Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter

16th June 2023



Welcome back to summer 2.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we are in the final half term of the year. This year seems to have gone so quickly and we are now getting ready for the end of the year.

As always, at this time of year, we have many events, trips and experiences for the children, which will help them to build on their learning and to develop them as individuals. These range from trips to local wildlife centres, all the way through to celebrating our county, through events like Sussex day. Many of these we could not do without the generosity of parents, who transport our children and help out on these day.

We also wanted to remind everyone to make sure that the children are coming to school with sun hats and sun cream. We are very lucky to have lots of shade on the playground, but the children do like to run around in the open.

Finally, as you may have seen the school have acquired two ducks, which we are very keen to keep. We are looking for volunteers to come and clean them and feed them over the summer. If you are interested please let us know.

All the best, Laura Webb Headteacher

Our collective worship theme is Perseverance, linked with our Christian value of self-control.

We will be encouraging the children to think of times they need to persevere and how this links to events in the school. 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.

Dates

19- 23/06	Art Week
20/06	Messy Church
24/06	Summer Fair
28/06	Yr 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral
29/06	Sports day
30/06	Reserve sports day
05/07	Transition day
14/07	KS2 Production
18/07	Open evening to discuss reports.
18/07	Messy Church

What's happening in school?

Year 6 Athletics Tournament

On the 8th June, the year 6 children of Slindon CofE Primary ventured to Petworth, to take part in an athletics tournament against Fittleworth and Petworth.

The children started the afternoon with a long distance race, split into boys and girls. CM raced around finishing first for the Slindon boys, while Lilah came second in the girls race overall.

They then took part in a carousel of activities, including:

- backwards throwing
- vortex howler
- sprinting
- long jump.

The children had a wonderful afternoon and participated in everything. Well done to them all :)







Maths fact - Multiplicand

The number that gets multiplied. But because we can multiply the two numbers in any order, it is better to use the word "factor".



SPAG fact- Idiom

An idiom is an expression or 'saying' that is not taken literally. They come from a variety of different sources; some are regional as well as historical but can be heard in everyday conversations even though on their own they don't appear to make any sense.



Catkins and Hazel

Visit to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

On 15th June, Catkins and Hazel explored the habitats and environs of the Arundel Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust.

They looked at the different ducks and geese that can be found there and how different waterfowl live in different environments. They were also able to explore the different crafts, facts and experiences that the WWT has to offer.

We are very thankful to all the parents who helped on the trip, as well as the WWT who funded the trip for our children. From this experience the children will be able to extend their scientific knowledge, as







News from St Mary's

Pet and Family Service at Slindon 18th June 11.00am

We are having a Family Service this Sunday at 11.00am – so please come along with your pets of whatever shape and size, (though we have asked no elephants please!) Even if you don't have a pet come along as it is very family friendly. We will be outside in the churchyard, (if the weather forecast is accurate). The service will be over by 11.45 – so plenty of time to enjoy Father's Day also if you have plans to do so.

As always, this comes with my best wishes and prayers to all parents and their families and hope to see many of you at the next Messy Church at school on 20th June.



Reverend Peter Dyson



Standard School Year 2022/2023

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2022/2023 for West Sussex

The School Year



Good Friday Easter Monday

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10th April 2023

Useful Information

Term Lengths (days)

School holidays	September to October half term	37
	 October to December	35
Bank holidays and national holidays	January to February half term	29
	 February to April	30
Start of Term	April to May half term	29
	 June to July	35
End of Term	Total	195 days

Please note that the first day of the autumn term in September 2023 will not be determined until the 2023/24 timetable has been consulted upon and approved.

2022-23 Term Dates



Parenting support service Supporting children and young people's mental health

Our parenting support service aims to increase the confidence, knowledge and skills of parents and carers around supporting their children and young people's mental health.

If you would like support, contact our Help Point:

Monday to Friday, 10am - 4pm

0300 303 5652 or helppoint@westsussexmind.org Support includes:

- Online peer support groups
- Talks from 'experts by experience' on topics such as stress and anxiety
- One to one telephone support
- Casual check-ins
- Private Facebook group
- Signposting.





Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541 Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm Wednesday 9am - 11am



50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
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- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing

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- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change



Furniture

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NHS

VACCINES GIVE THEM THE POWER TO FIGHT PREVENTABLE CHILDHOOD DISEASES Ensuring your child has their vaccinations at the right time gives them the best protection, but it's not too late to catch up on any vaccinations they've missed.

Vaccines are one of the most effective ways to protect your child against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases.

If you are not sure whether your child has had all their vaccines for their age:

- look in your RED BOOK
- ask your Health Visitor
- contact your GP practice

westsussex.gov.uk/ childhood-immunisations

