



# Slip End Village School Newsletter

## December 2018



### Head of School Highlight! - Whole School Carol Service

#### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

In the words of our wonderful KS1 production... "Faster than a rocket, speeding like a bullet" - Christmas has arrived! We've enjoyed a magical term here at Slip End with copious amounts of performances, singing, learning and community work.

We are truly grateful to everyone who has supported the school and given up time and much needed energy to the children. We hosted a tea party on the last day of term to thank our volunteers who give up their time so willingly and wish them well for the holidays. The school council served tea and 'mingled' with the guests; whilst EYFS and KS1 performed highlights from their festive productions.

The autumn term is very long and the children are ready for a rest. It's a great opportunity for them to spend time laughing, resting and rejuvenating with loved ones. We're sure it will be a great time for them to recharge their batteries although maybe not for you!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Tapster and her family well for her new start and adventure in Australia. We are certain she will keep in contact and tell us all about life 'down under'. Mrs Gilbert will be returning to Slip End in the new year to teach year one until their new teacher Mr Elliot Hodges arrives later in the term. We will arrange an opportunity for children and parents to meet Mr Hodges nearer the time.

Everyone at Slip End Village School wishes a safe and Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the new year on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Helen Brind

Head of School

#### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks once again for all of your support both for your children and for us as staff, it really is appreciated. We thought that you would be pleased to know that the primary performance tables were released at the end of last week. <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=823&la-name=central-bedfordshire&geographic=la&for=primary> If you click on the link you will see that Slip End is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest Central Bedfordshire primary school (out of 126 schools!) We really pleased with this result and feel that it reflects the wonderful community school that we have. Pupils, teachers, support staff, parents and governors work hard in the best interests of children and support each other – how wonderful that it is also evident in pupils' academic achievements too! We are looking forward to 2019 and warmly wish you a very happy holiday.

Sue Teague  
Executive Headteacher

#### CHILDREN IN NEED

The School Council and pupils in each class organised a variety of exciting activities for Children in Need this year. The highlight being the Pudsey Bear chalked at the front of the school. During the day each class had the opportunity to fill the bear with their loose change. The children also put a lot of thought and creativity into their outfits for the day. With your support we raised over £300 for Children In Need! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped us to make this wonderful amount of money for such a special charity. A big thank you too to all the adults in school who worked so hard to make the day a great success.

## MOCK SATS WEEK

The children in Year 6 have had a 'mock SATs' week so that they have an understanding of what the 'real' week will look like. They started the day with breakfast club where they were able to eat and relax with their class mates prior to the actual papers. The tests were completed and the children have all done themselves proud. They have all commented on the fact that it was not as bad as they thought it would be – a success!

Once the papers were completed they had a variety of different activities in the afternoons so that the whole week is as relaxed as possible. They have enjoyed a cup stacking competition where both Jack and Maisie were both victorious in the two competitions. Year 6 have also taken an afternoon to create Christmas cards for the patients at the Luton & Dunstable hospital to spread a bit of cheer. The week ended with the 'Willows got Talent' competition the level and variety of the acts were outstanding.

## PURPLE MASH

We have recently subscribed to Purple Mash, which is a creative educational website for children. Purple Mash is a cross-curricular resource covering art to science and all subjects in between. Your child can access Purple Mash from home on a laptop, desktop or a tablet. Purple Mash is a safe environment that does not require any downloading or allow interaction with people online and children cannot make any financial transactions.

We will be encouraging the children to continue their learning at home and Purple Mash is a great resource for this. Your child will be taught how to use Purple Mash in school and will be able to use it without supervision, but you may want to take a few minutes to explore it yourself so that you can help them with their work. Your child has already been given their own username and password. Let the class teacher know if you find a fabulous activity that you would recommend!

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our whole school attendance is 96.43%  
National attendance is 96.00%

We are really pleased that our attendance is now higher than the national average. Please continue to ensure your child is in school and on time.

## FoSELS

The run up to Christmas has been very busy for our FoSELS team and they've already raised an amazing £8,830 this school year! The fund raising activities have been many; a Christmas panto, cake sales, the ever popular Elf Shelf and of course the lovely tea-towels and Christmas cards as well as many more. As ever, a big 'thank you' to everyone at FoSELS for all the fun activities and money raised for the school - it really makes a difference.

## SEND COFFEE MORNING

Please make a note in your diaries for the next coffee morning on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

## SAFEGUARDING



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

**Miss Emma Peppiatt**

Safeguarding Officer

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Or tell:

**Miss Helen Brind**

Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Designated Safeguarding Lead



## 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.

## DATES FOR DIARIES

Thurs 3rd Jan	Return to school
Mon 28th Jan	Year 4 FoSELS cake sale
Fri 1st Feb	Interim Reports
Mon 4th Feb	Parent Consultation evening
Tues 5th Feb	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Weds 6th Feb	KS1 Celebration Assembly