

# Slindon Church of England

## Primary School

### Newsletter



## June 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Summer term is now well underway and we are looking forward to the better weather. As we look to the end of another academic year, there are a number of staffing updates for me to tell you about.

Just before the Whitsun half term holiday the Governors were very pleased to announce the successful recruitment of a new headteacher for the school, Miss Lucy Cooper. Miss Cooper will take up post in September 2017; in the meantime she and I will be working together to ensure a smooth transition of headship for the school.

The school has been without a premises officer since February, which has put a strain on all staff to cover different aspects of the work. Tony Elkin, Chair of Governors, has also helped by regularly completing grounds tasks, to keep things ship shape. The Governors are pleased to announce that they have now appointed Mr Gavin Porter as the new Premises Officer. We hope Mr Porter will start work in the next two weeks.

As you know, I will be leaving the school at the end of the academic year to explore pastures new; Mrs Meeks has also made the decision to leave the school in July to develop her career. Mrs Meeks worked with the school on a part-time basis for a year and has then worked as Acorn Classes teacher for the past two years. We all wish her success in the next steps of her career.

Mrs Tully has been away for the past four weeks recovering from an operation on her foot. She is progressing well, and missing being at school. She will be back with us in a few weeks time.

In July we will have the pleasure of Acorn and Chestnut Class performing a traditional pantomime. In the past this event has taken place in December, but due to the pressure on time before Christmas, it has been moved to the end of the Summer term. The children are currently auditioning for parts, and will soon begin learning their lines. The performance will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in the Coronation Hall, so please put this date in your diary. We also have the PE Celebration on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm, in the school grounds.

With best wishes, Jane Walters

#### The Glade Development

The work to develop The Glade finished on schedule and we have been using the new space since the start of the Summer term. There are still a few jobs to complete; the screen will be fitted this week and the blinds next week, then all that will remain is the fitting of a cupboard for the PFA.

The enlarged space has been welcomed by everyone and will enable us to run more activities. Once the screen is installed the peripatetic music teacher will be able to use interactive software to enhance the teaching during music lessons; during assemblies it will now be possible to show children photographs and videos to demonstrate the topic of the act of worship and the larger space has already been used for a 'Ballet Taster Club'. The room will work well for PFA meetings and other activities for parents and carers during the school day.

The work was partly funded by West Sussex County Council, who provided a grant to replace the school boiler, which is now up and running well.

#### Fundraising Activities

The school's May Fayre took place on 20<sup>th</sup> May and was once again a successful event, on a sunny day. Visitors were treated to the 'May Queen and Consort procession', a country dancing display and May Pole dancing. Thank you to the parents, friends, pupils, governors and staff who ran the stalls, and to everyone who donated items for the raffle etc. The biggest thank you goes to Fiona Pearce, who coordinated the event. The final figure raised is not yet available, but it is expected to be about £800, which is a great achievement. A donation to the school was also made by the Slindon Pudding Club, who when asked to donate a prize for the raffle instead presented a cheque for the very generous amount of £1,000 to be spent on new IT equipment for the classrooms; a huge surprise for everyone and very gratefully received.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date: 2016/17	Occasion
6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographs
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
14 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm – 6pm Quadkids Athletics - Cancelled
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Multi-Skills Festival at The Regis School, Bognor Regis
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Arun Literary Festival for 10 pupils in Year 6
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Villages Locality Group ICT Day for four children at KS2 Catkin Class trip to Arundel Castle
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Chichester Leavers' Service for Year 6
29 <sup>th</sup> June	PM P.E. Celebration (Sports Day)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	School Librarian to attend assembly to talk about the libraries Summer reading programme – Animal Agents
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Distributed P.C. Bishop working with Catkin and Acorn Class
5 <sup>th</sup> July	2.45pm Year 2 transition meeting for parents A group of pupils in Year 5 to attend Arundel County Cricket match
6 <sup>th</sup> July	P.C. Bishop working with Chestnut Class
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultation Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Cake Sale – Catkin Class
25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Term ends

## A constant and unwelcome visitor to our school... Headlice!

Please regularly check your child's hair for signs of these visitors. They are very stubborn and difficult to eradicate. It can take months to become clear. The best method, recommended by the school nurses is to 'Bug Bust' (combing through the hair with a nit comb whilst the hair is covered in hair conditioner.) If you would like further information and/or a nit comb please contact the school office or the school nurses on 01243 833856.

## Contacting the School

During the school day it is not always possible for the office staff to answer the telephone. If the phone goes to answer machine when you ring the school please leave a message and a member of staff will deal with your enquiry once they have returned to the office.

## Keeping Parents and Carers Informed

All letters that are generated by the school are now sent to you via the school's electronic system, 'eSchools', provided through our school website. If you have an iPhone or Android phone you can also access the 'Parent App' and receive notifications directly from the school office. The App alerts you when a new letter or message is sent.

User names and passwords were given to you when we launched the new system, or since then, when your child joined the school. Please register to ensure you receive these messages.

## Reminders

### Ready for School

Please ensure your child brings the following things to school each day:

- coat
- book bag
- water bottle

During the Summer Term children will need to bring their P.E. kit to school each Monday and take it home each Friday. Please regularly check that the kit still fits, as we find that children can grow out of their kit quite quickly at this time of the year.

### Safe in the Sun

Now that the weather is warming up children will need to apply suntan lotion before coming to school and have a sun hat to wear at playtime. They also need a coat, in case of rain.

## School Uniform

School uniform is available for purchase from the following website: [www.schoolwearforless.com](http://www.schoolwearforless.com). Bags and hats are available to buy from the school. Please visit the school office.

## Office Hours

Monday	8.30am – 12pm 3-4pm	Mrs Cooper Mr Robinson
Tuesday	8.30am - 1pm 3pm - 4.45pm	Mrs Cooper
Wednesday	8.30–9.45pm 1-4pm	Mr Robinson
Thursday	8.30 - 9.45am – 12-4.45pm	Mrs Cooper Mr Robinson
Friday	8.30 - 11am 12.30 – 4.00pm	Mrs Cooper

Please read the school notice board daily for messages and check for letters sent home with your children. Copies of all newsletters and letters sent home are kept in a file in the school reception area and are posted on the school's 'Virtual Learning Environment', so you can easily check if you have missed something.

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