



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a couple of weeks of unexpected disruption we have finally got all our building work finished and will have a lull before they come back to build our new bike and scooter area. Rather than spending huge amounts of money on scooter pods, we are initially going to look at imaginative ways of hooking the scooters on the railings. Watch this space for news (or cries for help). The new Learning Pod is very popular with both the children and adults and the children are regularly heard telling other envious children how wonderful their classroom is. It is an incredibly well insulated and sound proofed structure and has created a lovely calm environment to learn in.

Parking, as you all know, is a continuous concern at the school and we are regularly in dialogue with the Parish Council and concerned locals. Our main aim is to keep the children safe and avoid accidents. Both the Parish and District Councils visited the school on Tuesday to discuss a concern about parents parking on the grass strip on the A38. This is illegal parking because cars have to cross the pedestrian way and also puts drivers in danger when they pull back onto the carriageway. The local police will be making spot checks and will ticket cars parked illegally. The school advises parents to park at either the British Legion car park or the Village hall car park, this reduces the numbers of cars on the side of the road, avoids blocking drives and passing places. Only those drivers with a blue badge or with specific permission from the school are allowed to use the staff car park, drivers need to be aware that children and adults move around the carpark and use the pedestrian way outside the carpark. I appreciate your support with this, we are always looking at options to relieve the parking issues.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to listen to children read in Class 3. Ideally we need people two afternoons a week to support our children on the reading scheme or those new to free reading. **The more we do the better we get.** Anybody who feels they have a regular afternoon they can give to the school please contact either Mrs Cooke or Mrs Wood.

Regards
Alison Cooke

IMPORTANT DATES.

Tuesday 6th October – Class 3 visit to Waitrose, Cheltenham.

Thursday 8th October – National Poetry Day.

Monday 12th October – Reception full-time.

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

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

Week beginning 23rd November – Parent Progress Meetings.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December – Pantomime Visit

Friday 18th December – Party plates and class parties.

Celebration Assembly
Friday at 2.30pm
All family members welcome.



The BIG Question?

Would you rather be a giant or a really small person?

Fair Funding.

Please see the Fair Funding Petition at the office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The road in front of the school will be closed for resurfacing work between 25th November and 4th December. Parents will be able to park at the British Legion. The road will then be closed between 9.10am and 2.45pm. Further information will be provided when available.

What additional activities do your children do out of school?

As part of our research for School Sports Provision we are collating information on the activities child attend out of school. If you could please list the children's out of school activities below.

Name	Name	Name
Age	Age	Age
Activities	Activities	Activities
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Many thanks.
Chris Ford