



# SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

Newsletter 4—01.11.16

Henry Bromberg Appeal raised £72  
Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is one of our busiest of the year and this newsletter is packed with information for the coming weeks, please make sure you read the class information page and the December dates section.

I am delighted to inform you that we will be joined by three new members of staff over the next few weeks. Mr Clarke will be starting next Monday to work alongside Miss Murton until she moves on to her new job with the University of Gloucestershire at the end of November. I'm sure the children in Class 4 will make him very welcome.

Mrs Selby will be dropping in to Class 1 over the next few weeks to get to know the children before starting in January to replace Mrs Clune. We will also be joined by Mrs Baird, a very experienced teacher from Cheltenham, for 2 days a week, whilst Mrs Clune is on maternity leave in Class 2.

So lots of change and new faces, but I'm sure you will make all our staff very welcome.

Regards  
Alison Cooke

## IMPORTANT DATES.

Wednesday 9th November—  
Netball Tournament

Thursday 10th November—  
School Photos (Individuals)

Friday 11th November—Yr 4  
Maths Challenge

Friday 18th November - Chil-  
dren in Need. **Non-uniform,  
come as spotty as you like.**  
**FOSS Disco**

Friday 25th November—Yr 5  
Maths Challenge

**Governors have agreed a  
change to our INSET day in  
June, our new date is Friday  
23rd June**

### School Improvement Focus for 2016/17

Behaviour was an area of concern identified in our recent Governors Parent & Pupil survey.

How we encourage good behaviour at Slimbridge

In order to encourage our children to behave well, and to help them grow into responsible young adults, we use a range of rewards and sanctions at Slimbridge. Your children may have mentioned some of these, but some of them have changed slightly this year. So in case you're wondering what 'the ladder' is all about or why children are visiting the 'Time Out Zone', here is a quick guide:

- Each class has a 'ladder' on the wall. All the children's names start in the middle of the ladder. If they work hard and make good choices their name moves up until it reaches the top. Some teachers have special rewards for children reaching the top of the ladder!
- If a child is not making the right choices they will be reminded of what is expected. If they make further wrong choices this will lead to the child's name being moved down the ladder, spending the following break time in the 'Time Out Zone' (the Willow room next to Class 2), or being sent to the Head Teacher.
- If a serious unacceptable choice is made (e.g. hurting another child) the child will automatically go to the 'Time Out Zone' the following break time.
- All children from Year 1-6 have a 'Passport' for stickers. These are given for good behaviour and for showing 'learning powers' (such as perseverance).
- 'Superstar' certificates are also given to children for achievements in Friday Assemblies.

Hopefully this now makes more sense, but if you have any questions ask your child's class teacher.

## National flu vaccination programme.

Flu is a common infection in babies and children and can be very unpleasant for them. Children under the age of five have the highest hospital admission rates for flu compared to other age groups. Children can also spread the infection to their families, younger siblings, grandparents and the wider community. It is important that we protect those that are at increased risk of becoming seriously ill from flu.

**In Gloucestershire**, the following children are currently being invited for the flu vaccination by their GP practice. All children aged 2, 3 and 4 years born between September 1 2011 and August 31 2014, all children in reception and years 1, 2 & 3 at school and all children aged 2 to 17 years with long-term health conditions.

For most children, the flu vaccination is given as a nasal spray.

## Foss Update

We're half way through the voting period for our Tesco Bags of Help Grant competition! In short we have been selected as one of 3 local beneficiaries to be given a grant to fund an outside space project. We have chosen an outdoor classroom to give the children a new learning area in a natural environment with lots of fresh air and fun!

We are competing to win either £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000 to spend on this project, depending on how many votes we get.

Please pop in to Tesco in Cam or Wotton as many times as you can before 13th November as you receive one token every time you shop, and every vote will count.

Foss will be hosting a Children in Need Disco on Friday 18th November. Tickets will be £3 with 50p from each going to Children in Need. Pay on the door.

Little Otters & Key Stage 1 = 5-6pm

Key Stage 2 = 6.15 - 7.15pm

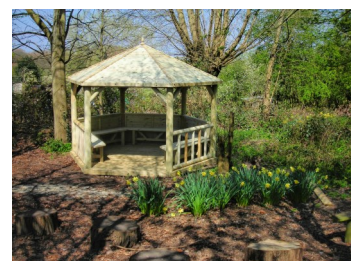
Refreshments, glow sticks, and face painting available at a small cost.

It will soon be the festive season - please put Friday 2nd December 5-7pm in your diaries for the FoSS Christmas Fair. A traditional Christmas evening with lots of festive food and fun for all the family, with our usual visit from a special man in red! We would appreciate some volunteers to help us both in preparation and on the night. Look out for more information coming soon as to how you can do this.

Whilst we are on the subject some brilliant Christmas cards are being created with the wonderful artwork of all your little angels on the front. They'll be available to buy from next week so look out in book bags for an example of your child's design and an order form. Please buy your Christmas cards from Foss and help raise money for our lovely school. The children all worked really hard on them. If you want to get more information about FoSS please find us on Facebook @slimbridgeschool and you can also follow us on Twitter @slimbridgefoss

Many thanks

FOSS



# Class information

Making sure everyone knows what is happening day to day is one of the biggest challenges for the school.

We currently use; Newsletters, Letters in book bags, Email, Text and the Website. We are looking to use the website more, so parents can check dates and events and what is happening at any time. So please have a look at the calendar under the Parents tab and the class pages.

Each term (6 times a year) staff will post an update of the curriculum on the class page. See below part of Class 4's current blog post.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming old and new faces into Class 4! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and are now feeling refreshed ready for the busy term ahead.

We have lots of exciting learning in store.

In maths we will begin by concentrating on number work. We will be focusing on reading and writing numbers and ensuring the children have a secure understanding of place value (including decimals). They will also be using this knowledge to spot number patterns and to solve puzzles.

In literacy we will be reading 'The Iron Man'. This is a captivating story that will lead to some great fiction and non-fiction writing. We will continue using talk for writing strategies.

We are planning class visit opportunities on the penultimate week of each term (x6 per year), parents will be invited into each class between 8.45 and 9.05 to see what children have been doing. You will be able to look at your child's books and generally get a better idea of what happens. These will be on a Monday for Class 1, Tuesday for Class 2, Wednesday for Class 3, Thursday for Class 4 and Friday for Class 5. This term that will be on the week of the 5th December and we will post further information closer to the date.

Children will also be sharing their learning during Friday Assemblies.

Week 2—Reception

Week 3— Class 4

Week 4—Class 3

Week 5—Class 2

Week 6—Class 5

We are looking for **Class representatives** for each class so parents have someone to ask if they are unsure of events or structures and just want an informal chat. If you feel you could fulfil this role please see the office. If your concern is about your child's learning or something you're worried about please don't hesitate to see a class teacher, Mrs Cooke or Mrs McNamara.

December Dates  
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- Friday 2nd December— Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December— Little Otters to Cattle  
Country
- Tuesday 6th December — Nativity Class 1, 2 & 3 at  
9.30am
- Wednesday 7th December— Nativity Class 1, 2 & 3 at  
9.30am & 5.30pm
- Thursday 8th December— Little Otters Nativity
- Friday 9th December— Pantomime (children leave  
school at 9.00am)
- Wednesday 14th December— Carol Concert Class 4 & 5.  
All welcome.  
Xmas lunch
- Thursday 15th December— Little Otters Party
- Friday 16th December— 'Party lunch' (bring a plate  
of party food to school)  
Children can leave school at  
2pm