



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have heard earlier in the week about the reintroduction and changes to tests for Year 2 children. At Slimbridge we continued with KS1 (Yr 2) tests and although the test materials will change the routine will largely be the same. We try very hard to remove the pressure from the children and Mr Ford will brief Year 2 parents on 'Mr Ford's special work' later in the year.

The children have statutory testing in:

Yr 1—Phonics.

Yr 2—Reading, Maths & Grammar, Punctuation & spelling.

Yr 6—Reading, Maths & Grammar, Punctuation & spelling.

All the above are administered in Term 5.

Miss Randall will be organising an information meeting for Year 6 parents to discuss the new testing and reporting of achievement in the coming weeks.

Teachers will continue to assess writing against the Age Expected Levels, this is periodically moderated by the Local Authority. We also conduct short assessment test throughout the year for all year groups to inform our progress data and planning.

From this year all our children will be assessed against the new National Curriculum, and at this term's Parents Evening teachers will be talking about the children working below, at or above Age Related Expectations for each year group. We also split each year group expectations into 'assisted', 'secure', 'independent', at this time of the school year we would expect most children to be 'assisted' at their year group expectations.

Please see the letter emailed this week regarding the timings of Parents Meetings, sign up sheets are available from each school.

Regards

Alison Cooke

Children In Need Friday 13th November

Bring a £1 and

Dress up as the person you would like to be when you grow up.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Week beginning Monday 16th November—Friendship Week.

All classes will look at Anti-bullying strategies.

Week beginning 23rd November—Parent Consultation Meetings.

Week beginning Monday 30th November—Writing Week (further information on the reverse).

Wednesday 2nd December at 6.00pm TBC—Bedtime Story/Reading Information Evening.

Monday 7th December—KS1 Nativity 1.30pm

Tuesday 8th December—KS1 Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 9th December—KS1 Nativity 6.00pm

Wednesday 16th December—Christmas lunch & Carol Concert at 6.00pm in the Church.

Thursday 17th December—Pantomime Visit.

Friday 18th December—Party plates and class parties.

21st January—Reading Evening for parents TBC



The BIG Question?

Is it worse to fail at something or never attempt it in the first place?

Nits

Unfortunately we have reports of nits in both Class 1 & 2, please check **all** your children's hair with a suitable comb.



The local chemist can give you some very useful information on treatments or try this website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Nits.aspx>

We ask all children with shoulder length hair to have it tied back.

Parent Information Sessions

We have a number of different events for parents and carers to find out more about how children learn in school.

Writing week.

We are very proud of the way children writing at Slimbridge and wanted to show parents, grandparents and carers how we develop these writing skills. During the week beginning 30th November adults are invited into classes to watch (and join in) Guided Writing sessions. These are short sections of the writing sequence where the children and teachers write together, developing a text. The children benefit from having text structure and development of word choice from their teacher and peers. The sessions will run from **9.00am—approximately 9.30 each morning**, so you could just pop into the class(es) your child(ren) are in or come every day to see how the children's skills develop.

For this week we will have phonics/spelling later in the day.

Guided writing will be in:

Class 1—Monday

Class 2—Tuesday

Class 3—Wednesday

Class 4—Thursday

Class 5—Friday

Please sign in at the office each day before going to classes.

We are also running a **Bed-time Story** session on **Wednesday 2nd December**. The children are welcome to come for hot chocolate and a story, whilst we hold an information evening for parents and carers on Reading and our plans for the library—Further information to follow.