



Slip End Village School Newsletter

April 2019



Head of School Highlight! - Holi Festival

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely busy half term here at Slip End Village School. The children have worked very hard and also enjoyed many additional learning opportunities. Following our review of the educational trips and visits planned for all children, this half term we have had an array of experiences for the children. From the parent suggestions regarding our curriculum at the last parent consultations, cultural diversity was mentioned and we have already started to address this with the whole school celebration of the festival Holi.

This half term we have welcomed Miss Braniff and Miss Iles to our Teaching Assistant team. Both have settled quickly into their roles.

Year 6 have completed their last MOCK SATs before the official assessments in May. We were amazed by the positive attitude of the children and their self-determination to work hard and succeed. We wish them all the very best for next half term.

The house system is well under way with the children excited and motivated to earn house points both for themselves and for their teams. We have enjoyed several events including the Comic Relief danceathon and joke competition, which included a parent house point being awarded. Next term we will continue with this and hope to run a Flurrish competition. After half term we will be sending postcards home to share why children have received their awards during a Friday celebration assembly. We hope this helps you to share their achievements together at home. New behaviour sheets as shared on ParentMail will also be introduced.

On behalf of everyone at Slip End we wish you all a safe and restful break.

Helen Brind
Head of School

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our whole school attendance is 96.33%

National attendance is 96.00%

Congratulations to everyone who received an attendance certificate at the Celebration Assemblies last week. It was fantastic to see so many children with excellent attendance. We are delighted that our whole school attendance remains higher than the national average. Please continue to ensure your child is in school every day and on time.

As we move towards the summer term, we would like to remind you that holidays during term time will not be authorised and taking your child out of school for a holiday may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, would like support to help raise their attendance, or have any questions, please contact the school office.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO LONDON

This half term Year 5 visited the Tate Gallery and the Globe theatre in London. We enjoyed looking at some of the realistic artwork and were amazed at some of the things that people regard as art. For example a Sainsbury's receipt and a canvas painted Blue. After lunch, we moved onto the Globe theatre where we used our knowledge of Shakespeare to answer questions about his life and his works. We then proceeded to an acting class where we had to perform different scenes from Romeo and Juliet. Finally we completed a walking tour of London where we saw many sights such as Tower Bridge, London Bridge, London Eye, River Thames, the Shard and many others. We had a great day.

HOUSE POINTS

As you may be aware, we have a new and exciting awards system in place at school. Children are awarded for exceptional behaviour, going above and beyond what is expected of them and significant personal achievements. House points are counted every half term. The current scores are:

Morpurgo	102
Rosen	123
Donaldson	102
Dahl	85

Very well done to all the children who earned points for their team.

FoSELS

Our FoSELS volunteers have been very busy raising funds and since September have raised over £10,000! In addition to our new interactive TV's and money towards a new outside area for the children, they have provided the money for lots of new books. Since the half term, we've already had a cake sale for the Year 3's and the FoSELS ladies have been in making Mother's day gifts with the children which were lovely. You may also have noticed the new FoSELS notice board at the entrance to the playground. Please keep an eye out for news and events from FoSELS. The Smartie challenge is taking place over Easter and on 19th May the circus is coming to school! Please see the letter sent home today or the notice board for more details.

RED NOSE DAY

On 22nd March, we celebrated Red Nose Day in style. From a teachers' cupcake decorating competition (judged by our House Captains) to a whole-school dance-off, we had a fantastic day. In keeping with the spirit of Comic Relief our joke competition was entered by many parents, children and staff with three winners chosen by Miss Brind and declared the funniest members of Slip End's community. Thanks to these events and our non-uniform day, we raised an incredible £171.60. Jokes aside, we learnt in our classrooms about the brilliant causes that Comic Relief support, both overseas and here in the UK. Thank you to all those who contributed to our Red Nose Day fun!

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's World Book Day was a great success – we had a day full of reading, writing, swapping books, house activities and costumes. Thank you all so much for all the effort that went into the amazing costumes, face paint and hairstyles! As well as coming in dressed up the teachers were also invited to bring in their favourite books to share with different classes. It was lovely to hear lots of great book chat and recommendations. The Book Swap was hugely successful and there was a real buzz of excitement as children browsed the selection of books that were on offer and shared their new books with children and staff.

COFFEE MORNING

Please make a note in your diaries for the next coffee morning on Tuesday 7th May 2019.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please note that school dinners are £2.10 per day. All monies are payable on line through your Dolce account. Please note; you can top up your account as often as you like to ensure your account is kept in credit. Payment for your school meals is required in advance. If you experience any problems, please contact Dolce Customer Care on 01942 707709.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone. The safety of our children is of paramount importance.

If you are concerned about the safety or well being of a child tell us. In the first instance tell:



Miss Emma Peppiatt

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Helen Brind

Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Safeguarding Governor—Nita Devshi

DATES FOR DIARIES

Tues 23rd April	Return to school
Mon 29th April	Y2 Cake Sale
Thurs 2nd May	Y6 Aylmerton parent information eve.
Tues 7th May	SEND Coffee Morning
Tues 7th-10th May	Y5 Bikeability
w/b 13th May	KS2 SATS
Sun 19th May	FoSELS Circus event
Mon 20th May	Y6 trip to Aylmerton Field Study Centre
Weds 22nd May	German visitors arrive
Fri 24th May	Last day of term