

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



1st March 2024

Daffodils and blossom!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have you noticed all of the beautiful daffodils that have been popping up around the school? It is always lovely to see the first signs of spring coming through the ground, particularly after some quite heavy rainfall. You may have also seen the blossom at the end of the driveway, which is making its way down towards the school!

These first signs of spring means we are getting longer days, more opportunities to go outside and can start to think about what we can grow in our vegetable beds. We have also seen school trips starting in the school again, with Chestnuts visiting the Houses of Parliament since the start of term.

We are also still trying to recruit new members to our PFA. As a school, we rely heavily on fundraising events to be able to buy equipment, subsidise trips and to give the children valuable life experiences. If you want to be part of this please see the advert below.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

7/3	Fire crew visits
7/3	World Book Day
8/3	Thoughtfull parents coffee morning.
8/3-15/3	British Science Week
8/3	Thought full coffee morning
15/3	Comic Relief Day
19/3	Messy Church
20/3	Marine STEM session for yr 5/6
21/3	Dance showcase at St Phillip Howard
25/3 and 26/3	Parents Evening
27/3	Easter Service at St Mary's

Forgiveness linked to kindness.

We have been considering how we can forgive one another and when we have been forgiven by those around us.

**Forgive others,
not because they
deserve forgiveness,
but because you
deserve peace.**

Jonathan Lockwood Huie

CrystalLeeCoaching.co

What's happening in school?

Chestnut Class – London trip!

On the 22nd February Chestnut Class embarked on their school trip to London. The first part of this adventure, was the train, which was standing room only. The children kept up their humour and behaved very well on the train.

When we arrived at Victoria, we were surprised to meet Claudia Winkelman, who was filming an episode of 'The Piano'. She was very lovely and came and chatted to the children (as well as having a cheeky photograph).

They then started on their epic walk of London, visiting; Buckingham Palace, Victoria Memorial, St James Park, Horseguards, Downing Street, Westminster, County Hall (where we stopped for lunch), Blackfriars, Tate Modern and finally, the Houses of Parliament. Despite the wet weather, the children were engaged and enjoyed their walk around London.

In the Houses of Parliament, they were able to visit the House of Commons and Lords, as well as taking part in a debating workshop at the end. By the time we got back on the train, they were thoroughly exhausted, although the adventure was not over yet!

Due to some issues on the line, we made an unscheduled visit to Arundel! We are very thankful to all of the parents who came and picked up their children from Arundel, as well as those who offered myself, Miss Hawkes and Mrs Mayne a lift.



Maths fact

The addition of numbers on the opposite side of a die always equal seven.

English fact!

A pangram sentence is one that contains every letter in the language.

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
Bank holidays and national holidays		October to December	35 days
Start of Term		January to February half term	29 days
		February to April	29 days
		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.

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
Session 1	23 rd April	The first session starts with understanding anxiety and introduces the biological function of anxiety. We also spend time getting to know each other, parents' experiences with their children and what they would like to gain from the workshops.
Session 2	30 th 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.
Session 3	7 th 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.
Session 4	14 th 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.
Session 5	21 st 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


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.

Whizz Kids
01798 873077

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

Our Locations

Ample free parking at all sites

Active Fun!

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

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

TIMES & PRICES

Day Activities
9am - 4.45pm (per day) £32.00

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)

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
SUMMER: Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
OCTOBER HALF TERM: Sites 1, 2, 4, 5
CHRISTMAS: n/a

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.

email: mail@whizzkidsclub.co.uk
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.

We are certified
 Ofsted
 Checked
 Disclosure & Barring Service

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



8-9 APRIL
BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

8-9 APRIL
WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND

10-11 APRIL
LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

10-11 APRIL
CRAWLEY - ROCK & POP BAND

AGES 8 - 16YRS

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CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Chorister Open Day

SATURDAY
9TH MARCH
2024



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Be a Chorister for the day!



The experience of being a Chorister is exciting and fun, and develops valuable skills that will last a lifetime. Choristers spend about 18 hours each week rehearsing and singing services, as well studying two instruments and following a full school curriculum of academic work, sport and drama. They make recordings, feature on broadcasts, and give concert performances at home and abroad.

Choristers receive an excellent academic education at the Prebendal School, a co-ed, independent prep school immediately adjacent to the

Cathedral. Following an inspection, the School has recently received the highest possible grading.

The musical and academic experience we offer is a springboard for future success. Many choristers go on to win scholarships at prestigious secondary schools, where their choral training, discipline and team skills are highly valued.

Scholarships are awarded to all Choristers, and with additional funding according to need. We want to recruit promising young musicians regardless of financial circumstances.

WHO IS THIS EVENT FOR?

This event is suitable for girls and boys in Years 2, 3 and 4, as well as their parent/guardians. We do not expect candidates to have any musical experience when they join the choir. We look for energy, enthusiasm and good reading skills.

BOOKING

The event will take place on Saturday 9th March 2024 from 1.30 - 4.30pm. To book your space, or ask further questions, please contact:

T: 01243 812 488 | E: thomas.roberts@chichestercathedral.org.uk

School Support Careers

**FULLY FUNDED
Online Course**



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

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Treat

Thursday 28th March

Order now on parentpay.com

MAINS

Beef Burger

Veggie Bolognese

Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES

Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order

No later than Thursday 14th March

*Special diets will remain in place.

