

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



27^h January 2023

Busy beginnings!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we are four weeks into a new term, it seems to be flying by and we seem to have packed so much in.

We have had lots of adventures this week, starting with Catkins, Hazel and Acorns visit to the Weald and Downland Museum. They had a fantastic time and it was great to see them, learning about history in context.

On the same day we had some of our year 5/6 children participating in the Dance House Festival and over the last few weeks they have worked exceptionally hard to learn their dance. They should be proud of their performance.

As you can see by the dates, there are lots more events happening over the coming weeks. We are particularly looking forward to our World Book Day celebrations and hope you can help us to ensure, that all of our community have a love of reading.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with reading and other activities in school, so if you have any time to spare, please let us know.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

30/01	Year 5/6 Fracking day with Petworth
02/02	Chestnut Parliament Trip
4/02	Grounds clearance morning.
6/02	Valentine Cake Sale
7-20/02	Travelling Book Fair at school
8/02	Girls Netball tournament (yr5/6) (specified children)
10/02	Valentines Disco (TBC)
20/02	INSET day 4
2/03	World Book Day
03/03	Stay and read
07/03	Parents evening 1
08/03	Parents evening 2
14/03	Messy Church
22 – 24/03	Chestnut Residential trip to Hooke Court
31/03	Break the rules day
21/04	Easter Egg Tombola
05/06	INSET day 5

This half term we have been thinking about generosity. The children have been focusing on the importance of being generous to those around us.

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?

Fruit of the Spirit award



You may have noticed on our Facebook and Instagram pages that we have been trying something new over the last few weeks.

As part of our Friday celebration assembly, we have introduced the 'Fruit of the Spirit award.' This is linked to our Christian vision: 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 5: 22-23

The children are nominated by their peers for showing one of our Christian values, and receive a certificate and rainbow pencil.

We are very proud of all of the children who have received this so far.

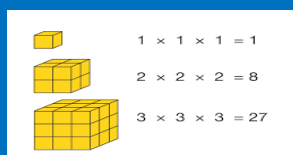
Dance House

On the 23rd January, 14 brave year 5 and 6 children, took part in Dance House. This is a dance festival hosted at the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis, where children from primary, secondary, college and local dance groups, show off their dance skills. The children chose to dance to Katy Perry's 'Roar' and turned up to dance club every week (every day for the last couple of weeks). They did an amazing job and we are so proud of all of them for getting up on the stage and performing so beautifully. They also showed immense generosity and pure joy, while watching the other acts.



Maths fact – What is a cube number?

A cube number is the result when a number has been multiplied by itself twice.



SPAG fact- Abstract Noun

Abstract nouns are a special type of noun that describes something intangible such as a quality, state, or idea.



Weald and Downland Open Air Museum.

Also, on the 23rd January, Catkins, Hazel and Acorns went on a visit to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum in Singleton. It was a very cold and frosty day, but the children were well wrapped up and ready to take on the workshops.

Catkins and Hazel learnt about the 'Fire in the Bakehouse' linked to their learning on the Great Fire of London. They also got to explore some of the old buildings, looking at why they would have caught light so quickly and how they were used for different purposes.

Acorn class learned about homes of the past, linked to their Stone Age learning. They focused on how fire was so important and also the use of animal skins to keep warm. The children also had the chance to try some traditional house making techniques, such as wattling, arch building and peg tiling.

Overall, we had a fantastic day and can't wait to see how the learning links into what they do in class, over the upcoming weeks.



Premier Sport after school provision

When we carried out our parent survey, some parents indicated that they would be willing to consider after school provision. To gauge interest in this we have completed a quick online survey, which we would be very grateful if you could fill in.

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Junior Choir once a month at St Mary's Church, Slindon

Does your child love to sing? If they do, St Mary's Church have started a Junior Choir. If your child would like to go, it would involve one practice a month. 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.



Standard School Year 2022/2023

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

	2022				2023													
	September				October				November				December					
Monday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	





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Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023

Christmas Holiday	27th December 2022 (in lieu of 25th)	May Day	1st May 2023
Boxing Day	26th December 2022	Spring Bank Holiday	29th May 2023
New Year Day Holiday	2nd January 2023 (in lieu of 1st)	Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2023
Good Friday	7th April 2023		
Easter Monday	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.



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



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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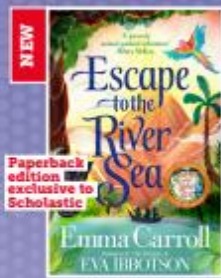
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