

## **Slindon Church of England Primary School**

### **Newsletter Summer 1– April 2019**



Welcome back to school after what seemed like a long time away! I hope you were able to make the most of the beautiful bank holiday Easter weather. As always, the Summer Term has crept up on us. The first half of the summer term is only five weeks and the May half term holiday will soon be upon us. Already we find ourselves starting to think about and planning upcoming events for the second half of the term which reminds us how near we are to the end of the year!

One significant piece of news that I would like to share with you is that this term will be Mrs Clarke's last term at our school. I know this will be sad news for many of you who have had children in Mrs Clarke's class over the years. Tina Clarke has been with Slindon CofE Primary School for 14 years and has been far more than just a teacher and governor at the school. She is loved by the staff, parents/carers, children, governors and wider community and will be greatly missed! We wish her all the very best for the future as she moves on to pastures new.

In order to ensure we are fully staffed for September I have had to advertise the post promptly. Word is certainly spreading about our unique school and we have already had a considerable amount of interest. I am confident that we will recruit the best staff to support us in our journey and I will be sure to keep you updated.

To help keep track of dates, I have changed the format of the 'Important dates to remember' for this newsletter. These are now all on one A4 side to allow you to print off just that page and stick on your fridge– if you so desire! Paper copies of just the dates are available from the school office if you require them.

Lucy Cooper

Headteacher

### Attendance

Thank you to you all for continuing to support us in raising the attendance of all children, which was identified as an area of development in the school's last Ofsted. More importantly, as the staff that work with your children everyday, we can see the negative effect that poor attendance has on a child's learning and development .

Next week, individual attendance reports for the previous half term (Spring 2) will be sent home, as discussed in the previous newsletter. This allows you to see the codes that have been used for any absence and the attendance for your child for the previous half term. If your child has been invited to the next 'Big Breakfast', their certificate will accompany the attendance report.

Next week I will send home our revised Attendance Policy which I think you will find helpful in understanding the roles we all play in raising attendance. There will be an opportunity for you to give feedback and I hope that you will let me know your thoughts on the policy.

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 94.68– **please help us reach our target of 95%**



### Forest School at Slindon



Learning Outside the Classroom is central to our curriculum here at Slindon Church of England Primary School. This includes the learning that happens during Forest School as well as the opportunities further afield.

For the remainder of the year, both Catkin and Acorn Class will have Forest School on a Friday afternoon.

Children should come to school every Friday until the end of the school year with their Forest School clothes in a named bag.

Your child's clothes should include a long sleeved top/ jumper and trousers and either wellington boots or trainers. Children may also need to wear a coat and/or hat. Please keep an eye on the weather forecast each week to help ensure that children are dressed appropriately.

Children in Chestnut Class continue to enjoy Forest School experiences with Rob Mayne and Mrs Tully on a Thursday morning during the Prince William Award. They continue to need their clothes as outlined above each Thursday morning.



Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin.... Can you guess what is being introduced to Slindon Church of England Primary School? Yes– Houses!

We would like to introduce a system of three houses across the school and despite a good deal of investigating, I couldn't make a decision on the names. So it's over to you! You have 2 weeks to think of names for the three houses, but they must relate to Slindon. They also need to sound pretty cool, like the houses from Harry Potter!

You may want to start your research was by visiting St Mary's Church or by speaking to the residents in our community. There are some great historic family names that are important to Slindon.

All of the children in the school will be placed into one of the three houses. Siblings will be placed in the same house and the house system will be used during events such as Sports Day, and as an integral part of positively rewarding behaviour as described in our revised behaviour policy, which will be sent home next week.

I'm excited to hear your suggestions! They need to be passed to The School Council via Miss Cooper by **Friday 10th May**.



### Sporting News



*Last Thursday, eight children from Acorn Class went to an Ultimate Frisbee Festival. When we arrived, the sports leader from The Regis School, taught us eight new skills. Our favourite one was hitting the target as it was really fun. Afterwards, we played four different games of Ultimate Frisbee against different schools. To win the game you had to hit the target at the end of the court. We won three of our games. We had a great afternoon and we cannot wait to use our new skills during our PE lessons.*

*By Emile and Lily in Acorn Class*

## **Important Dates to Remember for Summer Term 1**

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 23rd April 2019– First day back to school**
- **Friday 26th April– Year 2 Infant Agility Event**  
**The Regis School– Transport provided, led by Miss Cooper**
- **Tuesday 7th May 1.30-3.30– Future Flyers Event (selected children)**  
**Westgate Leisure Centre– Parents/ Carers to arrange transport**
- **Friday 10th May 8.50-9.10– KS1 (Year 1 & 2) 'Huff and Puff' family fitness launch (see separate letter)**  
**Playground– come dressed ready to be active!**

### **SATS Week– Monday 13th to Friday 17th May for Year 6 and Year 2 children**

Those Parents/Carers who attended our important SATS meetings in the Spring Term will be aware of the procedures and the important message that we wanted to convey about the SATS during this week. Additional information is also being sent home in the coming days and will include which papers the children will sit on which days.

Children in Year 6 will complete the SATS papers on the same day as other children across the country on Monday to Thursday of this week. They will begin around 9.15 am and will take place in The Glade and The Library. It is especially important that we minimise any disruption and distraction by asking you to take particular care that your children arrive on time during this week.

Children in Year 2 will complete the papers later in the morning during this week, but we have greater flexibility on when the children will do this.

- **Friday 17th May 1.30-3.00– KS1 (Year 1 & 2) 'Huff and Puff' family fitness event (see separate letter)**  
**Westgate Leisure Centre– Parents/ Carers are invited to attend!**
- **Monday 20th May 2.00-3.00– Welcome Meeting for new Reception children and families (September 2019 intake)**
- **Tuesday 21st May 3.30-5.00– Messy Church in Catkin Class. All families welcome!**
- **Wednesday 22nd May 9.15-3.15– Catkin Class to Arundel Castle (see separate letter)**
- **Friday 24th May 8.30-9.00– The Big Breakfast for children who have met our target of 95% attendance during the second half of the Spring Term (see certificates for those children invited).**
- **Monday 27th– Friday 31st May– Half Term Holidays**
- **Monday 3rd June– First day back to school**

**\* Saturday 25th May Slindon Church Fete 2pm at Slindon College\***

## **A few important dates to put in your diary now for Summer 2**

The full list of key dates will be included in the Summer 2 newsletter

- Tuesday 4th June– School photographs
- Monday 10th– Wednesday 12th June– Chestnut Class Residential to Hooke Court
- Monday 1st July 1.30– Sports Day
- Tuesday 2nd July (Time TBC)- Year 6 Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral
- Monday 8th July 1.30– Reserve Sports Day in the event of poor weather on 01/07/19
- Saturday 6th July 4.00-7.00– ‘SlinFest’ Slindon CofE Primary School Summer Fayre
- Tuesday 16th July 1.30– KS2 end of year performance at Coronation Hall
- Thursday 18th July 2.00–3.00– Transition Meeting for all children and Parents/Carers
- Friday 19th July 9.30-10.30– Year 6 Leavers Service at Coronation Hall

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at school?



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