



Slip End Village School Newsletter

October 2018



Head of School Highlight! Harvest Festival and Delivery

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach half term it's a great opportunity to reflect back on such a wonderful seven weeks full of exciting learning opportunities. Slip End Village School remains at the heart of our community and our pupils and parents have shown this through the relentless fundraising for our school and wider charities. We were particularly proud of Year six who delivered food parcels around the village following our Harvest assembly.

Our celebration assemblies this week shared the wealth of learning our children have experienced this half term. There was talking, chanting, singing and dancing across both key stages. We heard about the gruesome mummifications from Ancient Egypt, danced to number bonds, recited stories and rhymes with actions and celebrated the achievements of pupils across the school. As always our parents supported us whole heartedly with a great turn out for our audience.

Classrooms and learning has been transformed this half term as teachers have inspired children using the book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. An intriguing adventure story, packed with content but not a single word. This story has been thoroughly enjoyed by all the children from EYFS to Year six. We would recommend the book to all our families to share.

We are continuing to plan a broad curriculum for our pupils that ignites learning. This was truly successful following the visit from Alistair Patrick-Heselton, a Paralympic athlete who inspired our children to not only take part in a fitness circuit but to think positively about their futures and

"always try their best". After this event there was a buzz amongst the children and staff that continued at home as many parents have shared with us.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 30th October 2018.

Miss Helen Brind
Head of School

HALLOWEEN

As Halloween approaches Bedfordshire Police are reminding parents and guardians to keep their children safe. If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors and we ask that these are respected. Bedfordshire Police are also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time. Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies - 31st October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year! For more advice about Halloween please visit www.bedfordshirepolice.co.uk

MACMILLAN & JEANS FOR GENES

Staff and children have been busy raising money for these worthy causes. Our Jeans for Genes mufti day raised £130 and the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £247.61. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, money and of course, cakes!

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

On the afternoon of Friday 28th September we were very lucky to have a GB Paralympian, Alistair Patrick-Heselton, visit our school and run a fitness circuit for all of the children. Alistair represented GB at the London 2012 Paralympics and was a former Professional Footballer. He was a member of the Cerebral Palsy football team and scored against Argentina with a 4-2 victory.



The fitness circuit that Alistair and the sportivator created was great fun and Alistair made sure that the children used maximum effort and didn't give up. He was so inspiring that even some members of staff got involved! We were then all treated to an Assembly with Alistair where he explained about his 'Roller coaster' of a life that led to him not giving up on his dreams, even after a tragic accident, and encouraged all of our children to continue to work hard and to pursue their dreams.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our whole school attendance is 96.16%
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

It's been a busy start to the year for FoSELS with over £2,000 already raised!

Recently FoSELS held their annual Scary Disco which featured face painting, tattoos and lots of yucky stuff! The children looked wonderful (and a little bit scary!) in their costumes. Well done everyone for a successful and fun time.

FoSELS also held the first bake sale of the year with Year 6 providing a lovely range of cakes raising £97! A wonderful effort from all involved. In addition, FoSELS hosted a very successful Race Night at the village hall raising £1,600 and a great night was had by all.

The run up to Christmas will see lots of fun activities, all organised by our the FoSELS team. Tea towels and Christmas cards are currently in production, the Sleeping Beauty pantomime, Year 5 cake sale and the ever popular Elf Shelf are all coming your way before Christmas. Please note that if you have not signed the Parental Permission slip from FoSELS your child will not be included in many of their fun activities. This is because of the new data production rules.

Once again, thank you to all our FoSELS members who give up their own time to provide wonderful events and raise money for the school.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Please make a note in your diaries for the next coffee morning on Tuesday 20th November.

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

Tues 30th Oct	Return to school
Mon 12th Nov	Remembrance Assembly
Fri 16th Nov	Children In Need
Tues 20th Nov	SEND coffee morning
Sat 24th Nov	FoSELS Christmas Panto
Mon 3rd Dec	Year 5 Cake Sale
Weds 5th Dec	Christmas Performance 1, 2 & 3
Thurs 6th Dec	Christmas Performance Reception & Nursery
Fri 7th Dec	Christmas Performance 1,2 & 3
Tues 11th Dec	Carol Concert at St.Andrews
Tues 11th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Tues 11th Dec	Celebration Assembly R, 1 & 2
Weds 12th Dec	Carol Service, St.Andrews Years 4, 5 & 6
Thurs 13th Dec	Celebration Assembly 3, 4, 5 & 6
Fri 14th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 17th Dec	FoSELS Elf Shelf
Weds 19th Dec	Last day of term