

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



15th September 2023

Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term 2023. We all hope you had a restful break and have managed to enjoy the beautiful sunshine over the last week.

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school and to see them working in their new classes. In our first Collective Worship this year, we had a discussion about what brings them joy and where they had to show courage this year. The children had some very thoughtful answers, and were able to encourage each other with ways of finding joy.

This year we are working hard to continue extending our curriculum offer and giving the children more opportunities to shine. You may have noticed that we have adapted our school vision and would welcome any feedback you have on the wording and motive.

We are also encouraging the children to think about how they shine in all areas, so if the children have any out of school activities that they want to celebrate, please send a photograph into the office, so we can share it with the school.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

20/9	Yr 5/6 Football tournament
22/9	Jeans for Genes day
27/9	Yr 3/4 Football Tournament
29/9	Intra Cross country
2/10	Inset day
3/10	Flu vaccination
4/10	Harvest Festival
5/10	Reading morning
13/10	Maths morning
18/10	Football tournament KS2
19/10	Six weeks in meeting
30/10	Rother Valley INSET day
6-10/11	Parliament Week
17/11	Children in Need
7/12	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
7/12	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
12/12	Christmas lunch and parties
13/12	Christmas Carol Service
14/12	KS1 Nativity

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

We will be encouraging the children to think how they can show courage this year.

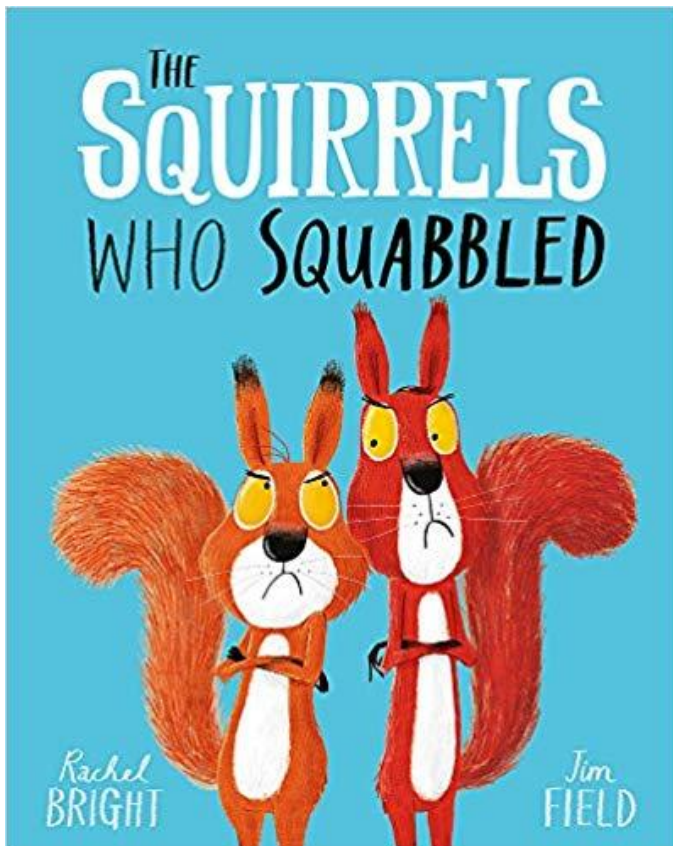
Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

What's happening in school?

Catkin Class

We have been so excited to welcome our new Catkin children into class and they have settled in beautifully.

For the last two weeks they have been exploring the Catkin Class area and will soon be thinking about what they were like as babies and what they are like now.



Hazel Class

Hazel Class have been learning about the Geography of the United Kingdom this week. They have been learning a very catchy song to help them remember the different parts of the UK. They have also been enjoying the story 'The squirrels who squabbled!' Considering how they can resolve their conflicts. This has also helped them to learn about how a story is sequenced and some of the conjunctions they may come across.

Maths fact – Unit

A unit is one. It is a unit of number, measure and the number 1.

SPAG fact- Capital letters

We use capital letters to start a sentence, identify 'I' as a personal pronoun and to demarcate proper nouns.

Acorn Class

Acorn Class have delved into the world of the Romans to begin this year. They have been busy learning about who the Romans are, where they lived and how we know so much about them.

