

# Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Easter!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Easter has been well and truly on its way the last couple of weeks, here at Slindon CofE Primary School.

Thanks to a generous donation from One Stop and Miss Beaney, we were able to hold our Easter Egg raffle, with children winning a selection of different prizes. This supports us in raising vital funds for the school, so we can continue to enhance the education of young people in our care.

Catkin Class have been creating an Easter garden, while Hazel have been creating cards related to Easter, focusing on the resurrection. In our collective worship, we have been looking at forgiveness and how this relates to the symbolism of Easter, such as chocolate eggs and hot cross buns.

We have also culminated our term with our Easter Church service. We are very thankful to our school community for supporting us.

Finally, from everyone at Slindon CofE Primary School, we wish you all a happy, joyful and relaxing Easter break.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Laura Webb  
Headteacher

### ***Forgiveness linked to kindness.***

*We have been investigating the link between how we celebrate Easter now and their traditional meanings.*

## Dates

17/4-19/4	Chestnut Class residential
19/4	Hazel Class in the forest
23/4	Parent workshop around fears and worries.
23/4	Messy Church
23/4	Dance House - Pavilion Theatre, Worthing
26/4	Hazel Class in the forest
30/4	Parent workshop around fears and worries.
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
17/05	PTA Cake Sale
17/05	Forest School for Chestnut and Hazel
21/05	Messy Church



## What's happening in school?

### *Marine STEM session*

On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, Chestnut Class were lucky enough to have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshop led by the Royal Navy as part of their outreach work to schools.

The children were very excited to fly drones, code sferos and create electrical circuits through their hands. They spent the morning having the chance to ask questions, play with the gadgets and find out more about STEM and the careers it could take them into.

In the village hall, the children were able to control some small drones and see if they could expertly fly them onto a mat. This was trickier than it looked as the children had to think of height, speed and control. The concentration of their faces was impressive.

Next, the children had the chance to create their own electrical circuits, running currents through their hands and making circuits to fly saucers. Many felt a slight tingle in their hands, but enjoyed the opportunity to test out some of their scientific knowledge.

The final activity was sferos, these are gyroscopic balls, which are controlled through an Ipad. This gave the children the chance to practice the coding they have been learning in class, as they made sure they could move their sfero around.

Thank you to Frenchy and his team for the opportunity #royalnavystem.



### **Hot Cross Bun**

The bun marks the end of the Christian season of Lent and different parts of the hot cross bun have a certain meaning, including the cross representing the crucifixion of Jesus, the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm him at his burial and sometimes also orange peel to reflect the bitterness of his time on the cross



### **Easter Eggs!**

The egg itself became a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolized new life emerging from the eggshell.



## Easter Garden in Catkins



Catkins have been finding out about the true meaning of Easter in their RE work this half term.

They spent one afternoon creating an Easter garden, which represents the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Jaxen was able to explain why there were three crosses, while Billy explained the significance of the cave, as the place in which Jesus was buried.

The children also had a fantastic time, using the outdoor environment to find the elements of their Easter garden, before proudly displaying it in class.



## Upcoming PTA events

- Cake Sale – 17th May
- Break the Rules Day – Friday 24th May
- Non – School Uniform for the summer fair – TBC.
- Summer Fair – 22nd June.

## 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
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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
		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 1</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> 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.
<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

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

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

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

Active Fun!

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)

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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

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**AGES 8 - 16YRS**

**SIGN UP HERE**

**[WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES](http://WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES)**



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# All Stars & Dynamos

ECC will be running the program from 11th May -29th June this year.

All stars 8:30 - 9:15 (5-8yrs)

Dynamos - 8:30 - 9:30 (8-11yrs)

Sign up opens on 10th April.

We are holding a taster session on Saturday 28th April.

Email:

[juniors@eastergatecricketclub.com](mailto:juniors@eastergatecricketclub.com)  
to book on the taster session.



# 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)**



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  
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**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**

# Children's Art Workshop

Friday 12th April 10.30am - 12.30pm

*Prebooking  
is essential!*



Design, draw and paint your own design for a T-shirt. There will be a choice of colours your design can be printed on.

A T-shirt for you to wear...  
in time for summer!

**£20 per child to include the printed T-shirt**



# Adventures with Lego

Friday 12 April 2024

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Cost £5 per child

includes squash and biscuits

A parent or guardian must accompany  
throughout the Lego session

Booking call 01903 885866 or  
[office@arundelmuseum.org](mailto:office@arundelmuseum.org)





## EASTER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY CAMP

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!

### FELPHAM

MON 8<sup>TH</sup> - THURS 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

8.30AM / 9AM - 4.30PM

(Prices available on our website)

MORNING SESSIONS  
ALSO AVAILABLE FOR  
SCHOOL ATTENDING  
4 YEAR OLDS.

HAF PLACES  
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Downview Primary School, Wroxham Way, PO22 8ER

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## EASTER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY CAMP

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!

### CHICHESTER

TUES 2<sup>ND</sup> - FRI 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

8.30AM / 9AM - 4.30PM

(Prices available on our website)

MORNING SESSIONS  
ALSO AVAILABLE FOR  
SCHOOL ATTENDING  
4 YEAR OLDS.

HAF PLACES  
AVAILABLE!!

Tangmere Primary Academy, Bishops Rd, Tangmere, PO20 2JB

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WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!

### BOGNOR REGIS

TUES 2ND - FRI 5TH APRIL

8.30AM / 9AM - 4.30PM

(Prices available on our website)

MORNING SESSIONS  
ALSO AVAILABLE FOR  
SCHOOL ATTENDING  
4 YEAR OLDS:

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## EASTER HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY CAMP

### SEND SPECIFIC

TUES 2ND - FRI 5TH APRIL

9AM - 12PM | 2PM - 5PM

(One to one support available)

HAF ELIGIBLE  
FAMILIES ONLY

The Shed, Graylingwell Park, Chichester, PO19 6BZ

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