



Newsletter 16 - 11.07.17

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is always a busy time, move-up mornings, school plays, new children and staff joining us. It is a time to look back at the past year and forward to the future. Last night the staff and Governors met to evaluate our progress this academic year, looking at attainment including SATs results, leadership & management, behaviour and safety and teaching & learning.

We are very happy with the children's progress this year. We have made changes to the way we teach reading and writing having benefitted from a group of small schools working together on Talk for Writing and developing spelling. We have also made huge changes to our maths teaching, working with a maths consultant to introduce more reasoning and discussion about the mathematical process. Finally, we hosted a Maths Day with an international speaker, who the previous day had been speaking at Loughborough University!

I would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and caring attitude and share with you some of our successes. Last year we had new harder tests and I must admit our results were not as good as we wanted. This year we are again back just above the National Average and we hope to build on the changes to teaching and learning in future years.

Attainment data

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile 2016/17		
% of pupils achieving good level of development		
	School	National 15/16
All pupil	84	66
Boys	66	59
Girls	100	74

Results of Teacher Assessment at KS1				
Percentage at each level				
National % from 2016 Raise on Line				
		Exp	Greater depth	Working towards
Reading	Slimbridge	70	12	29
	National	74	24	19
Writing	Slimbridge	70	6	29
	National	65	13	27
Maths	Slimbridge	76	6	23
	National	73	18	21

As you can see from the tables, the changes we have made have had a positive impact on the children's attainment and we are very happy with the direction the school is moving in and look to maintain this improvement in the future.

I would like to thank all the parents for helping with reading, spellings and homework this year and please keep up the good work.

I hope you have a lovely holiday and don't forget your scrapbook challenge.

Regards
Mrs Cooke

	Attainment		
	% of pupils attaining Expected or above		
	National % are interim		
	Exp		Greater depth
	Slimbridge	National (interim)	Slimbridge
Reading	81	71	56
Writing	69	76	12.5
Maths	75	75	18.8
Combined	63	61	12.5

IMPORTANT DATES.

12th July—Lion King Performances.
Dress rehearsal from 9.30 for the whole school
Matinee—1.30pm

13th July—Evening performance 6pm
Friday 14th July— Move up morning & Rednock transition

Wednesday 19th July—SPORTS DAY 2

Assemblies

Friday 14th July at 2.30pm—Class 4 share assembly

Friday 21st July at 1.30pm —Leaver's Assembly at the Village Hall

PREGNANT MOTHERS BE AWARE....

There are a number of cases at the school of 'suspected' slap cheek'. Pregnant women should take care if they are in the early stages of their pregnancy.

Academic Year 17/18

Tuesday 5th September—First day for current pupils

Wednesday 6th September—First day for Reception

Athletics

Well done to all the children who competed in the Dursley Track and Field events and a huge thank you to the coaches. Graham, Louise, Sarah and Nicky.

We have a history of successful Cross-Country & athletics club at the school, all of which have been run by enthusiastic parents. This is our most popular club with up to 30 children signing up each year and we are looking for up to 3 parents willing to get involved and run these clubs next year.

. If you feel you can help please see Mrs Cooke.

Tickets for sale.

Mrs Webb (School office) has 5 tickets for London 2017 World Athletics, Thursday 10 August at 6.15pm. £52.74 each. Contact the office if interested.

Staff news.

One of our targets this year was to widen our children's experience of different countries and cultures. We have had African dance, Kenya days, Europe Day events and cultural assemblies. This has been too successful in some ways!

As you already know Mrs Wood is taking 6 months to work in Asia and we look forward to hearing about her travels and news.

However, she is not the only one with the travel bug! It is with a mix of sadness and achievement that I have to inform you that Miss Gilbert will be leaving the school to take up a teaching position in Dubai. Miss Gilbert is an asset to any school and will be much missed. She was made for teaching and we are happy to have played a small part in starting her on that journey.



Please ensure your children are considerate of other pavement users when using scooters, bikes and go-carts on the way to school.