

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



20th October 2022

Half term of activity!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the end of half term! What a half term it has been!

The children have been exceptional this half term and it has been wonderful to see them all so engaged in their learning. Some of the work being produced is truly exceptional and the children should be very proud of how far they have come already.

The PFA have been working hard this half term to get events up and running at the school. We are looking forward to the run up to Christmas, with more exciting events planned.

We are also looking forward to some more school trips (watch this space) and the opportunity to work with outside agencies to enhance the curriculum for the children.

The first week after half term also sees the first of our theme weeks. We will be investigating and celebrating 100 years, since the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, by Howard Carter. If you have any knowledge around this, or want to do some work with your children, please see some of the links below.

All of the staff at Slindon Church of England Primary School wish you a restful and happy half term. We look forward to seeing you all back on the 31st October.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

20/10	Cake Sale
21/10	Rother Valley INSET day 3
31/10	Wizards, fairies, super heroes, fairytales dress up for a tombola prize.
7/11	PFA meeting at Denmans Gardens (9.00)
14/11	Biodiversity day
15/11	Parents evening 1
16/11	Parents evening 2
17/11	Children in Need day.
1/12	Christmas Movie Night
2/12	Christmas Fayre
6/12	Christmas Pop-up shop
6/12	Messy Church – Christmas Cakes
8/12	Christmas Jumper Day
14/12	Carol Service at St Mary's Church
15/12	Christmas Movie Night
20/02	INSET day 4
05/06	INSET day 5

This week we have finished our work on the theme of friendship. After half term we will be looking at 'Thankfulness' linked to our value of kindness.

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?

Pumpkins



We were amazed by the quality and creativity of the pumpkins that have come into school this week.

The judges had a hard time deciding on the winners and it took them days to reach a final decision.

We can announce the winners of this year's competition are:

1st Jacob Gaston

2nd Mae Shepherd

3rd Gloria Monteiro-Porter

All of the children will receive a participation certificate.



Tutankhamun week

Did you know that November 2022, marks 100 years since the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The opening of this tomb marked the discovery of a wealth of information, which has informed much of what we know about this period.

If you would like to talk to your children about this before the event, here are some useful websites.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-egypt/tutankhamun/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/tutankhamun-facts/>

<https://archaeology.mrdonn.org/howard-carter.html>



Maths fact – Do you know the 5 times table?

0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60

What do you notice about the second digit?

How is it similar to the 10 times table?

How is it different to the 10 times table?

Does this pattern continue?

How far can you go?

SPAG fact- Collective noun.

To describe a group of animals, things and objects.

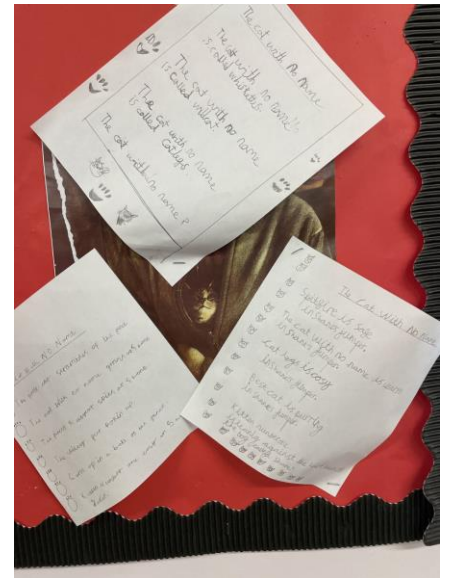
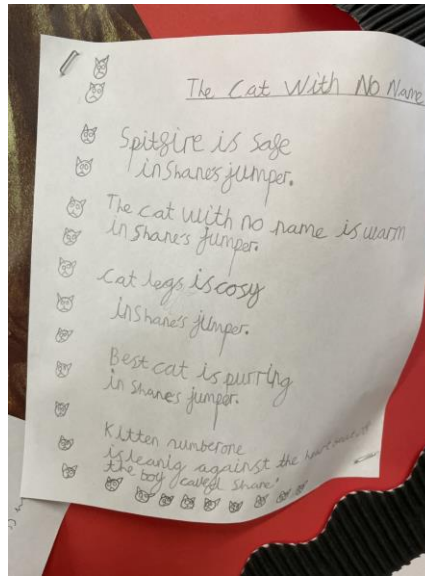
- **A murder of crows.**
- **A parliament of owls.**
- **An army of ants.**

Chestnut Class.

This week the children have been writing poetry related to their class book 'The Way Back Home.'

The cat in the story has no name, so they were using metaphor to describe the cat and its characteristics.

Benji had some very clever use of names and wrote a lovely poem, with really good handwriting.



Road Safety at School

We are always looking to make school safer for the children in our care. We have recently noticed that cars have been parking on the bend by the school, which is making it difficult for traffic to see the children crossing the road. Could we please remind you to park with consideration, ensuring that the road is safe for all users and to not obstruct the entrance to the school or park in the school drive. Thank you.



School Survey results.

Thank you for all of the responses to our school survey. We had 28 responses overall and thought we would share the overview.

We will endeavor to respond to some of the comments over the next few weeks.

1. My child is happy at school (0 point)

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Strongly agree	14
Agree	13
Neutral	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



2. My child feels safe at this school (0 point)

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Strongly agree	19
Agree	9
Neutral	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved (0 point)

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Strongly agree	9
Agree	17
Neutral	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively (0 point)

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Strongly agree	2
Agree	5
Neutral	17
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1



5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year (0 point)

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Strongly agree	7
Agree	15
Neutral	3
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	0



6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly (0 point)

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Strongly agree	11
Agree	12
Neutral	4
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0



7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes or no) (0 point)

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Yes	5
No	23



8. The school has high expectations for my child (0 point)

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Strongly agree	3
Agree	13
Neutral	10
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0



9. My child does well at this school (0 point)

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Strongly agree	11
Agree	16
Neutral	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



10. The school lets me know how my child is doing (0 point)

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Strongly agree	8
Agree	15
Neutral	3
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0



11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school (0 point)

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Strongly agree	8
Agree	16
Neutral	2
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0



12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school (0 point)

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Strongly agree	12
Agree	12
Neutral	4
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



13. The school supports my child's wider personal development (0 point)

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Strongly agree	8
Agree	17
Neutral	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0



14. I would recommend this school to another parent (yes or no) (0 point)

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yes	27
No	0



15. Would you like to drop your child off from 8.45 and then go into class straight away? (0 point)

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Yes	13
No	13
I have concerns	1



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	January	February	March	April
Monday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

	2023				2023			
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
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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.