



# Slip End Village School Newsletter February 2019



## Head of School Highlight! - Learning in the snow

### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had rain, snow, ice, fog and a few glimpses of sunshine and still the children have been learning for every moment possible.

We recently hosted parents evening where the children proudly shared their learning and books with you all. We were overwhelmed by the great response from parents regarding our curriculum review. We asked what you thought your children should be learning whilst they are at our school. If you have thought of any further ideas or were unable to leave a comment on the night please do feel free to email the school office and we will include these in our review process. We had a great variety of suggestions including: first aid, world affairs, internet safety and many more.

This half term we also surveyed your thoughts regarding after school club provision. We are looking at the results from this survey and will share with you the outcomes next half term. Thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts for improving our school.

We are incredibly proud of both our Year 2 and 6 children who have completed their mock Key Stage 1 and 2 SAT tests. They showed great perseverance throughout.

We were pleased with the recent attendance at school despite the winter weather. The children thoroughly enjoyed lunchtime on the field with their friends.

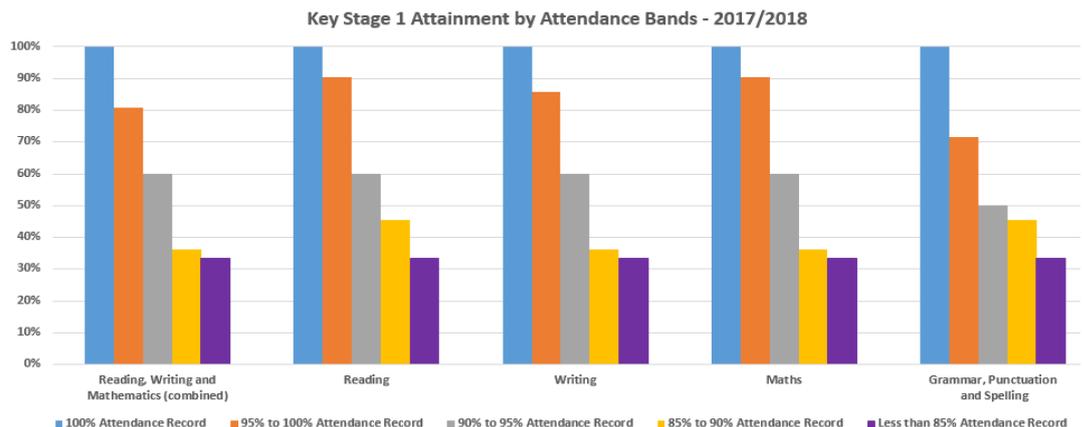
Helen Brind  
Head of School

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our whole school attendance is 96.11%  
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.

The correlation between good school attendance and academic attainment is so powerful. The bar graph below shows children's attainment at the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) last year, against their attendance band. All children with 100% attendance achieved the national expected standard in reading, writing and maths, compared to 60% with attendance from 90% - 95%, which is often deemed as 'good' attendance. This drops to only 33% for children with attendance of 85% or less. 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.



## FoSELS

The FoSELS events are coming thick and fast providing lovely activities for the children and raising much needed funds for the school. The Year 4 cake sale at the end of January was a great success and the cake's were very yummy There are many great fundraising events coming up including Year 3's cake sale, Mother's Day gift event, and following the success of last year, another Easter Egg Hunt. Keep an eye on Parent Mail for more news of these events. The funds raised contribute towards enhancing the learning experience for the children. FoSELS have recently contributed to interactive TV's for the children, funds towards a new outdoor play area for Years 1-6 and more books for the children. Our thanks, as always, to the FoSELS team for their continued hard work.

## CHINESE DANCE WORKSHOP



Lauren and Daisy, from the Education Group, came and delivered a Chinese Dance Workshop for our Year 1 and 2 children. All of the children had a great morning learning about the Dragon and Lion dance and the traditional fan dance. They were all thoroughly well behaved and really enjoyed the experience. All of the school then attended a special performance where our Year 1 and 2 children showed off their Chinese Dances.

## RAPPER / LITERACY EVENT

A group of pupils were lucky enough to be invited on some extracurricular trips this half term; one with a classical music focus and one with a focus on poetry through rap. We watched professional musicians play the tuba and piano while we learned about dynamics, pitch and tempo- inspiring us to think of the musical instruments we would like to play. The second trip was run by the rapper Karl Nova. The children wrote their own poems which were converted into raps. This allowed for the use of English skills as well as some poems being written in foreign languages. We were extremely proud of our pupils for not only their behaviour during these trips, but also their engagement with the material- perhaps giving rise to the next generation of musicians and rap stars!

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

A reminder that as a result of our survey regarding rewards and sanctions you asked for celebration assemblies to be termly rather than half-termly. We agree and so our next assembly will be held just before the Easter break.

## SEND COFFEE MORNING

Please make a note in your diaries for the next coffee morning on Tuesday 19th March 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**

**Miss Helen Brind**

Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Safeguarding Governor—Nita Devshi

## DATES FOR DIARIES

Mon 18th Feb	Return to school
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day
Fri 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 19th March	SEND Coffee Morning
Mon 25th March	KS2 Celebration Assembly
Weds 27th March	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Fri 29th March	FoSELS Mother's Day Gifts
Thurs 4th April	Y6 visit to Woodside Residential Home
Friday 5th April	Last day of term

