



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. We had another busy summer holiday organising the build of a new hygiene room and Learning Pod. A big thank you needs to go to the staff, governors and parents that came in to school over the holidays and on the last week of holidays to clear up the site and make us look like a school again. The new hygiene room was handed over to the school last Wednesday, there are a few minor elements to complete but is already in use. I am delighted with the new rear entrance to the school which is light and airy and gives the Class 3 children a safe place to stand at the end of the day.

The new Learning Pod (Class 4) is well on the way to completion and looking very 21st Century. The delay in finishing was unfortunate but Class 4, Miss Murton and Miss Wilkins have made the most of their time in the hall. We are hoping to move furniture in this afternoon and anyone available to help at 2pm would be very welcome. I am hoping the room will be open for people to look round from 3.10pm.

The fencing will also be removed today and we will at last be able to come through the gate to the left of the school and the children will have the whole playground to play in. Over the half term holiday workmen will be back in school to concrete some of the area on the right of the new Learning Pod and construct a bike shed and area for scooters. Unfortunately the original bike shed was no longer structurally sound when taken down and couldn't be re-used but the Local authority has kindly agreed to replace it.

Our classes will be particularly focusing on spelling and handwriting this year and we have new programmes of work all year groups. We have also bought a new reading scheme and those of you that have had a number of children in the school will be delighted to see some new characters and stories.

Finally, we are always looking at ways to maximise the children's learning and are planning to offer an additional after school session for children to finish work or consolidate learning. This will be with Mrs Cooke and available to a small number of children each Tuesday. A booking system will be out soon.

Regards
Alison Cooke

IMPORTANT DATES.

Tuesday 15th September – Year 6 to 8 Cerney

Friday 25th September - FOSS AGM

Tuesday 6th October – Class 3 visit to Waitrose, Cheltenham.

Thursday 8th October– National Poetry Day

Monday 12th October– Reception full-time

Wednesday 21st October– Harvest Festival 1.30pm at the Church

Wednesday 21st October– Sunday 1st November. End of Term 1 holiday

Monday 2nd Nov –Term 2 starts

Week beginning 23rd November–Parent Progress Meetings

Wednesday 16th December– Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December– Pantomime Visit

Friday 18th December–Party plates and class parties

Celebration Assembly
Friday at 2.30pm
All family members welcome.

Top Tips

Please make sure all your child's new uniform is named clearly. We always try to return misplaced named clothing to the children. If clothes are not named they will be put in a box in the new foyer, please feel free to come and look through at any time.

Building Work.

The new houses being build on St Johns Rd will be starting on Thursday 17th September we have been asked by the builders to make sure we do not block the entrance to the site as they will be constructing the new driveways at this time.



Please respect the No Parking signs so the contractors can get in and out.

Many thanks

James and the Giant Peach videos are now available from the school office for £5

CD of Young Voices available for £2

Class Structure 2015.

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| Little Otters | Playgroup | Mrs Jo Jenkins, Mrs Caroline Charnley–Heaton, Mrs Alee Arkwell-Smyth, Mrs Heather Smith |
| Class 1 | Reception | Mr McNamara, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Wilde, Miss Gilbert |
| Class 2 | Year 1 & 2 | Mr Ford, Mrs Davies |
| Class 3 | Year 2 & 3 | Mrs Wood, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Friday, Mrs Arkwell-Smyth, Mrs Lucia |
| Class 4 | Year 4 & 5 | Miss Murton, Ms Wilkins |
| Class 5 | Year 5 & 6 | Miss Randall, Mrs Sutton, Mr Macklin |

Specialist Teachers—Mrs Carter (Music), Ms Tilly (French), Miss Gilbert (PE)
Administration Staff—Mrs Elliott, Mrs Webb, Mrs Wingent.

Early Birds Breakfast Club—Mrs Chappell

Owls After School Club—Miss Gilbert and Superstars staff

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The road in front of the school will be closed for resurfacing work between 25th November and 4th December. Parents will be able to park at the British Legion. The road will then be closed between 9.10am and 2.45pm.