# Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# **Summer term!**

Dear Parents/Carers.

The sun has started to peak through the clouds and warmer weather means we have been able to use the field at school. The children love the opportunity to explore the school grounds and some have found that digging holes is a fun way to pass the time! The trim trail is being well used and the children have commented on all of the exciting things on the playground.

This week we have seen Catkins and Hazel have a magical trip to Marwell Zoo to complement their learning on animals and habitats for this half term. The children had a wonderful day and behaved beautifully when they were walking around the park.

Our children in Chestnut Class are also gearing up for their SATs tests. They have worked exceptionally hard all year and we wish them all the best for the upcoming tests. However, we also want them to know that they are more than just the test and have so many other talents that they should be proud of.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Laura Webb Headteacher

## Justice linked to goodness.

We are continuing to focus on justice. Recently, we have looked at standing up for what is right, even if it means opposing others.

# **Dates**

13/05- 16/05	KS2 SATs week
15/05	Tuppenny Barn for Catkins
17/05	PTA Cake Sale
17/05	Forest School for Chestnut and Hazel
21/05	Messy Church
24/05	Break the rules day
24/05	Forest School Chestnuts
03/06	INSET day
04/06	Cricket at Petworth park
06/06	Own clothes day for a tombola prize
07/06	Forest School Chestnuts
10/06	School photographs



# What's happening in school?

# Catkins and Hazel

Catkin and Hazel Class had a wonderful day at Marwell Zoo on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. The sun was shining for them, as they explored the many enclosures.

The children were embedding their scientific learning on animals and habitats, focusing on why the enclosures looked different and all of the different animals kept at the zoo.

They behaved beautifully and had an excellent time. All of the staff and volunteers came back tired and happy, excited to review their learning over the next few weeks.





## **Odd numbers**

Any integer (not a fraction) that cannot be divided exactly by 2.

The last digit is 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9

Example: -3, 1, 7 and 35 are all odd numbers.

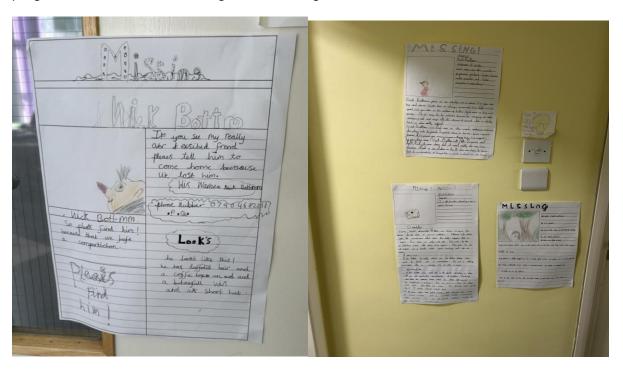
## Past perfect tense.

The past perfect tense describes actions that were completed before a point in the past. The sentence makes it clear that the action has already finished. To make the past perfect tense, we use the word 'had' and add it to the beginning of a past tense verb.

# Acorn Class

Acorn Class have been continuing their exploration of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'. This week they have been looking at character description, using fronted adverbials, similes, adjectives and using a thesaurus to make their descriptions more interesting.

I was amazed to come back to school on Wednesday to find 'Wanted posters' put up around the school! Luckily, they were not for the children, but for the characters from the play and they highlight the excellent progress the children are making in their writing.





# **Upcoming PTA events**

- Cake Sale 17th May
- Break the Rules Day Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Non-School uniform day for a tombola prize Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Non-School uniform day for a bottle Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Summer Fair 22nd June.
- Summer 2 Lollies TBC

# PTA news

Great news! Slindon Church of England Primary School PTA has raised £384.39 so far on #easyfundraising! If you're not already supporting them, sign up today and raise free donations when you shop with over 8,000 brands! It's completely free! Plus, join today and the school could win a £50 bonus:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/slindon-church-of-england-primary-school-pfa/v24wg2/s2s/JAWKzu1F/SE818/facebook/

## Standard School Year 2023/2024

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

#### The School Year

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#### 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 Honday 1st April 2024

#### **Useful Information**

#### Term Lengths (days)

School holidays	September to October half term	36 days
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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.

## Thought-full Workshops

Further to our letter about the Thought-full workshops for parents, here is a breakdown of each workshop. You do not need to attend them all and there will be opportunities for questions.

Session	Date	Theme
Session 2	30 <sup>th</sup> April	This session is one of two which focuses on supporting children with anxiety and worries. It explores what keeps anxiety going and the strategies that can be used to support children.
Session 3	7 <sup>th</sup> May	This is the second session on supporting children with anxiety and worries. There will be further discussion of approaches to support an anxious child including use of language and the PACE approach (playfulness, acceptance, curiosity and empathy), including some ideas about how parents can incorporate these areas into their daily life.
Session 4	14 <sup>th</sup> May	In this session we introduce emotion coaching which is a step-by-step approach in helping children to learn about emotions and how to deal with them.
Session 5	21 <sup>st</sup> May	In the final session we look at encouraging resilience. We explore how we can support anxious children to build their resilience and grow into adults who can cope with life's ups and downs. We bring the session to a close by reflecting on the workshops and next steps.

## 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

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/

Please remember 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.









Staying Healthy

Illness

**Feelings** 

**Getting Help** 

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health



Games

Activities

Quizzes

# **Parents and Carers!**

As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.



www.healthforkids.co.uk

Follow us: O scftwestsussexschoolnurses



Text your School Nurse team for confidential advice and support:

07312 277011

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday from 9 am - 4.30 pm lexcluding bank holidays and weekends). If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text "STOP" to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



Are you looking for a job that fits in around your family? Gain the necessary qualifications to support you, fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Levels 1, 2 & 3 for School Support Course with a Guaranteed Job Interview.

Our classes are based online - Run only in term time - During school hours to fit in with the school run -

#### **Course Times**

- . Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am 11am) & (1pm 2pm)
- · Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

#### No prior experience necessary -

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- · You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

www.studysmartuk.online





# DRUM LAB!

Percussion ensemble for 7-13 year olds at Chichester Music Centre



√ Free sessions in term one



√ Play a variety of instruments



/ Improve focus & coordination



# **Chichester Music Centre**

c/o St Joseph's CE Junior School, Orchard Street, Chichester, P019 1D0



# ONLINE BOOKING ESSENTIAL LIMITED PLACES

www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/drumlab 01403 286330









ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegan Balls in Tomato Sauce and Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad

# SIDES

Baked Beans or Peas

# DESSERT

Chunky Chocolate Brownie



Order at www.ParentPay.com no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 Special diet menus will remain in place

