

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



27th September 2024

Reflection

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is at this time of year that we begin to prepare for our Harvest Festival, as a school. This is a time to celebrate all of the hard work that goes into preparing the land, sowing the seeds and harvesting the food, which helps to feed a community. Our school is like this and it is wonderful to see the children being challenged to deepen their learning and retrieve key information from across the year.

Within school, the children have also been practicing their harvest songs and pieces for our Harvest Church Service and we would be delighted if you could join us on the 2nd October to celebrate this festival.

Clubs have been started and we are delighted with the number of children taking part in the eight clubs being offered. These clubs are voluntarily run by the school staff and it does make a real difference to the children and their exploration of different skills.

We have also seen the start of some of the sporting events that are taking place this term and hope to see our school continue to strive to improve and take part in competitive sport.

All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

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
15/10	Messy Church
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
09/12	Whole School Pantomime

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

We will be looking at building our friendships and showing compassion.

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?

Chestnut Class

Parham House Country side day

Chestnut Class had a wonderful trip to Parham House and Gardens for a day of learning outside the classroom! The day focused heavily on conservation and how we can look after our countryside. We enjoyed workshops on deer, camouflage, birds of prey and a firm favourite- a demonstration with working dogs. A great day of learning in the beautiful South Downs.



Maths fact – Equivalent Fractions

- **Fractions which have the same value, even though they may look different.**



SPAG fact- Past perfect

The past perfect is used to talk about an event that was completed in the past before something else happened: I had just finished cooking the meal when my guests arrived. I didn't want to watch the film, as I had already seen it.



Year 5/6 Football

On the 26th September, our Year 5/6 football team, travelled to Petworth CofE Primary School to compete in a friendly tournament. They were up against Petworth and Fittleworth schools, which make up part of the Petworth Area Schools.

The children played first against Petworth, with some excellent defending taking place and Timmy as the Captain calling the other players to attention. Amelia got some good touches of the ball, with K constantly attacking at the front.

In the next match they played against Fittleworth and here Arthur was definitely man of the match, with the number of goals saved, against a very worthy opposition.

The school came third, but the increase in skill this year is testament to the hard work the children put in, in football club and their weekly PE sessions. A further favourite moment of the day was watching Jesse and Maple dancing in time, as they got drinks at half time. It was also wonderful that not a single child moaned when a rather large shower came through.

Well done to our year 5/6 team.

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-11qEOTJrvoLAWuzELJEZHtOe_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!

School governor vacancy – Slindon CofE Primary School

Parent Governor vacancy

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. As a governor you will be able to:

- Use your own experience of education and life beyond school to inform conversations
- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Make a valuable contribution to education and your community
- Support and challenge the school so that it improves for pupils and staff
- Bring your unique experiences, perspectives and insights in to decision-making in the interests of the school community

Governors set the aims and objectives for the school or group of schools and set the policies and targets for achieving those aims and objectives. They monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making and act as a source of challenge and support to the headteacher. In action, this means:

- Managing budgets and deciding how money is spent
- Engaging with pupils, staff, parents and the school community
- Sitting on panels and making decisions about things like pupil exclusions and staff disciplinary
- Addressing a range of education issues within the school including disadvantaged pupils, pupils with special needs, staff workload and teacher recruitment
- Looking at data and evidence to ask questions and have challenging conversations about the school
- Appointing and performance reviewing the head teacher and senior leaders, including making decisions about pay

For an informal conversation please contact Phil Johnson, Chair of Governors –
pjohnson@slindonprimary.co.uk

Skills

Anyone aged over 18 can be a governor and you do not need to be a parent. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute. There is plenty of training available to help you learn about education.

Schools needs and benefit from a range of professional knowledge on their governing board including education, finance, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, property and estates management, and organisational change.

It is also important that you have time to commit to the role. School governors typically attend 6-12 meetings per year, as well as making school visits and having background reading and training.

Other specific questions for school to answer

You will also need to undertake a DBS check with the school and pass all relevant disqualification checks.

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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**Next Start date
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CACHE Certificate in the
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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



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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



Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2025

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 7 October 2024.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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For more information, email Zachary Dray, our HOLIDAY ACTIVITY MANAGER at zdray@jc-sportsonline.com, or call 0800 994 9164

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