Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter

9th September 2022

Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We all hope that you had a fantastic summer and feel re-energised for the autumn term.

Firstly, I would like to thank the children, staff, parents and carers for making me feel so welcome, it has been wonderful to meet you all and I am very excited for the year ahead. It has also been a pleasure to see the children settling into their new classes, and watching the new members of the school getting to grips with school life.

With the sad news of the Queen's passing, we will be adapting our curriculum in the coming weeks to reflect national events and will follow the guidance from the Local Authority and DfE, in relation to National Events.

In the upcoming weeks we also have a few exciting events and projects happening at the school, one of which is to renovate the small garden at the school entrance. If any of you know of any contacts who could help us with digging, planting, weeding or any garden related activities, please let us know.

We are also holding an open evening on Tuesday 13th September from 15.15-17.00, where we would like to invite all parents and carers to come in and say hello, have a look at the classrooms and discuss any issues or celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support,

Laura Webb Headteacher

This term our collective worship theme is friendship, linked to love.

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

13/09	Meet the teacher evening (15.30-17.00)
03/10	Year R, 1 and 2 at Tuppeny Barn
5/10	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Slindon
12/09	PFA meeting at Denmans gardens.
21/10	Rother Valley INSET day 3
15/11	Parents evening 1
16/11	Parents evening 2
20/02	INSET day 4
05/06	INSET day 5

Pupil voice

How is Slindon CofE Primary School a friendly place?

- Kind,
- Helpful
- Welcoming
- Love
- Unity
- Fun
- Friends
- Joyful.



What's happening in school?

Chestnut Class

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School uniform!

It has been wonderful to see the children come into school smartly dressed this week.

A few uniform reminders:

- Please can long hair be tied back.
- Pale blue polo shirt or white cotton shirt.
- Blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt
- Grey trousers/skirt/shorts.
- Summer dresses.
- No jewellery, apart from small studs, which need to be covered (or taken out) for PE.
- Black school shoes or dark trainers, please no brightly coloured trainers.
- PE kits can be worn on Tuesday.

Please remember to name all uniform.

Chestnut Class have started the year focusing on their poetry skills. They considered describing what they had done during the holidays and explaining this to Mrs. Tully.

Mae did an exceptional piece of work, which explained how she felt when doing handstands in her pool. I am sure you will agree that it is a wonderful acrostic poem and we look forward to seeing how Mae progresses across the year.



Maths fact – Do you know your number bonds to 10?

Can you play a game with someone at home, where one person shows a number of fingers and then you show them how many more to make 10?



SPAG fact- Noun: Nouns can be used after determiners, such as 'the' and 'a', e.g. the book. Nouns may be classified as common (e.g. boy, day) or proper (e.g. Ivan, Wednesday).



Governor news!



At Slindon CofE Primary School, we are looking for a governor to join our governing body.

As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

- Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. The governing body helps to set long-terms plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.
- Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff. The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.
- Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent. Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

PFA news!

The PFA would like to invite all parents/ carers to a meeting at Denmans Gardens on Monday 12th September, from 9.00am.

This will be a chance to get involved with events and fundraising at the school, and to support us with what we want to do in the coming year.

If you cannot attend this meeting, then please pop into the office to express your interest.

Please note 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.

A letter will be sent out separately with further details about our nut free policy.



Standard School Year 2022/2023

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

The School Year



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.

WALBERTON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGED 7 – 17 YEARS OLD.

Come and join us for our Christmas Get-together on 17th December and for 'Matilda Jr' in May half-term 2023

REHEARSALS: THURSDAYS 6.30-8.30PM FROM 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Walberton Village Hall

Contact Claire on 07903634822 or email <u>clairedorey29@hotmail.co.uk</u> for more information and to confirm your place.