

Slindon Church of England Primary School

Newsletter Spring 2– February 2019



Welcome back! I hope you all had a pleasant week off- at home or away.

I learnt a new word this week, 'apricity', which means the warmth of the sun in winter. What a beautiful word to describe a beautiful start to the second half of the Spring Term.

We are all very excited for another busy half term and events such as the greatly anticipated 'World Book Day' on Thursday 7th March.

For World Book Day this year, we will continue the theme of dressing up as a character from one of our favourite books -but with a twist! We'd like the children to bring their favourite book in with them on the day and to have chosen a word from that book to share with us. The finest, worthiest, most extraordinary word they can find! We will then make a '*wondrous wall of words*' which will feature heavily in our learning this half term.

The word art at the top of page 4 of this newsletter are words taken from the principles and values behind The Prince William Award that I wrote about in the last newsletter. You can see that they are also very much the values and principles of our school and our community. So it is fitting that they head two pieces written for this newsletter by Mike Imms, Chairman of SlindonLife and resident in the village. I'm proud of the support we receive from you, as parents and carers, and from the wider community in providing the best for our children here at Slindon Church of England Primary School.

Lucy Cooper
Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS TERM...

Wednesday 27th February 2019

- Dance House
Performance from children in Dance Club,
7pm at Alexandra
Theatre, Bognor

Thursday 28th February 2019

- Acorn Class trip to
Butser Ancient Farm

Friday 1st March 2019 9-10am

- Whole School Maths
Workshop– Come and
see how we teach
Multiplication across
the school

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th March 2019

- Parent/Carers information Evenings 3.40-6
pm

Thursday 7th March 2019

- World Book Day

Come to school dressed up
with a link to your favourite book.

Friday 8th March 2019

- 'AllStar Games' British
Heart Foundation
Fundraiser– (See
separate letter).



On Friday 15th March, we will be joining in with schools and workplaces across the country to raise money for Comic Relief. Children may 'dress down' for the day and come into school in non-uniform or Red Nose Day related clothes. Just remember that the children will be swimming as usual in the afternoon!

Alternatively, the children may instead just want to come to school armed with some hilarious jokes to share. The choice is theirs!

Please remember to bring in a contribution to help us raise funds for Red Nose Day



These two intrepid reporters are our very important KS2 'Picture News Monitors'. Their job is to learn about the news from the Picture News pack that is sent to the school each week. They read the news, display it in their classroom and will lead the class assembly each week, based on current themes in the news. They will also be instrumental in facilitating the lunchtime discussions in each of the KS2 classrooms.

We think it's so important that our children from a small, rural village school have a good awareness of the bigger, global issues. Let us know if you'd like to be sent 'Picture News' via email or given a weekly copy if, to discuss together at home.

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) - Forest School



Forest School starts again on Thursday 14th March for both Acorn and Catkin classes and will continue each Thursday afternoon until the end of the year. We are grateful that Mikey Pearce from 'Releasing Potential' has been able to support us with Forest Schools whilst Miss Atwood has settled in, but as a Forest School accredited teacher, she is now raring to go!

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) is central to the ethos of our school. Chestnut class will continue to take part in The Prince William Award outside in a variety of areas, including the Forest.



Sporting News



On Tuesday 5th February, 10 children from Acorn Class went to a Trigolf festival. At the Trigolf festival we developed our golf skills by taking part in 8 putting and chipping activities. For each activity, we earned points for our team. Amazingly, out of eight schools Slindon came first! We had a great afternoon and we cannot wait to do more at school.

By Ben Liddle and Ollie Harfoot

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS TERM...

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th March 2019

- Science Week

Wednesday 20th March 2019 9.10-9.30

- Ukulele Concert from Acorn Class to Parents/ Carers in Acorn Class

Friday 15th March 2019

Red Nose Day!

Thursday 28th March 2019

- PWA Family session 9-10 am. Come and meet Rob Mayne, who is delivering the Prince William Award and hear a presentation and join the children for a session outdoors. Chestnut class children participate in the PWA but this invitation is to ALL Parents and Carers – great fun, don't miss it!

Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – 2.15pm at St Mary's Church

- Easter Service

Friday 5th April 2019

- The Big Breakfast – Celebration of Fantastic Attendance
- Last Day of Term



**Slindon litter clear up on Saturday 9
March from 10.30 am –
meet at The Forge**

Can you help us 'spring clean' the village on Saturday 9 March from 10.30am? It would be great if you could join our community by giving a couple of hours of your time to join the teams collecting litter across the village.

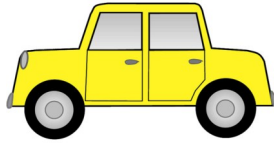
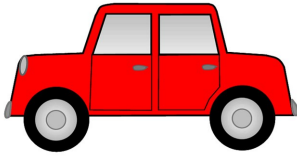
On the day

We will all meet outside The Forge by 10.30am. If you live locally and you want to start nearer to your own home and simply bring bags of litter down later that's fine). Our MP, Nick Herbert plans to join us (subject to Parliamentary commitments e.g. Brexit!). We will provide bags and gloves and will divide into teams to pick up litter (but you can of course do your own thing if that suits you better). We'll all bring our full bags of picked

litter back to The Forge area BEFORE 3pm (exact spot to be confirmed) and Arun District Council will collect it all up and take it away. As a ‘thank you’ for your efforts, all participants will receive a voucher for tea/coffee and cake at The Forge. Please note that you take part at your own risk, and children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you can’t make the allotted time slot on that day, we hope you will still help by picking up and bin-ing any litter you see. Please DO NOT take any litter to the Forge area after 3pm – otherwise it may miss the Arun collection and become litter again!!

This initiative has been organised by Slindon*Life* with funding support from the Parish Council and invaluable help from the Rubbish & Recycling department at Arun District Council. Many thanks to both.

Road Safety



Mike Imms, is Chairman of SlindonLife (a community group that seeks to address all manner of wants and needs across the village—concentrating on areas that don't fall naturally to other organisations). The following passage has also been published in Slindon Parish Magazine.

We are delighted to have been collaborating with the school, the County Council and Slindon Parish Council to find ways of improving road safety in the village.

The Parish Council took a big step forward some years ago, by persuading the authorities to introduce a 20mph speed limit across the village – including the road past the school.

The Coronation Hall committee have always 'done their bit' in an informal way by taking a relaxed view of parking in the Coronation Hall car park at school times, thereby reducing the pressure on on-street parking.

We, and all the village take the issue of road safety by the school very seriously and are keen to do whatever we can to support the school in efforts to improve road safety for the children. However, there are a number of things YOU can do to help us in our efforts.

- Act as a 'role model' for villagers (and visitors) by not parking on the white line outside of The Forge. If you drive at 20mph on your approach and departure from the school, then all other vehicles behind you can only travel at 20mph as well.*
- Let us know if you see any 'offenders' – people parking on the 'white line' opposite the school or in Meadsway, or speeding. If you can let the staff in the school office know, we'll take it up with the people concerned if we possibly can. We would need some basic information such as time, day etc and a description of the vehicle (colour, make, model and ideally registration number). It might be easiest simply to take a quick picture on your phone.*

Miss Cooper would like to say a huge thank you to all the fantastic helpers who achieved a great deal (see photo) on Saturday 18th February. With the help of Mark and Rebecca Ford (who have worked with us a lot with the willow structures in the school ground), we cleared the area of shrub land at the front of the school and laid a new hedge. Huge thanks to Mr Martin, Mr Elkin (our governor) and Mrs Clarke for all their hard work. Miss Cooper learnt lots of new skills and smashed her personal best of 18,888 steps!

Whilst our vision is not yet complete, I'm sure you will agree that it looks a great deal better and makes the school more visible.

Special thanks to Mark and Rebecca Ford!



As I'm sure you are aware, there was much coverage in the media last week about the 'Momo challenge' which prompted further discussion about how we keep our children safe online. Over the next couple of weeks, we will add a page under the 'parent' section of our website to provide you with information on how you can keep your child safe online, at home.

In addition to this, any updates that we feel are relevant and informative, will be emailed to you as part of the #wakeupwednesday campaign.

Please do come and speak with us if you have any questions or concerns about online safety.

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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.

www.slindonprimary.co.uk

Make sure we have your correct email addresses and telephone numbers so that we can communicate with you as necessary.