



Slindon Church of England Primary School

May 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term! Already this term is feeling like a greater step towards normality, but we await further government guidance before making any changes to the routines that we have in place. We expect further guidance for schools to be released next week but in the meantime, the staggered starts and finishes remain and we continue to keep the classes in three bubbles. As soon as we are able to, we look forward to returning to our original start and finish times and welcoming everybody back into the grounds. I am hopeful that we can change this for the second half of the Summer Term, but I will be clear in letting you know when we are able to do this.

Within school, though we remain in our bubbles, we have started to put furniture back into it's original pre-Covid location. There is a lot of sorting and 'throwing' going on, partly in preparation for the largest number of new Reception children we have ever had, joining us in September! Our school continues to grow in other year groups too and I know you will all make our new families feel very welcome. We have a number of advertisements out for staff to support our growing numbers of children, including additional roles to work alongside existing staff in Catkin Class. We sadly say goodbye to two members of staff this half-term, further information about this is on page 2.

We have optimistically added some key dates for you on page 5. We are excited for a Sports Day and the Year 6 Leavers celebrations that we have planned and we look forward to being able to hold a Home/School Consultation Evening (Parent's Evening) at the end of the year, to coincide with an End of Year Report. I will send further details about those after the May half term.

There are some heart-warming fund raisers that I wanted to share with you on page 3. In the next newsletter I will share with you details about school fundraising, in the hope that we can continue with the fantastic support from a Parent/Friends Association (PFA) ready for the beginning of the next academic year.

Lucy Cooper

(Headteacher)

This half term we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff.



Mr David Robinson, our school bursar who has worked at Slindon Church of England Primary School for ten years, since May 2011, will be leaving us at the May half term holiday. Mr Robinson has been Clerk to the Governing Body as well as bursar, and has supported the school in many ways throughout his time. As well as being a friendly and helpful face in the school office, Mr Robinson has been invaluable in ensuring that the school successfully manages its' finances, which is no easy task for small schools such as ours! All of his efforts have greatly contributed to the success of the school and I know he will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me in thanking David for his years of service to our school and wish him all the very best for the future.



Mr Patrick Reeve, our Premises Manager, will also be leaving us at the May half term holiday. Patrick will be relocating as his wife is taking up a position as a curate within a Church of England Parish in Derby. Though he has only been with us for just over a year, we are so grateful that he has been here to support during such a challenging year due to Coronavirus. Mr Reeve has moved the school forward in terms of managing facilities and health and safety and we achieved an impressively high score on our recent Health and Safety audit, with Mr Reeve being commended for his work. We wish Mr Reeve all the best and thank him for all of his hard work and support.



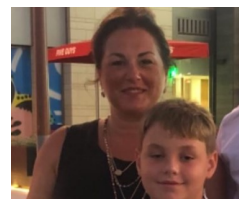
A few reminders...

- Please remember to **put your child's name on all items of clothing**. We've found lots of items with no name since returning after the Easter break. We know how frustrating it is when items of uniform get 'lost' at school, but they can be easily found when everybody has their name written or sewn into the label.
- Lately the weather has been rather changeable! Please **keep an eye out on the weather and send your child to school dressed appropriately**. We are still required to keep the windows and doors open so when it's cold outside it's cold inside!
- In the Summer Term we ask that **all children have a named sunhat that they keep on their peg at school**. We also ask that you **apply long lasting sun cream at home**. If your child may need 'topping up', staff can supervise the younger children applying it themselves. In these cases, your child will need a named bottle of sun cream that remains at school for the summer term.  
- Please remember to keep to the current staggered start and finish times and remember that whilst we appreciate Parents/ Carers adhering to social distancing guidelines, we won't let children go if they need to cross the road to you. Instead, we ask that you cross to ensure you can safely see your child/ children across the road.
- Whilst we continue to keep our distance, we remain committed to communicating with you about your child/ children. Please do keep in touch with us, **if we hold on to your children at the end of the day, it means we'd like to have a quick chat.**

Ben Liddle's 5k walk– Raising money for Brainstrust

On the 23rd May, Ben will be taking part in a 5 kilometre walk with his Dad, to raise money for Brainstrust, a charity supporting people diagnosed with a brain tumour. As some of you may know, Ben's Mum, Susan Liddle passed away after being diagnosed with a fast growing brain tumour, at just 45 years old. Ben and his Dad have set up a go fund me page here <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/simon-liddle> if you would like to donate.

Good luck Ben!



Mr Coyle's 500 mile charity cycle– Raising money for the Alzheimer's Society

In August 2021, as a 70th birthday present to his Dad, Mr Coyle is going to cycle from his Dad's old house in Glasgow, all the way back to Bognor Regis! Mr Coyle's Dad, Jim, hitchhiked this route at Mr Coyle's age, to start a new life. In doing this mammoth cycle ride, Mr Coyle is fundraising for The Alzheimer's Society as ten years ago, Mr Coyle's Dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. If you'd like to donate any money to this cause to support Mr Coyle in his fundraising the link to his just giving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joe-coyle4>



Children's Church at St Mary's Slindon

Whilst St Marys' Church continues to be in vacancy after Philip Jones' retirement, we hope very much to have a new Incumbent very soon. In the meantime, Christine Tanner is leading Children's Church, every fourth Sunday, with the next one being on 23rd May at 9.45am. Please do go along!

Christine is secretary of the PCC at St Mary's Church and is also a qualified teacher, working as an Art Lecturer at Chichester College. She is DBS checked.

Christine asks that face coverings are worn and families stay in the social bubbles, remaining socially distanced from other families. Do get in contact if you'd like to know more, otherwise she would look forward to seeing you on the 23rd May!

Important Dates to Remember for the Summer Term

Remember you can keep an eye on the calendar on our school website by just googling it from your mobile phone– you don't need to log in to do this. Texts are sometimes sent out as a helpful reminder.

- Tuesday 25th May 2021- School Photos (see separate communication to be sent out).
- Monday 7th June 2021– Bikeability for Year 6 children (see separate communication to be sent out).
- Thursday 10th June 2021– Health Screening for Year 6 children
- Tuesday 13th July 2021- Sports Day (all children)
- Monday 12th– Thursday 15th July 2021– Parent/ Carer Consultations (further information to follow)
- Friday 16th July 2021– Chestnut Class Leavers Celebrations in Coronation Hall
- Tuesday 20th July 2021– Reserve Sports Day (if weather postpones original date)
- Friday 23rd July 2021– Last day of term

Slindon Church of England Primary School Facebook Page



We are using the facebook page this year to give parents/carers another way of seeing what's happening in school. The page won't be used to answer questions or communicate events so please continue to look at the newsletters, our calendar on the school website or call the school office if you have any queries.

Not sure what's going on at school?

Keep an eye on our school website, including the school calendar where you can find all the information you need.

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**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.



Please remember to contact the school immediately if your child or a member of your household develops coronavirus symptoms. We can help direct you or advise on the appropriate procedures. We also have a number of testing kits here at school, should you not be able to access a test quickly.