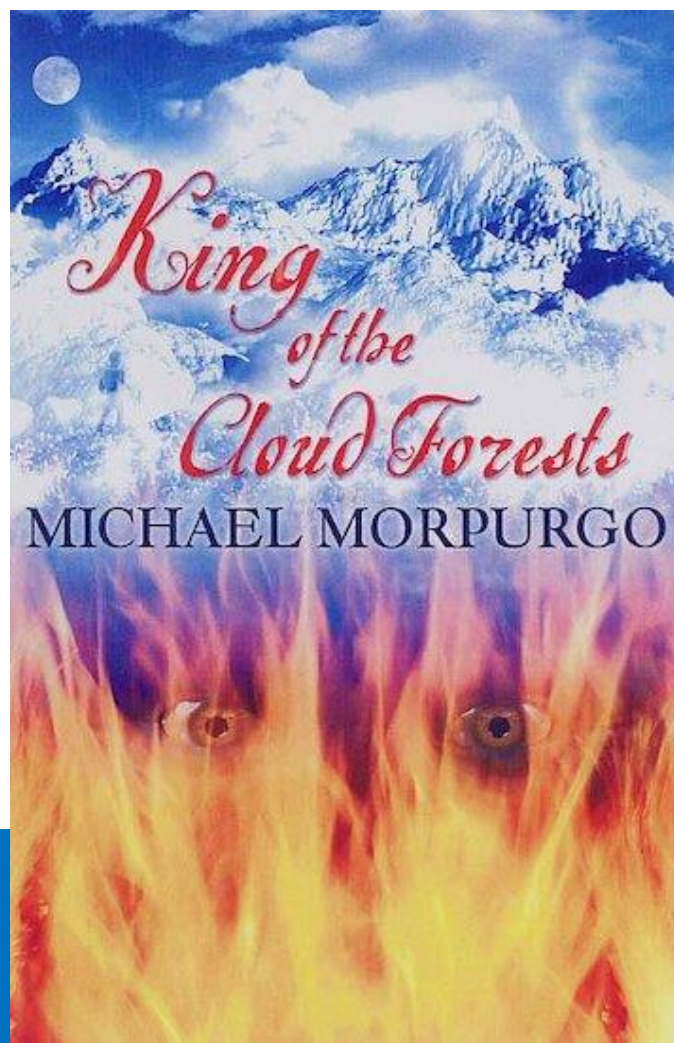
Over the next week they are planning to hold a slave auction in the class... The children are thinking about what they are really good at and how this may be useful to the slave masters (no children will be sold, you won't end up with more children at the end of the day) 😊



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have started their learning about mountains. This week they have been identifying mountain ranges of the world, considering where they are placed and the heights of some of the most famous.

They have also been predicting what their new class text will be about. They are reading 'King of the Cloud Forest' and have had some very interesting ideas about it.



Our School vision!

Over the summer some of the more eagle eyed of you, may have noticed that our school vision has changed on the website and our policies. As a school, we wanted our vision to reflect who we truly are as a school and what is important to us.

So, we set about creating the vision, marrying our school values, with our belief in being inclusive and Slindon being one big family. We also wanted to reflect the ongoing learning of all of our community and so came up with the vision below.

We would welcome your feedback on it, both good and requiring improvement.

At Slindon CofE Primary school we serve our local community and enable our school family to flourish. We recognise that everyone is Unique and want to ensure they are able to Learn and Develop in a high quality learning environment. We enrich the spirit in an Enabling Environment, in which Positive relationships foster creativity and curiosity. In hope we encourage our community to shine brightly and be courageous advocates of our world, shaping their futures for the better.

The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 50; 22-23

Let Your Light Shine ~ Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine!

We are also encouraging the children to share with us any special talents, so we can display them within the school. This is to promote the fact that everyone has something they are really good at. So, if you have any photographs at home of your child doing something wonderful please do send it in with a brief explanation.



Blue Peter Reading Badge

As a school we are always trying to promote a love of reading and recently Blue Peter, have released details of their reading badge.

We would like as many children as possible to try and gain the award, so will be doing some work in school, but if you could also encourage at home that would be fantastic.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Standard School Year 2023/2024

Recommended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024 for West Sussex



The School Year

	2023				2024													
	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
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Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	30
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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		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.

West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2024?

- Do you think, for whatever reason, you
- may struggle with the
- Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 04 September 2023.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:

Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 02 October 2023.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Monday 15 January 2024.

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

