

Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



15th December 2023

Christmas!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the end of another half term and Christmas has well and truly come to Slindon!

Firstly, a massive thank you to our PFA, who held a superb Christmas Fayre. The prizes collected were amazing, Santa's grotto was a real highlight and the range of activities on offer, made for a fantastic evening. Thanks to all of their hard work, they raised an amazing £1300. We know these events would not happen without all of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. This is why we are very sad that Mrs Plain, will be stepping back from her role after the Christmas holidays. As a school, we want to say thank you for all of her incredibly hard work and know that she has been part of so much of our recent improvements.

In school time, we are always delighted by the Carol Service. The children sang and read beautifully and it is a real treat to see our youngest children create the tableau at the front.

We have also had parties, jumper days and a whole host of cards and decorations made in the school, we all deserve a rest.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

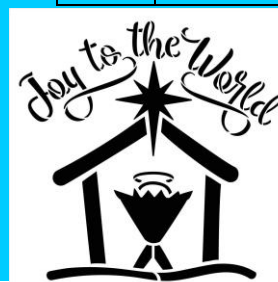
All the best,
Laura Webb
Headteacher

Dates

02/1	Start of spring term- children return to school
18/1-25/1	Prayer week
21/1	Grounds clearance
22/1	SPLASH assembly
23/1	Yr 5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
26/1	Yr 5/6 Civil War Project
6/2	Yr 3/4 Football Tournament
7/2	Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament
9/2	Intra school hockey
9/2	Yr 5/6 Football tournament
19/2	Inset day
22/2	Yr 5/6 Parliament trip
26/2-1/3	Bikeability training
27/02	Bronze Ambassador (Yr 5)
7/3	World Book Day
8/3	Yr 5/6 Civil War Project
8/3-15/3	British Science Week

Peace at Christmas may seem unlikely, but when we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and a small baby born in a manger, we may be able to find that small moment of peace.

John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid."



What's happening in school?

Tag Rugby

On the 28th November, Chestnut Class hosted children from Petworth CofE Primary School, to take part in a tag rugby match.

The children played superbly and the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork was evident. It was wonderful to see the children using the skills they had learnt in their PE sessions with Premier Sport and to see them supporting the other team. We are looking forward to more sporting events in the new year.



Reindeer fact

- Santa's reindeer are called; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.



Santa Fact

In France, Father Christmas leaves presents and sweets in shoes!

Catkin class visit a pantomime.

On Tuesday 5th December, 9 children and 4 adults ventured to Worthing Pavilion to watch Sleeping Beauty. This was the first school trip for Catkin class, and for many the first time on a mini bus.

After a chatty drive, looking for tractors, we arrived at Worthing Pavilion, where there were lots of other schools! Mrs Merrett expertly got us to our seats and the children sat down ready to watch the performance.

They all sat beautifully and joined in at the appropriate parts, including booing, calling out and dancing along at the end. The cast even gave a shout out to the children!

We all thoroughly enjoyed it and are so proud of the children.



Alison Lapper visit.

On Wednesday 6th December, Alison Lapper visited our school to work with all of the children from EYFS to year 6.

Alison is an artist, presenter and disability campaigner and a member of the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists. You may recognise her from the Alison Lapper Pregnant statue, which was in Trafalgar Square from 2005-2007.

Alison promotes art and mental health, through 'The Drug of Art'. This encourages the use of art and creative expression to help young people with their mental health and wellbeing, combating isolation and loneliness.

While in school, all of the children had the opportunity to ask Alison questions, look at some of her art work and experience using their mouth and feet to paint.

The children really enjoyed the opportunity and we feel so privileged to have had this amazing chance to work with an artist.

Hopefully, it will have inspired many of our children to become artists in the future, recognising their own strengths and amazing selves.



Standard School Year 2023/2024

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

The School Year





	2023			
	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
	2024			
	January	February	March	April
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	May	June	July	August
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

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



Safeguarding at Slindon

What is safeguarding?

Visitors coming on to school premises, including the playground, have a duty of care towards the welfare and safety of the children and adults in the school. This is called safeguarding.

Safeguarding means that:

- children are protected from maltreatment
- a child's health or development is protected
- children grow up with safe and effective care
- action is taken to ensure the best outcomes for all children

Safeguarding is the action we take to promote the welfare of children in our care to protect them from harm. **We take this responsibility very seriously** and we work in close partnership with parents and professionals to protect all of our children. The school will take any reasonable action to ensure the welfare and safety of its pupils is maintained.

Our staff and governors have been trained on safeguarding in line with the KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION document and have taken part in 'PREVENT'.

If you worried about a child's safety you can contact IFD (Integrated Front Door) directly on [01403 229900](tel:01403229900)

Who to contact in our school

If in doubt, talk to someone... Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Laura Webb, Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Deputies

Mrs Hazel Flower, School Business Manager

Mrs Karen Cooper, School Secretary

Safeguarding Governor

Mrs Katy Horner

Or you can email: dsl@slindonprimary.co.uk

REMEMBER, KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO!

Headlice

Over the last few months, we have seen an increase in the number of headlice cases in the school. Please ensure you are checking your child's hair regularly and treating any lice found.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



AbsoluteSport Activity Camps

HAF codes (Free)

(09:00 - 16:00)

Children aged between 5-14 years old.

At our camps we want the children to have fun, build new friendships, and fantastic lifelong memories.

A different theme EVERY day!

Sign up now before it's too late!

Running from the dates below in the Christmas Holidays.

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December

If you want to sign up with a HAF code, please follow this link:

<https://haf.bookinglab.co.uk/westsussex/37147/login>

Or go to our website www.absolutesport.org to find more information and sign up without a HAF code.



Sidlesham Primary School, Portfield Primary Academy, Parklands Primary School

absolutesport.as@gmail.com

Enjoy archery, fencing, football, basketball, tennis,
hockey, athletics, dance, dodgeball and more!

18-22
DECEMBER

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PLEASE SEE THE STEPS BELOW ON HOW TO SECURE YOUR SPACE

	M	T	W	T	F
East Preston	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
March	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Bartholomew's	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rose Green	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Yapton	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Selsey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗



**XMAS HOLIDAY CAMP - MONDAY
18th - FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

HAF SPACES

PAID SPACES



Alternatively head over to our website at www.jc-sportsonline.com and click the holiday activities to find the booking link

Create your account and enter your details,
Select the dates you wish to attend

