

Slindon Church of England Primary School



July 2017

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is the final newsletter that I will write as headteacher of this school. I am leaving with so many happy memories of the events and achievements of the past 16 years. I have had the pleasure of working with so many talented and dedicated teachers and governors, who between them have worked diligently for the benefit of the children in their care. Most of all it will be the children that I shall miss, watching them develop and learn new skills during their time at the school. Each day a child will say something special or achieve something new, and it is these unique steps that make the job of a headteacher so rewarding. I know that the new headteacher, Miss Cooper, is very excited about joining the school in September; I hope that she will come to treasure each day in the way that I have.

Mrs Tully has now returned to school following an operation on her foot. She is very pleased to return, especially as she was just in time for the KS2 pantomime, which was so professionally performed by the children last week. It was such a treat to see and the children were a credit to Mrs Meeks and Mr Kennedy, who had worked with the children during Mrs Tully's absence.

The school will also be bidding farewell to Mrs Meeks and to Mrs Smith at the end of term. Mrs Meeks will be working at Arundel C.E. Primary School from September, whilst Mrs Smith will be starting a course to train to be a secondary languages teacher. Interviews took place to appoint a new teacher, but an appointment was not made; the post will therefore be re-advertised. In the meantime Mr Jackson has been appointed to work in school for the Autumn term. There will also be two new teaching assistants in the Autumn; Miss Murray, who has replaced Mrs Wakefield, and Miss Owen who will replace Mrs Smith.

The class arrangements for September 2017 will therefore be as follows:

- *Catkin Class will be taught by Mrs Clarke, supported by Miss Owen, and Mrs Francis-Gleed.*
- *Acorn Class will be taught by Mr Jackson, supported by Mrs Redman and Mrs Hill.*
- *Chestnut Class will be taught by Mrs Tully, supported by Mrs Francis-Gleed and Miss Murray.*

I wish you all a very happy holiday.

With all my best wishes for the future, Jane Walters.

Get ready for the Autumn Term

Are you receiving electronic messages and letters from school? 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.

To start using the system go to the school website at www.slindonprimaryschool.co.uk and press the 'login' button which is at the top right of the 'Home' page. You will then have the option to login, or to download the mobile app and login to this. By logging in you will also have access to the home page for your child's class and to view their school attendance.

If you have not already done so, please register to ensure you receive messages in the new academic year.

Fundraising Activities

The Parents' and Friends' Association will be holding a fundraising challenge to run over the Summer holidays. Each child will receive a tube of Smarties to be taken home and enjoyed. The challenge will be to fill the empty tube with as many 20p pieces as you can over the 6 week holiday period and return the filled tube to school in September.

We are very grateful to the PFA for everything they do to raise funds for the school to buy resources for the children to use in school which they would not otherwise have. The following are examples of things that have been bought in the past: interactive whiteboards; picnic benches; ICT equipment (most recently six notebooks and new P.C.s for Acorn and Chestnut Classes); playground equipment; books for the school library; transport for school trips; construction equipment.

Without the fundraising endeavours of the PFA the school would not be as well resourced. Our thanks go to everyone who has helped to raise these funds.

Dates for Your Diary

Date: 2016/17	Occasion
25 th July	9.30am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Term ends
4 th September	School closed for staff training
5 th September	School starts for children
6 th September	Reception children visit pm
11 th September	Clarinet lessons begin
13 th September	Cornet and guitar lessons begin
2 nd – 4 th Oct	Chestnut Class residential trip
5 th October	Flu vaccinations
17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
18 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
20 th October	School closed for staff training
23 rd – 27 th Oct	Half Term
20 th December	End of term

Dates for Swimming – 2017-2018

Month	Date	Year Group
September	15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	Yrs 1,2,3,4,5 & 6
October	6 th , 13 th	
November	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th	
December	1 st , 8 th , 15 th	
January	12 th , 19 th , 26 th	Yrs R, 1,2,3,4,5,
February	2 nd , 23 rd	
March	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	

The contribution that we ask you to make towards the cost of the swimming lessons is **£3.50 each week**. Please make your contributions by cheque made payable to the school. The cheque should be given to the class teacher in an envelope clearly marked "Swimming Contribution" and with your child's name. If you prefer to make contributions in cash a cash payment card will be kept in the school office.

Goodbye to Year 6

This year we will be saying goodbye to 13 children in Year 6. Three of the children have been with us since Reception, whilst others have only spent one year at the school. It has been a pleasure to watch each of them develop over the time they have been at the school and although we know it is time for them to be moving on, it is still sad to see them go.

Saying goodbye to the children also means that we will say goodbye to eight sets of families. Thanks go out to all of them for the help they have offered to the PFA and the school in so many different ways over the years. They will also be missed.

This year the children will be transferring to a number of different secondary schools including: Ormiston Six Villages Academy (OSVA), St Philip Howard Catholic High School and Felpham Community College.

We wish all the children happiness and success in their new schools and for the future.

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September – Wednesday 20th December
Half Term - Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
inclusive

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March
Half Term - Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
inclusive.

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April – Tuesday 24th July
Half Term - Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June inclusive

School will be closed for staff training on the following days:

1. Monday 4th September 2017
2. Friday 20th October 2017
3. Friday 9th February 2018

There will be two further days when the school will be closed during the year. These dates will be advised next term.

School Uniform

School uniform is available for purchase from the following website: 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 Mrs Cooper
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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