

Slindon Church of England Primary School

Newsletter Spring 1 - January 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year to you all! It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school last week and we welcome all the new children who have joined us this term. It feels as though we have all had a wonderful break and have come back eager to start the new term together, full of aspirations that the New Year brings with a renewed lease of life!

On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and kind words at the end of last term. All of our school community worked incredibly hard during the Autumn term as we forged new relationships, put in place strategies to address areas of development and made positive changes to many aspects of teaching and learning in a short space of time.

There is a great deal to communicate this term, having now completed such a successful Autumn term. On the next page you will see more information about a number of Parent/Carer Information Meetings I have scheduled. Please do let me know if you will be unable to attend. It is so important that we communicate as we continue on this exciting journey for our school.

Along the same theme of communication, I hope you are all accessing the calendar on the school website. You do not need to log in, just keep an eye on the calendar to know what is going on and special days, meeting and events that you may need to know about or attend.

Finally, I hope you find this 'Spring Edition' of the newsletter informative and useful. I prefer to write a fuller newsletter each half term to include photographs and more features. Therefore this will be the last newsletter that will automatically be printed out for all families. Instead, it will be emailed to you at the beginning of each term UNLESS you request that it is printed out for you. In sympathy with our beautiful surroundings, the children and I are very keen to save the trees!

Have a wonderful start to 2018.

Lucy Cooper

Headteacher

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION MEETINGS THIS TERM

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS TERM...

WB 08.01.18- After school clubs began.

12.01.18- Swimming starts for Reception to Year 5 until Friday 23rd March

15.01.18- Yr5 Children to OSVA for Art Enrichment morning (permission already given)

17.01.18- 3pm KS1 SATS Information Meeting for Parents/Carers

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19.01.18 - 3pm Parents and Friends Association Meeting. Everyone welcome.

06.02.18 - 3pm, 5pm & 7pm Self-Evaluation Meeting for Parents/Carers. More information opposite.

08.02.18.-Last day of half term for children.

09.02.18.-INSET day

12-16.02.18-February Half Term.

19.02.18.-Children return to school.

This term we are holding a number of Parent/Carer Information Meetings, as well as the Parent/ Carer consultation evenings which are held towards the end of the Spring term.

Two of these meetings are for Parents/Carers of children in Year 2 and Year 6. A KS1 SATS meeting will be held in the Glade from 3-3.30pm on Wednesday 17th January (for parents/carers of children in Year 2).

A KS2 SATS meeting will be held in the Glade from 3-3.30pm on Thursday 18th January (for parents/carers of children in Year 6).

We very much hope that Parents and Carers of Year 2 and Year 6 children will be able to attend these meetings. It is so important that you understand and share the message that we communicate to the children

with regard to SATS and that we use the same language. If you are unable to attend, please let me know and I will arrange a different, mutually convenient time.

If you do not have children in either year group but are still interested, you are very welcome to attend.

I hope all Parents/Carers will be able to attend one of the meetings on Tuesday 6th February where we would like to share with you the changes that have been made since the OfSTED judgement of 'Requires Improvement' in January 2017.

Parent/ Carer Consultations will be held on Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th March to discuss individual progress of your children.

VACANCIES AT SLINDON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

This term we are interviewing for two new permanent members of staff. On December 15th an advert for a Premises Manager and a permanent Teacher for Acorn Class went live on the West Sussex Jobs site.

The deadline for applications for a Premises Manager is today (Friday 12th January). However, please do spread the word, particularly to people local to the school and do come and see me if either yourself or someone you know may be interested in the position.

HEADLICE

We had a number of cases of head lice towards the end of last term. Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected. They are very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb. This is called detection combing. We recommend that all families follow the motto of ***‘Once a week, take a peek’***, using a specific detection comb, or ‘nit comb’.

To help prevent the spread of head lice:

- Comb your child's hair regularly with a nit or bug-busting comb. You can buy these from your local pharmacist;
- Periodically inspect the hair of all the children in the family;
- Do not be embarrassed to tell the parents of any other children who may have had head-to-head contact with your child.
- Thank other parents if they let you know that their child has lice.

“Missing school 5 days of every term every year is the same as missing one whole school year”

ATTENDANCE

This week I will be talking to the school council about attendance as I’m disappointed that already our attendance is below the national average.

I am keen to know the children’s thoughts and opinions on how we can increase attendance and punctuality, and in particular how we can reward the children whose attendance and punctuality is high.

Please do share your own thoughts with me on the playground before or after school over the coming

week or so if you have any thoughts or ideas.

From next week, teachers will be taking each class register electronically and this will be completed by 9am. If your child arrives at school after 8.55am (after the whistle has been blown), please ensure that they enter the school via the main front door and not through the playground to the class doors.

If your child is absent please telephone the school office to let us know, before 9.30am.

Well done to the following children for achieving above 96% for attendance last term!

Lara Arnott
Harry Bonney
Callum Matthews
Lily-Rose Messenger
Charlie, Maddie and Bonnie Giles
Anais and Emile Kaissi
Dexter Wells
Willow Wells
Harry and Holly Trickett
Lily Collyer
Josiah Cossar
Livia Pfulger-Evans
Lucy Shorrocks-Freestone
Enzo Tizzard
Daisy and Tilly Dunn
Samuel and Nicolas Horley
Charlotte Hughes
Morgan Locke
Connor and Karl Collins
Christopher Holness
Charleigh Parsons
Kaiden Pink
Lilija-Eve Swann
Katherine Williams

**GROUNDS
WORKING PARTY-
SATURDAY 24TH
FEBRUARY**

On Saturday 24th February we would like to organise a 'Grounds Working Party'. This has happened in the past and I am grateful of the help to keep our beautiful grounds maintained. If you are able to arrange childcare and come into school without children anytime between 8am and 2pm, please let me know. Hot drinks and fuel will be supplied!

GENTLE REMINDERS...

- Please remember to ensure that your child has their named swimming kit on a Friday (Reception to Year 5) for the rest of the term until Easter. We always need volunteers to help us with swimming, please let Mrs Cooper in the office know if you are able to.
- Please ensure that children have their PE Kits in school on a Monday and take them home on a Friday to be washed. All items need to be named in order for us to give them back to their owner if they get lost!
- Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather by bringing a named coat to school.
- Please ensure that Mrs Cooper has the correct email address for all parents/ carers who would like to receive the newsletter by email from now on.

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