



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

Newsletter 3 — 08.10.14

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a chance to have a look at our new school website at www.slimbridgeprimaryschool.org.uk. As with all new websites it takes some time for search engines to put at the top of their lists so please save to favourites and keep refreshing! The old website will not be closed down straight away and will have a redirect page for the next few months. We are delighted with the new look and hope you will find it useful, easy to navigate and it will make you smile. We have used both a local web designer and illustrator in the design both of whom have been very helpful and imaginative, it will be fantastic to have their ongoing support at the end of a phone. Each class has a page with a blog and calendar section, homework, trips and insights into what the children are doing will be posted there. The main calendar is available from the parents page and we hope this will be a very informative document.

This week we held a 'Have a Go at Maths' event after school, thank you to all the parents who attended and spent time scratching their heads over Year 6 division. Hopefully, you could see how the children's maths skills are developed over time and what proficient mathematicians they are at the end of the primary phase. Many of the methods you saw were quite new to the children, only having been introduced to them in September, but all our pupil 'teachers' did a fabulous job explaining the methods and supporting the parents' learning. It is good for the children to explain the methods to others and they really appreciated the difficult job our teachers do! A number of parents commented on how important they thought knowing number facts i.e. number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and quick recall of times tables. **We are aiming for all children to know their complete set of times table, up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.** We really need your support with this and having experienced the levels they work, we are sure you can appreciate the importance of this skill.

School trips are an important part of the children's learning, giving the children the opportunity for 'hands on' experience and bringing topics alive. We only book trips that benefit the children's learning and try to keep costs to a minimum. Trips are becoming a huge drain on the school budget and effectively means we can't spend the money on resources, staff etc. In the future we will have to cancel trips if we don't get enough voluntary contributions to cover the majority of the costs.

Wherever possible we get additional funding from FOSS or other sources e.g. swimming lesson costs are paid for from our budget and parents are asked contribute towards the transport costs.

On a more cheerful note..... **FOSS have organised a Bingo Night at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th October doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets are available from the school, FOSS representatives, Slimbridge Post Office, Tudor Arms or the Tudor Caravan site.** Friends, families and neighbours are very welcome.

Regards
Alison Cooke

Second-hand School Uniform Shop.
Last Tuesday of every month in the Music Room 3.10 3.30pm



W/B		Term 1
06.10.14	Monday	No Clubs – ‘Have a go’ maths calculations for parents! Reception in until 1.00
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	Celebration Assembly all welcome 2.30pm Cake stall Class 3
13.10.14	Monday	Reception in Full-time
	Tuesday	Yr 6 SHARE meeting TBC
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	Celebration Assembly all welcome 2.30pm
20.10.14	Monday	
	Tuesday	New National Curriculum Information Meeting
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Rednock Annual Open Evening open to all KS2 children from 6pm. See Rednock’s website for more details
	Friday	Celebration Assembly all welcome 2.30pm



OPAL

This week we had a collection of hazel sticks and tarpaulins donated by the kind people at WWT . The children had a fabulous time building dens and developing imaginary worlds. A letter explaining what is happening and how you can help will be coming from Mrs Mac shortly.

Christmas arrangements!

We will have two showings of the KS1 Nativity, on the 9th December in the morning (suitable for younger siblings, Little Otters will be watching) and Wednesday 10th December at 6.00pm . Both will be in the school hall.

KS 2 children will have a Carol Concert at the Church on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm, all parents, carers, families and friends are welcome.

We will be attending the Pantomime on Wednesday 17th Dec followed by our Christmas lunch.

Finally, class parties will be on the last day, Friday 19th December and children will need a party plate lunch (a plate of their favourite party food to eat, carefully named and covered to survive the trip to school and being moved) this plate is for their own use and not to share, reducing the amount of waste.

Any questions please see Mrs Cooke.