



Slimbridge Primary School - Newsletter 11
26th March 2018

Easter Assembly
Thursday 29th March
1.30 at St John's Church.

Governors will be available from 1.00pm to discuss their plans for the school.

FOSS will be selling tea, coffee and cake.



Important dates

- 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.**
- **Monday 16th April – Back to school for Term 5**



News

We have had a very busy few weeks with Sports Relief fund raising, our Science Day and various classes on trips and visits. We have two more events, tonight we have The Door Project in to talk about parenting and we will finish the term off with an Easter Celebration Assembly in the Church on Thursday.

The children had a great time fundraising for Sport Relief, it was lovely to see so many people out doing Wake & Shake and the children showed great resilience in the face of a technology breakdown. Thanks to the effort of some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils we managed to raise a brilliant £105.

Last Friday we held a Science and Technology Day, all the children worked in their 'Team' groups, which meant the children experience working with lots of people outside their normal friendship groups. They experienced 5 completely different activities from making 'Slime' to building various structures. The children had a great experience and learnt lots of practical science.



School Trips

During the year we plan trips, events and visits that meet either the class topics or a School Improvement Target, we are very careful not to book too many or to make them very expensive.

However, costs for transport and entry to venues is becoming increasingly more expensive. As you are aware, we only ask for voluntary contributions towards any events or trips (except for Residential) and we are very grateful to all the parents and carers who regularly contribute. However, each year we have to supplement trips by approximately £2,000 - £3,000 out of the school budget. This means we have less to use on new books, resources and staff. It is therefore with regret, that I will have to cancel trips in the future if we cannot cover a minimum of 75% of the costs.



Classes

Topics for Term 5 are:

Class 1 – Into the Woods

Class 2 – Fantastic Beasts

Class 3 – Let there be light

Class 4 – Ancient Greece

Class 5 – Ancient Egypt

I'm sure you are looking forward to seeing what the children will achieve.

Year 2 & 6 will also have some Statutory Attainment Tests (SATs) during May, so we have a busy term ahead. We appreciate your support making sure your child is well rested. We try to make SATs as fun and stress free as possible.



Library

Last year we piloted open library sessions, thanks to some dedicated volunteers. These sessions were not widely used but we would still encourage parents and the children to use the library after school to change books. If your child is new to the 'free reader' then you are welcome to go up to the library after school to help the children select an appropriate book. Our youngest children can also borrow story books that adults can read to them.

You can visit the library any day after school from 3.00 – 3.30pm, please ensure your child's class teacher is aware that you are using the library.



The Easter Egg hunt in the beautiful Rosie's Wood was hugely successful, it was wonderful to see so many children and their parents.

Regards

Alison Cooke