

# Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## A busy couple of weeks!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet again, we have had a busy couple of weeks at Slindon CofE Primary School!

We have celebrated World Diabetes Day, with £84.80 being raised to support research into this area. It was fantastic to see all of the children coming into school wearing something blue and supporting people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

In the same week, we also had biodiversity workshops from the David Shepard Wildlife Foundation. Mr Ellis came and spoke to the children about different animals, their habitats and any risk to these. The children asked lots of questions and were able to think quite deeply about the subject matter. We are looking forward to seeing how they link this learning into the science and geography curriculum, over the next few weeks.

We also fundraised £76.26 for Children in Need. It was wonderful to see the children in their pyjamas and we did not have any napping during the school day. The total raised by our school for the Poppy Appeal was £139.21.

As you can see by the key dates, we have many Christmas activities coming up in school, as well as a few sporting events. We are all very excited in the run up to Christmas, particularly about the Christmas Fayre. We are hoping that this will be a good fundraising opportunity and a lot of fun for all involved.

Laura Webb  
Headteacher

## Dates

2/12	Christmas Fayre
5/12	Indoor Cricket Tournament for Year 5/6
6/12	Christmas Pop-up shop
6/12	Messy Church – Christmas Cakes
8/12	Christmas Jumper Day
11/12	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
13/12	Christmas party afternoon
14/12	Carol Service at St Mary's Church
14/12	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
15/12	Christmas Nativity performance
15/12	Christmas Movie Night
23/01	Weald and Downland trip for Reception to Year 4.
23/01	Dance House for specified children
4/02	Grounds clearance morning.
20/02	INSET day 4
05/06	INSET day 5

***As we approach the middle of half term, we are beginning to think about advent, and what the candles on the advent wreath mean. 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?

## Catkins Class



As part of their learning journey, Catkin Class had a lot of fun making pumpkin soup. All of the children were involved in the making and then worked hard to write the instructions for soup. This really engaged them and they could be found, for a few days afterwards, pretending to make soup in the role play area.

## Remembrance

On Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, four of our Year 6 children presented the schools poppies at the War Memorial, at St Mary's Church.

Every child in the school created a poppy with a message of thanks, to those who lost their lives. These messages were very poignant and showed the children's understanding of the sacrifice these people made.

The year 6 children then met with Reverend Dyson to place the poppy cross at the war memorial. They then visited the Church Yard and placed the poppy heart onto the gravestone of a soldier lost in WW1. The children were very respectful and represented the school beautifully.



**Maths fact – Did you know every odd number has an 'e in it?**

**Why not try it out...**

**One**

**Three**

**Five**

**Seven Can you prove me wrong?**



**SPAG fact- An expanded noun phrase is a descriptive clause normally made up of a noun as well as one or more adjectives.**

**The pretty, blue boat.**

**A large, fluffy tabby cat.**

**Three perfect, pristine pearls.**



# Reading and helping in school..

We are still looking for helpers to read with the children in school. This could be once a week, or whatever time you can give.

Also, if you are interested in gardening, setting up a library or just volunteering an interest you have, we are always open to the children experiencing new things.

If you have time, please pop in to see us and we can start the process.



## News from St Mary's Church, Slindon.

### Junior Choir once a month at St Mary's

Does your child love to sing? If they do, St Mary's Church are planning to start a Junior Choir from the 15<sup>th</sup> January. It would involve one practice a month, which will be scheduled in the near future. They are also looking for singers to take part in the 'Blessing of the Crib' on Christmas Eve at 4pm.

This will be an excellent opportunity to get involved in the local community, have some fun singing, eat cupcakes (which are being supplied) and build up confidence.







the national sleep helpline

# 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

the national sleep helpline

**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
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- 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

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