



Slimbridge Primary School - Newsletter 9
27th February 2018

**Parents Meetings Next Week.
Please sign up for a meeting. Forms are in the lobby area**



Important dates

- 2nd Young Voices Assembly
- 9th March **WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION**
Cross Country Assembly
- 23rd March Science Day – all classes
- 25th March FOSS Annual Egg Hunt
- 27th March Parenting training & children's Film night at 6.30pm
- Thursday 29th March – Last day of term, Easter Celebration at the Church 1.30pm



News

The forecasters are predicting snow and high winds over the next few days, on Thursday and Friday we have an Amber Warning meaning a particularly high chance of disruption. As always, we will only close the school if travel becomes dangerous and we don't have enough staff to operate safely. If there is lying snow please check the schools closure list on <http://www.glosclosedschool.com>, listen to BBC Gloucestershire for their schools closed announcements or check the schools website <http://slimbridgeprimaryschool.org.uk>. If the snow is lighter than predicted, we will look to open the school later allowing both children and adults to travel slowly and safely.

Could you please ensure that children are prepared for the drop in temperatures and have coats and appropriate footwear. It is important that gloves, scarves and boots are named, so we can reunite lost clothing with their owners.

We have made a change to our calendar and have moved World Book Day to Friday 9th March, this is to allow us to exchange the vouchers the school is given for books. The children really enjoy having a book to take home at the end of the day rather than a piece of paper. This year we are not having a specific theme and would like the children to dress as their favourite book character, please could they also bring the book to share in class.



Parenting Course

We are very aware that children are very different from each other and definitely don't come with a manual of how to help them grow into well-balanced Young people. As a parent you can struggle with trying to do the right thing, keeping your child safe and happy and managing their behaviour. The truth is there is **no perfect parent!**

We are running a short parenting evening facilitated by The Door, a charity based in Stroud, we would like as many parents as possible to attend. The children can come in for a Film night or bedtime story whilst you get some useful tips on managing your 'little darlings'.



E safety

Date for the diary Cluster E safety Event on Wednesday 18th April 6.30 – 7.30 at North Nibley School.



Battery Collection

As most of you are aware, our school is participating in the nationwide recycling competition - THE BIG BATTERY HUNT.

During the past few weeks, classroom battery tubs have quickly started to fill up - with some children bringing in literally 100s of batteries.

Here is the running battery totals for each class:

Class 1 - 509

Class 2 - 540

Class 3 - 5099

Class 4 - 253

Class 5 - 342

As you can see, class 3 are currently in the lead...but there is still time to beat them!

Huge well done to children (and parents) who have helped gather used batteries.

The good news is that the competition runs until Friday 20th April, which means that you still have another 8 weeks to collect.

Soon the battery tubs will be emptied, creating space for even more - so please don't stop collecting yet.

Happy collecting!



Classes

We have made some changes to where the children line up in the morning, this is to avoid having children lining up in the same places parents are congregating. The children are now lining up on the marked 'netball' area and staff will collect the children and take them into the school. It would be very helpful if parents can move away from the lining up area after they have said goodbye so the lines can get to class. This still leaves us with a 'bottle neck' outside the rear door and down near Little Otters and if parents can try and leave these spaces clear we would be very grateful. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Mother's Day 2018 (Sunday 11th March)

This year FoSS will be giving children the chance to treat their Mum/Gran/special ladies to a lovely bunch of spring flowers.

For £2 we will wrap daffodils with pretty paper and ribbon and attach a gift tag to be written at home. They'll be given to the children in class to take home on Friday 9th March.

Order forms have been given out in school bags this week - you can have as many bunches as you like. Money to go in to Mrs Elliot in the school office by next Wednesday 7th March. Spare forms also available from Mrs Elliot.

Family Egg Hunt - Sunday 25th March, 10.30-12.30, Rosie's Wood Slimbridge.

Our annual family Egg Hunt is back and takes place on Sunday 25th March. Tickets are £3.50 for each child who will receive a chocolate egg on completion of their Easter challenge.

Younger children can hunt for eggs while the older ones may choose geo-caching to earn their chocolate treat.

There'll also be a craft tent, face painting, fun & games and bacon rolls for sale. This event is open to anyone so please bring family and friends, the more the merrier!

Tickets must be purchased by Monday 20th March to ensure everyone gets their egg. You can buy them from Mrs Elliot in the school office or from Slimbridge Post Office.

We are looking for helpers for this event so if you're available please see one of the FoSS team.

Thank you.



Chicken Pox & Scarlet Fever

Please be aware that there are cases of Chicken Pox and Scarlet Fever in the area, if you are or suspect you are pregnant we advise that you contact your doctor for further information.

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection, the early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Many thanks

Alison Cooke