



Slimbridge Primary School - Newsletter 10

12th March 2018

SPORTS RELIEF

Friday 16th March

Join us for a Wake & Shake at 8.30 and donate a £1

CAKE STALL at 3.00pm, cake donations please.



Important dates

- 16th March SPORTS RELIEF come in sports clothing
- 16th March Young Voices Assembly
- 16th March Children's Charity Concert at Hamfields Leisure
- 23rd March Science Day – all classes
- 25th March – CLOCKS GO FORWARD
- 25th March FOSS Annual Egg Hunt
- 27th March Parenting training & children's Film night at 6.30pm
- Little Otters Mini Easter Egg Hunt on the afternoon of 28th &
- Little Otters Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 29th March (pm).
- **Thursday 29th March – Last day of term, Easter Celebration at the Church.**



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I selected the quote above not only to remember the inspiring genius of Stephen Hawking but also to focus on his 'stickability', he more than most people would have been forgiven for giving up in the face of adversity, but he was not that type of man.

In Primary School we have many important roles to play in children's lives, teaching them to read, write and understand number. But I believe, in unison with parents and carers at home, we also have an important role in developing curiosity, perseverance, aspiration and commitment. Having aspirations and a positive attitude helps all of us to approach challenge, part of our job, as parents and teachers, is to help children develop that positivity, through praise that targets effort and commitment.

There are lots of ways you can help at home, simply by focussing on the positive, 'Tell me 3 things that you enjoyed/went well/felt good today'. I'm not suggesting we ignore a child's concerns and worries but let them have time to air them but then move them on to a positive approach. Resilient people can put the bad times behind them and find positives in moving forward, Stephen Hawking is a fabulous example, he said that having Motor Neutrons disease made him a better person.



World Book Day

Well done to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day. The children's enthusiasm across the day was fabulous and it was lovely to be able to share in their appreciation of books. Below is a few of the costumes.



Classes

Staff have been working very hard to rewrite the class topic plans to ensure we have full coverage of the National Curriculum and that the topics are interesting and engaging. The plans are all available on Slimbridge Primary School website under Curriculum and Class Plans.

Class 3 have been learning to play chess this year, the children are working really hard to master the game and thoroughly enjoying their lessons. Mr Ford has been really impressed with their attitude to learning these new skills and how well they have concentrated. He is also seeing an impact on their problem solving and reasoning, particularly in maths.

So if you have a child in Class 3 dust off the chess board and challenge them to a match, remember to shake hands at the start and end because the children are very good with chess etiquette.

As you are aware we have changed where we line up first thing in the morning, this is really helping staff to see all the children in their class. If parents and carers could move away from the lines when a staff member comes to collect the children and keep the area around Little Otters, the back door and the ramp to Classes 4 & 5 clear, it would be much appreciated.



Police notice

On the 6th March we were informed of an aggressive Nottingham Knocker going door to door in the Slimbridge area around 1pm. The male had a midlands accent was generally scruffy in appearance and had a beard and brown hair. He was in the 35-40 age range. He was trying to sell items from a large black holdall and did not have the required correct documents to sell items door to door. When our caller informed the male that she had called police he made off jumping over a fence into a field and heading off towards the A38.

Also today we had two reports of a white Ford transit type vehicle with two males of Eastern European appearance driving around very slowly in the Berkeley area around 3pm. They looked very suspicious in their actions and were driving a vehicle with an index of SO54 **T. On checking this comes back yet again to another address in the midlands area. These vehicles are part of an organised crime gang who go round with the intention of stealing items for scrap metal disposal whether they are scrap or not and will often come onto driveways without permission. Call police with any further sightings.

Mike Trebble, Community Police Officer



Charity Music Concert

This Friday (16th March) is our Evening Concert at Hamfields Leisure in Berkeley. Mrs Elliott in the office has tickets available to purchase £3 each, children free, or you can pay on the door on Friday night. Bring some supporters with you, all the money raised during the evening is donated to Childrens' Charities and local activities for children. Please remember your instruments (orchestra), your YV T-shirt under your school uniform (choir). Try and arrive by 6.15pm if possible. The Leisure Centre has the bar open, it's a very relaxed evening and the Rotary Club usually run a raffle as well! There are 3 schools taking part in the evening, Cam Woodfields Juniors, Dursley Academy and ourselves, plus a solo item from the Rotary Club Music Competition. I am leading the joint choir of Dursley Academy and Slimbridge, we will be singing 5 songs from our YV selection.

See you Friday evening.
Kind Regards
Sarah Carter



Thanks for all your flower orders, we raised £75, not a huge profit but hopefully you all enjoyed your daffodils on Mother's Day.

Our next event is the Easter Egg hunt 25th March in the beautiful Rosie's Wood. Park in The George Pub car park and follow the signs. 10.30am -12.30pm, don't forget the clocks go forward the night before! Egg hunting for younger children and Geocaching for anyone who wants a challenge for their chocolate reward! Bacon and Egg butties, refreshments and other stalls. Tickets from the office £3.50.

Finally cake donations for our Easter Assembly please. Thursday 29th March.

Regards
Alison Cooke