50

**Tuck**  
£1.00 (per day)

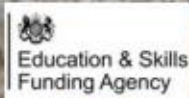
**Sickness & Flexibility Insurance**  
£2.00 (per day)

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Ofsted  
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# School Support Careers

**FULLY FUNDED  
Online Course**



**Available in  
Levels 1, 2 & 3**

Are you looking for a job that fits in around your family? Gain the necessary qualifications to support you, fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Levels 1, 2 & 3 for School Support Course with a Guaranteed Job Interview.

- **Our classes are based online - Run only in term time - During school hours to fit in with the school run -**

#### **Course Times**

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am – 11am) & (1pm – 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

- **No prior experience necessary -**

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**





# April 2024 Newsletter 2nd Edition



CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

## **National Standards CPD accredited sessions**

All sessions booked & delivered online via [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**Tuesday  
16 April**

19:00 - 21:00

£24



### **Introduction to OCD ObsessiveCompulsive Disorder**

Looking at the complexity of this serious condition.

**Thursday  
18 April**

19:00 - 21:00

£24



### **Understanding Addictive Behaviour**

Screens, gaming, social media. What is happening to the brain and body and how can we control it.

**Monday  
22 April**

19:00 - 21:00

£24



### **Improving Family Communication**

How to reduce the shouting and start the talking.

**Thursday  
25 April**

19:00 - 21:00

£24



### **Supporting a Child with ADHD**

Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



# Midhurst Rother College

## Community Day

### Saturday 27 April 2024



Local Artists, Creators and Makers, Community Groups  
Sports and Activities, Delicious nibbles to taste

**Family Fun for Everyone**

Childrens Rides and Face Painting

Meet the Minibeast

**Great prizes**

from Sky Park Farm and  
Afterburn Gym

**FREE  
ENTRY**

*small charge for  
some activities*

**Fabulous  
Food and Drink Trucks**



**10am  
to 2pm**

**Come along • Bring your friends • Have some fun**

For more information email: [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)  
or contact the College Office on: **01730 812451**





# DRUM LAB!

Percussion ensemble for 7-13 year olds at  
**Chichester Music Centre**

✓ Free sessions in  
term one

✓ Play a variety of  
instruments

✓ Improve focus &  
coordination



## Chichester Music Centre

c/o St Joseph's CE Junior School, Orchard Street,  
Chichester, PO19 1DQ



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**D-DAY**  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**80 YEARS**  
1944-2024



**Menu swap with Friday 7th  
June**

## **MAIN**

Fish Fingers and Chips  
Vegan Balls in Tomato Sauce and Chips  
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad

## **SIDES**

Baked Beans or Peas

## **DESSERT**

Chunky Chocolate Brownie



Order at [www.ParentPay.com](https://www.ParentPay.com) no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
Special diet menus will remain in place