



# SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Amazingly, there are only a few days of Term 1 left and the children are getting ready for our first big assembly of the year. The **Harvest** assembly will be held at the **Church on Wednesday 21st October** and is a great way to get everyone together for a traditional rural festival. The children will be walking down to the Church at 1.00pm and we will be starting the assembly at **1.30pm**. It should last approximately 45 mins and all the classes, including our new Reception, will have something to share, either a song or poem. All the family is welcome to join us at the Church, come early if you want a seat. Parking will be available at the British Legion and the Village Hall Car Park. Please avoid parking on the road as this can cause a problem as parents leave. Our new FoSS committee have kindly volunteered to provide teas, coffees and cakes for the end of the assembly, so bring some change. FoSS would appreciate cake donations.

On Wednesday the children will need to carry all their belongings to the church, so please make sure they take their PE bags home on Tuesday and don't bring book bags into school that day. Children can be collected from the Church at 2.15pm or we will walk the children back to school, where they can be collected at the usual time. Owls (After School Club) will run as usual until 5.30pm.

We are hoping to make a contribution to the Stroud Area Food Bank again this year, and each class will be collecting donations of packet and tinned food, cereals, bottles of juice, baby milk and nappies etc. We are very grateful for your support.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your children have appropriate waterproofs and wellies for playtimes. We have a large number of unclaimed wellies from last year, so please check the foyer if you have lost any. After the holidays, I will add these to our collection wellies for loan, if you have any old wellies please feel free to drop them off and we will offer them to children who don't have any.

A number of children have been wearing trainers and different sweatshirts to school. If you have lost sweatshirts, please check the lost property and feel free to look through our extensive collection of second hand uniform. Our uniform is black shoes, black or grey skirt or trousers, white polo shirt and school sweat shirt or cardigan. We have high expectations of our children, so please support us by keeping everyone looking smart.

Regards

## IMPORTANT DATES.

Tuesday 20th October—Class 5  
Cake Sale at 3pm

Wednesday 21st October—  
Harvest Festival 1.30pm at the  
Church. All welcome

Wednesday 21st October—  
Sunday 1st November. End of  
Term 1 holiday.

Monday 2nd November—Year 5  
& 6 trip to WWT.

Week beginning 23rd Novem-  
ber—Parent Progress  
Meetings.

Wednesday 16th December—  
Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December—  
Pantomime Visit

Friday 18th December—Party  
plates and class parties.

21st January—Reading Evening  
for parents TBC



## The BIG Question?

Would you rather be rich or have lots of  
friends?

Slimbridge Primary School  
is a No Smoking Zone. Please don't smoke in  
front of the school buildings or by the  
school gates.

Thank you for your support.



### School Photographers

The School Photographer will be taking all the children's individual and family group photographs on Tuesday 3rd November, starting early. All children will be photographed individually and with their siblings in school. If you would like an alternative group photograph, or to have school children taken with their siblings in Little Otters, please contact Mrs Elliott in the office.

### Do you have children who will be starting school in September 2016?

I am currently showing parents with children who will be four years old by 31st August 2016 around the school. If you know of parents with children looking for a Reception place at Slimbridge Primary School in 2016, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible.

The application information will be sent to parents in mid November. If packs are not received by December, please contact Gloucestershire Admissions on 01452 425407.

At Slimbridge Primary we don't hold an Open Day but prefer to show parents around individually, so if you or someone you know would like to visit the school, please contact us on 01453 890216.

### Changes to Department of Education Policy.

The government has announced changes to the threshold for Persistent Absence. This requires us to monitor attendance more closely. Previously attendance was a concern if children's attendance fell below 85%; this has risen to **90%**, the equivalent of **19 days absence in an academic year**. We understand that children can be off with illness and will endeavour to notify you if your child is getting close to 90% attendance