

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



16th December 2022

Christmas time!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an exciting few weeks at Slindon, with a wide variety of Christmas activities and events going on.

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success, we are so thankful to have such an active PFA and school community who pull together to make events happen like this. The children and parents seemed to be having a wonderful time and we are looking forward to seeing the events that happen in the future.

It was also wonderful to see Chestnut Class running their games. These were completely designed by the children, as part of their design technology curriculum and we think they did a fantastic job.

The Christmas shopping day for the children worked very well, with the children excited to buy presents for their loved ones. The wrapping took some time, but we are sure you will be delighted by all of the gifts you receive.

It has been a busy and full term, filled with new experiences, some traditions and an awful lot of learning for the children and staff. We hope that everyone is able to have some fun and relaxation over the festive period.

Finally, from all of the staff, Governors and children of Slindon CofE Primary School, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

23/01	Weald and Downland trip for Reception to Year 4.
23/01	Dance House for specified children
24/01	Messy Church
27/01	Future Flyers for specified children
30/01	Year 5/6 Fracking day with Petworth
02/02	Chestnut Parliament Trip
4/02	Grounds clearance morning.
8/02	Girls Netball tournament (yr5/6)
20/02	INSET day 4
07/03	Parents evening 1
08/03	Parents evening 2
14/03	Messy Church
22 – 24/03	Chestnut Residential trip to Hooke Court
05/06	INSET day 5

We start next half term thinking about Generosity. What does it mean to be generous?

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?

Carol Service



The Christmas Carol Service was a wonderful treat with the children performing so beautifully in the Church. The children in the tableau and all of the readers were fantastic and showed such confidence standing in front of a crowd.

The singing was also wonderful; a massive thanks to Mrs Tully and Miss Heater for preparing the children. Also, to Mrs Merrett and Mrs Parsons for preparing the children in the tableau and Hazel Class for some lovely Christmas prayers.

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend and join in with our celebration.

Nativity

The stage was set, the costumes were ready and the children had learnt their lines... This week saw the culmination of the children's hard work as the Nativity came to its finale.

The children did a wonderful job retelling the Christmas Story, to the theme of 'We're going on a bear hunt!'

We all want to say a huge thankyou to the parents who provided such lovely costumes, the children for performing so wonderfully and to the EYFS and KS1 team, for coming up with such a lovely and inventive nativity for the children.



Maths fact – From 0 to 1000, the only number that has the letter “a” in it is “one thousand”.

Can you prove me wrong?

1000

SPAG fact- Inverted commas (also known as speech marks and quotation marks) are punctuation marks that show us where direct speech starts and ends.

“Clean the floor, Cinderella!” the Wicked Stepmother told her.
“And why haven’t you polished my shoes yet?” asked one of her stepsisters.

Christingle Service

We were all incredibly proud of the children who took part in the Christingle Service at St Mary's Church.

The readers spoke clearly and slowly, the Christingles behaved impeccably and Oliver has a future in acting, taking on the part of Mr Chris Tingle.

It was a beautiful service and we are very glad that we were able to be part of this community event.



Travelling Posada

Visiting every class!

While the Posada was at the school, it made a trip into every class and some of the sheep were very lucky to go home with some of the children in each class.

The Posada was involved in preparations for the Nativity, making 3D Christmas cards, Bronze Ambassador training and many other aspects of school life. It also helped the children to understand a little more of the Nativity story and how this links to Christmas.



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	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27
Wednesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22
Friday	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23
Saturday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24
Sunday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25
	2023				2023				2023				2023			
	January				February				March				April			
Monday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26
Thursday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27
Friday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28
Saturday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22
Sunday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
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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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*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

WANNADO
Street Dance

WHOLE
FAMILY
WELCOME!

Crimbo Craft
Fancy Dress
Crazy Competitions
Cool street dance

And a super cool disco
with live DJs:
'GET IT TOGETHER'



COME AND PARTY WITH US THIS CRIMBO!



TAB INFANTS
18TH DEC
2 - 4.30PM

Email to book, LIMITED SPACES!
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AGES 4 - 6,
7 - ADULT