



Slimbridge Primary School - Newsletter 8 6th February 2018



Important dates

- 12th – 16th February Half term
- 9th February Pollination Planning Day (Year 5)
- 23rd February Tennis session Class 2
- 1st March Tennis session Class 3
- 2nd March Tennis session Class 4

Young Voices Assembly

- 8th March Tennis session Class 5
- **9th March Cross Country Assembly**
- 23rd March Science Day – all classes
- **Thursday 29th March – Last day of term**



News

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Open Classrooms last week, it was lovely to see so many adults in school, the children really enjoyed sharing their maths.

We are coming to the mid-way point of the year and still have lots of work to do. You will have noticed that the teachers are running less clubs this year, many of the staff, both teachers and TAs, are working with children 1.1 after school, building skills and all important confidence. We feel this is an important way of supporting the children's progress. I would like to thank all the adults who are running clubs, without your help the children wouldn't have such a range of opportunities.

The school is full of children with coughs and sneezes, if your child needs to take medicine during the day please take this to the office and fill in a permission slip. Children are not allowed to have medicines in class and self-administer. Thank you for your support with this.



E safety

Thank you to all the parents who attended the shared E safety meeting at Rednock School. The staff from Rednock shared some of the sites we need to be wary of; VooVoo, Omegle and Sarahah. Some of music APPs, Musically & Lively, also have capacity for strangers to contact the children. We were told that it is highly likely that children using these sites will be contacted and asked for an explicit photograph within an hour of logging on. Quite a scary thought.

I recently found out there is an APP, which can look like a calculator, that can be used to hide APPs behind, particularly those the children don't want you to see. It is worth giving the APPs a wiggle to see if they move!

Things you can do..... Talk to your child about not sharing passwords, even with a best friend, not give anyone your location, personal details or what school you go to, and most importantly check their contacts. Keep communicating with your children, if something goes wrong they will probably be embarrassed and not want to share, we all need to be vigilant.

Parents have another opportunity to discuss concerns about E safety on Wednesday 18th April 6.30 – 7.30 at North Nibley School, this is a Tyndale Cluster event.



Outdoor Play and Learning

Tomorrow we will be having a visit from Michael Follett (who helped us introduce OPAL to the school). He is bringing some European visitors to see how we do playtimes at Slimbridge (they are also visiting other schools). Our scrap shed is looking rather depleted and it would be fantastic to have it replenished for tomorrow. If any of you have any scrap at home that you have been meaning to bring in please bring it in at home time today or tomorrow morning. The type of things we are looking for include:

- Suitcases
- Pots, pans, colanders and cooking utensils (especially large and small spoons)
- Toasters, kettles and other small kitchen appliances (no irons please)
- Old laptops, computer keyboards or monitors
- Old xbox/playstation controllers and remote controls
- Telephones
- Cuddly toys
- Toy cars
- Small plastic figures (e.g. dinosaurs, superheroes, farm animals, Macdonalds toys)
- Pushchairs
- Plastic tubes/pipes/guttering
- Tents
- Large sheets of material (e.g. old duvet covers and curtains)
- Dressing up clothes
- Board games
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Threading toys (beads, cotton reels etc)
- Books
- Colouring books
- Magazines

Please bring items to Class 1 so Mrs Mac can check them.



Parents Forum

Following our Parents' Survey 2017 we have been working on improving our communication with parents and have introduced a few new ideas. One of which is the Parent Forum, this allows parents to feedback ideas to improve the school and forge another valuable link from staff to parents to get messages out. This does not replace the email, text, newsletter, website or talking to staff daily, but offers another route for parents to be involved with the school. So please introduce yourself to your child's class rep.

Class 1 – Julie Nutland

Class 2 – Alison Napier-Ford

Class 3 – Franchessca Yeomans and Angela Hudson

Class 4 – Sarah Rivers

Class 5 – Tasha Kuczaj-Townsend and Debi Glover

Next Parent Forum will take place end February.

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have several children in Little Otters with Chicken Pox, if you are or suspect you are pregnant we advise that you contact your doctor for further information.