



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another busy term at school. We hope you have all had a relaxing Easter break and Bank holiday weekend. This term is a busy one as we have to pack in everything we usually do into just 5 weeks. Our Year 6 children will also be taking their SATs tests next week. They have all worked very hard and we are sure they will try their best. Hopefully they can all have a fun and relaxing weekend as well as some early nights. The following week our Year 2 children will also do their SATs - this is obviously far more low key and the children may not even realise it is happening!

We have just found out that Mr Squire is donating 2 table tennis tables to the school for the children to use. Many thanks to him for this. Would any parent be interested in running a small table tennis club?

After half term I will be coming back as full time Head Teacher and I would like to thank all the school community for your support this year. Many thanks to Mrs McNamara for taking on Mondays for the past year. She has done a wonderful job and gained some useful leadership experience, it has been wonderful to have someone to share decisions with.

Regards
Mrs Cooke

IMPORTANT DATES.

Monday 8th May - SATs week (Year 6)

Monday 15th May - SATs week (Year 2)

Wednesday 17th May - New Reception Parents Meeting

W/B 22nd May - OPEN CLASSROOM sessions at 8.45 am (this is in the last week rather than the penultimate week due to SATs).

Redwood visits -
8/5 - Class 3
9/5 - Class 2
15/5 - Class 5
22/5 - Little Otters

Head Lice

We have had several reports of Head Lice this week. Please check your children's hair regularly so we can keep them at bay!

There are various products on the market to treat Head Lice, but one of the most effective ways to get rid of them is to cover the child's hair with conditioner and comb through with a nit comb.

Once you have got rid of them it is a good idea to continue combing the hair once a week to keep them away!

School Council

Did you know that we now have our very own school council? Have a look in our school corridor to see the children who represent each class.

The school council summer project is to begin the process of 'adopting an animal' from the Slimbridge WWT. We all love visiting the WWT and felt that we really should support them by adopting an animal or two! In the playground corridor are photographs of 6 animals. Over the next few weeks, children will be voting for their preferred animal and the school council will begin fundraising to cover the annual adoption costs. The choice is between a duck, a crane, a swan, flamingo, a goose and an otter. Which would you choose?

Friday Assemblies.

Friday 12th May - Orchestra to share their competition piece

Friday 19th May - Writing across the school

Friday 26th May - Class 1 share

Slimbridge Sports and Fete 2017

The annual village Fete will take place at the village playing fields on Saturday 10th June from 1.00pm-4.30pm so put the date in your diaries!

As part of this there will be a scarecrow competition—look out for further details...

There will also be representatives from the Village pantomime at the looking for keen young actors! This year the pantomime will be 'The Pied Piper' and auditions will be open to KS2 children.

Fidget Spinners

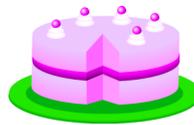
We are aware of a new craze amongst the children - Fidget Spinners! Please could these be kept at home as we are finding them to be a distraction in class and easily lost or broken in the playground. If your child has an agreement with a Class Teacher that they are permitted to use one in class then they may still bring them in.



LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY

This year the children have decided to hold the Leaver's Assembly at the Village Hall . It will be held on the last day of term (Friday 21st July). All parents and children are welcome to come and say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children.

Further details to follow.



FoSS Update

Final details are now being arranged for the build of our brand new outdoor classroom - we hope to have the project completed before the children finish for summer so we can have an official opening and celebration before the end of July.

We're pleased to say we've been selected once again for another Tesco Bags of Help Grant! This time our lovely playgroup Little Otters will be in with a chance to secure some much needed money for a 'Mud Kitchen and Messy Make Believe Area'. The outdoor area is in need of an update and we are hoping to fund some exciting wooden play equipment for the children. The grant process has changed slightly since last time - customers can vote in store for 8 weeks for projects to be awarded £1000, £3000 or £4000. Any amount would be fantastic for Little Otters. Voting starts in Tesco Cam and Wotton this week and finishes on 30th June.

We are up against some tough competition this time - Dursley Carnival and Wotton in Bloom - so we really need everyone's support. Please ask for a token every time you shop (you sometimes need to remind the checkout staff) and spread the word around friends and family.

Vote for Little Otters!