



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school with both Keystage 1 and Keystage 2 SATs taking place. Well done to the children for all their hard work, and for the rest of the school for being considerate and flexible whilst this has been going on!

It seems incredible that we are already approaching the final term of this school year. Term 6 is always a very busy one with Sports Day, School plays, 'Move up' days (visiting new classes and teachers), saying goodbye to Year 6 and starting to get to know our new Reception children. There will be lots of information, dates and times coming out in the first few weeks, so please ensure you check the website, emails and text messages.

Regards
Mrs Cooke

Friday Assemblies.

Friday 19th May—Writing across the school Assembly
Friday 26th May - Class 1 Share Assembly

Class Splits Yr 2 & 5

We are in the process of collecting evidence and opinions from the children about their friends and preferences.

We will be sending a letter to consult with parents next week and decisions will be made about class groups before our move up days. If you wish to discuss this with either a class teacher or Mrs Cooke, please make an appointment.
We value your opinion.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Wednesday 24th May—
Class Photos

Friday 25th May—End of
Term 5

Monday 5th June—First day
of Term 6

Saturday 10th June—Village
Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June—
Sports Day (PM)

Friday 23rd June—INSET
DAY (staff training, no chil-
dren at school)

Redwood Visits
22/6 - Little Otters
5/6 - Class 5
12/6 - Class 4
19/6 - Class 3
26/6 - Class 2
3/7 - Class 1
10/7 - Little Otters



Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils

Over the last few months Miss Randall has been taking part in a project to encourage reading in both teachers and their pupils! This is part of the Cheltenham Literature Festival, and Miss Randall attends regular book clubs where teachers are introduced to different books which they read, discuss and then share with their classes. It is proven that encouraging a love of reading has an effect on all their future learning, so this is a fantastic project. The children in Class 5 are loving exploring many different books. The link below takes you to an article which Miss Randall has written with more information about the project.

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/news/2017/05/reading-teachers-reading-pupils...slimbridge-primary-school/

Parking again!

We have a number of old and infirm neighbours who need to have full access to their houses. Please do not block driveways or park on the white lines. This will allow access for the residents and provide passing places to reduce traffic jams.

Please, treat our neighbours with courtesy.

Thread worms

There have been some recent cases of threadworms in the school. This is very common (about half of children will get these at some point). Threadworms are generally harmless but can cause itching, discomfort and even disturbed sleep. If children have threadworms they can be easily treated by medication available from the GP or over the counter in chemists. There is no reason to keep children off school if they have them. Here are some tips to prevent threadworms spreading:

- Keep nails short
- Remind children not to bite their nails or suck their fingers.
- Bathe daily
- Remind children to wash their hands.

Staff Update

We have some staff updates to let you know about. From September until March Mrs Wood will be taking a sabbatical. She is going to teach in Thailand and we wish her the best of luck for her exciting trip. We will look forward to updates throughout her time away and hearing all about life in Thailand when she returns to school next Easter. We are delighted to tell you that we have appointed Miss Glover to cover Mrs Wood's absence. Miss Glover will be familiar to you as she has been working in Class 3 this year. She is really looking forward to getting to know all the children.

Open classrooms sessions—8.45—9.15

Monday— Class 5

Tuesday—Class 2

Wednesday—Class 3

Thursday—Class 4

Friday—Class 1

Big Weekend!

On the first weekend of July (1st and 2nd) we will be extremely busy at school preparing the grounds for the 'Pollination garden' we are creating and putting in the footings for the Outdoor Classroom generously donated by FOSS and TESCO's.

The Polli-Nation project we are part of, with our Cluster schools, is a national initiative to increase awareness of pollinating insects in the environment and the impact of losing pollinators to crops, flowering plants and trees. In China they are currently having to hand pollinate crops in some regions because of the reduction of their insect population.

Please look out for information from FOSS about how you can help.