

Slindon Church of England Primary School

Newsletter Summer 2– June 2018



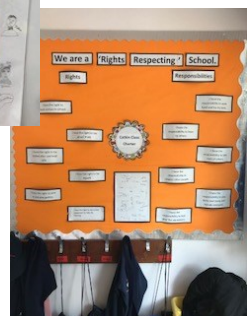
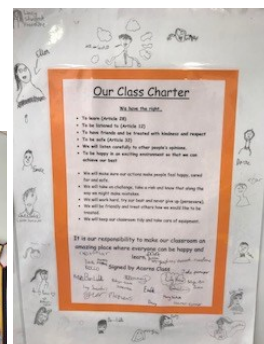
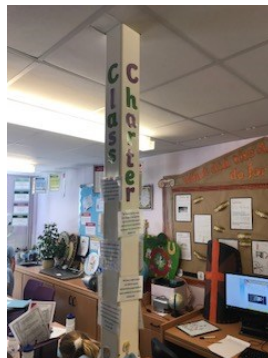
Ch-ch-ch-ch changes!

We began the last half term of the year thinking and talking about changes. The children all had plenty of news to share since we were last together before the half term break and we rejoiced in good news and positive changes that were shared. These last few weeks will no doubt fly by, and as we think about transitions to new classes and new schools for our Year 6 leavers, we have many exciting events to look forward to before we finish for the year. Keep an eye on the school calendar on our website and at pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter for key dates this term.

As we come towards the end of a busy year involving change for all of us, there are a number of new things to communicate to you. We are on a journey to becoming a 'Rights Respecting School'. This is a move away from traditional 'school rules' systems, and a move towards creating a culture of respect and an understanding of our responsibilities in upholding both our own rights, and those of the people around us.

Each class has made their own 'Class Charter' and agreed on which articles to include in their charter. More information will be shared about what being a Rights Respecting School means for us in the Autumn Term, along with our revised behaviour policy which reflects the changes that have been made. As always, if you have any questions in the meantime then do come and see me.

Lucy Cooper
Headteacher



DATES TO REMEMBER THIS TERM...

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WB 12.06.18- After school clubs begin. (There are no clubs during the last week of each half term).

WB 11.06.18

Phonics Screening Check administered to all Yr 1 children.

Friday 22nd June

Yr 6 Leavers Celebration at Chichester Cathedral at 1.15 pm – Parents welcome

Friday 29th June

Sports Day – Whole School

1.30pm

Parents expected! A reserve date of Monday 2nd July is set if our original date is cancelled due to bad weather.

Wednesday 4th July

Transition Day – children will visit their new class and meet their new teacher (children in Years R, 1, and 5 remain with the same teachers in the same class. Children in Years 2 and 3 will meet their new teacher – Miss Attwood.

Stay and Play



Don't forget that for the rest of the term, you are invited to stay and play on a Friday after school until around 4.30pm. Feel free to use the benches to sit and chat with friends. We just ask that the children are supervised by yourselves and that normal playground rules apply to the children. The PFA have kindly offered to serve drinks. Let's hope the sun shines and helps us to provide a relaxing start to the weekend.

Attendance

Letters have been sent home to parents/carers of any children where attendance is significantly below the national average to see how we can work together to improve attendance. If you receive this letter, please visit Mr Robinson or Mrs Cooper in the school office to arrange a time to come and see me for a chat. It is important that we work together to look at how we can improve attendance.

I am particularly concerned about children with repeated and persistent absences, especially where, as a staff, we can see the impact this is having on a child's development and learning.

I cannot authorise holidays during term time but I appreciate parents and carers meeting with me to discuss where there are exceptional circumstances.

I am confident that our attendance will continue to rise but now must liaise with the Pupil Entitlement team. Many schools do this as a matter of course and families can face Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) and prosecution for persistent absence from school.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-attendance-and-behaviour/school->

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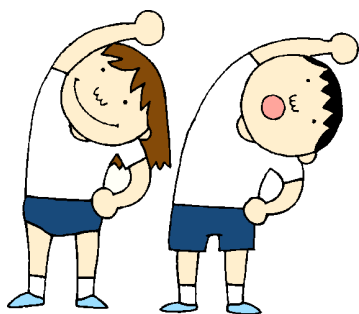


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In the Summer 1 newsletter, I wrote about how we share communication regarding the books that are read to and by the children at home and at school. Reading has such a huge impact on children's speech, writing and love for learning and we're not sure how many opportunities children are getting to share books at home. This week we are expecting an extra-special delivery of new Reading Journals for children in Catkin class, where parents/carers can keep a record of books that are shared at home and staff will record books shared at school. Acorns and Chestnut classes have a reading record as part of the Home Learning books. This will support the Reading Challenge that we are embarking on throughout the school this half term. Look out for opportunities to come into school and read during Family Reading Sessions in the Autumn term



In line with becoming a Rights Respecting school, we have been thinking about the right to be healthy. We are looking forward to Sports Day and the children have been busy practising for the day. This has highlighted how many children frequently do not have their PE kits in school. Whilst usually PE is on a Wednesday, there are many times throughout the year when a class PE time may need to change. Therefore, we'd like to ask that you ensure that your

child's PE kit is in school on a Monday morning and taken home at the end of the week on Friday.

For children in Catkin class, it may be easier to leave your child's PE kit in school for the duration of a half term, and take home to wash over the half-term holidays.

Whatever your preference, we will be sending a letter home when your child has not had their PE kit in school for 3 or more occasions.

Most importantly, children love PE and miss out on an important part of the statutory curriculum when they do not come to school prepared.

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Thursday 5th July

'Future Flyers' event at Westgate Leisure Centre for Future Flyers children.

1-3.30pm

Friday 6th July

Teddy Bears Picnic Fundraiser-2pm on the field.

Families welcome to join us.

Tuesday 17th July

Ks2 Pantomime Performace 1.30pm in Coronation Hall.

All parents welcome. If you have young children, you may prefer to bring them to watch the dress rehearsal in Coronation Hall at 1.30pm on Monday 16th July.

Friday 20th July

Leavers Service- 9.30 am at Coronation Hall- all families welcome.

Last day of term