



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

Newsletter 1 - 12.09.17

Please ensure that all pupils come to school with a coat as it can sometimes be chilly in the playground

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and the end of the summer, or so it seems at the moment. Alongside our new Reception class, we have had a number of children join us over the summer holidays and I would like to welcome you all to Slimbridge Primary School.

One of our focus areas this term is parental engagement, your involvement in your children's learning can not be underestimated, you have a huge impact on their self esteem and attainment. So we are looking for ways to support you in understanding what the children are learning and how you can help them at home. The teachers are always happy to talk to you about ways you can help your child, so please don't hesitate to ask. Remember reading, spellings and times tables are always a good starting point.

Communication is always an area we can improve and our new Parents Forum is an important part of this. Please see the information on the back to see how you can get involved. We will also be extending Tapestry into the first few terms of Year 1, it is such a fantastic resource. We are looking for a similar communication package to use in other classes. In the meantime keep checking the website and our new Twitter page.

Regards , Mrs Cooke.

IMPORTANT DATES.

Monday 18th September—
Year 6 to South Cerney.
Back around 4pm.

Tuesday 17th September—
Flu vaccinations for
Reception to Year 4. Letters
will come from NHS.

Friday 20th October—School
photographs (individuals)

W/B 24th October—Half
Term

Tuesday 31st October—Knex
Challenge for Year 5 & 6.

Thursday 14th December—
Pantomime (in school)

News from Mrs Wood in Thailand.

Dear All,

I've sent some photos (display in the corridor in school) of the scenery in the territory we are working in around Chiang Rai. It's very rural and the people are incredibly friendly. They usually invite us in to chat and give us much needed nam (water). They patiently try to understand our broken Thai and are very interested in what we are doing and especially anything that is to do with family.

There is such a wide variety of plants here, I've never seen so much green! Bananas grow everywhere all year round and also lots of papaya and coconuts. You can buy a bunch of bananas for 10 BAHT which is 25p but I also keep getting given them by the people we meet - the Thai people really are so generous.

Another surprise is the number of dogs, they are EVERYWHERE! They don't move out of the road for vehicles so everyone just goes around them! The Thai people love animals but they just let their dogs roam freely, a bit like cats in England.

I just wanted to let you know we are ok and share some of the sights we've seen so far.

Mrs wood



Good Luck

On Saturday starting about 4am Mr Bottger is planning to climb 15 mountains above 3000ft in 24 hrs in Snowdonia. We wish him all the best in his latest adventure.

To support him please see the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/welsh3000forcharlotte>



PARENT FORUM!

To ensure there is greater representation of views across the whole school, we have established a parent forum which is a body of parents who have volunteered to represent each class.

The forum meets at least 3 times a year to discuss new ideas which will make Slimbridge go from strength to strength. The meetings are very informal, very positive and very solution focused - and there will always be cups of tea & biscuits!

There is usually an agenda of items prepared by me, but always ample opportunity for parents to raise any issues and contribute ideas to make Slimbridge an even better place for our children.

Your Class Reps are:

Class 1 – **VACANCY**

Class 2 – Alison Napier-Ford

Class 3 – Franchessca Yeomans and Angela Hudson

Class 4 – Sarah Rivers

Class 5 – Tasha Kuczaj-Townsend and Deb Glover

SO.....DO YOU WANT TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR CLASS 1?

Although it sounds very 'grand', there won't be huge demands placed on you as a class group rep. We mainly want to hear what your experience is as a parent or carer in the school. Occasionally, we might ask you to take a question away to ask a few other parents what they think and let us know what was said. We tend to talk about how things are working in the school, like homework or uniform expectations, or discuss new ideas for curriculum events and activities.

If you are interested, all you need to do is let Mrs Elliott know in the Office and I will get in touch. If you are not sure, but think you might be interested and want to find out more, then feel free to speak to me and I'll be able to talk it through with you.

If you think you might qualify for Free School Meals.

You can apply for FSM online via <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

FOUND

A bracelet has been found out side the school gate.

Please come to the school office to claim.