

Slaley First School



Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents.

Well here we are at the end of the year! We have had a super term full of so many lovely things Mrs Wilson sent out a School comms earlier about clubs. Multi skills will begin on the first week back (Monday 8^{th} , January) and Tennis will begin on the second Tuesday back (16^{th} , January). We will be running some more clubs for different year groups later in January, but I will let you know more about these when we are back to school.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their ClassDojo permission forms for photographs of outings and performances; if you haven't yet done so; please could you return on 8th January.

Today we also say goodbye to Mrs Dixon whom we will miss very much. Mrs Dixon has worked with us for four years and has been an instrumental part of the school I am sure she will keep in touch with us though so I am sure you haven't seen the last of her!

Attendance - Last week

Well done Larch Class!

95%		47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%		95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=:	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Spruce Class - 95.8% Pine Class - 94.1% Larch - 98.1%

A Message to Parents from Mrs Dixon

As I leave Slaley First School today, I would like to thank you for your support over the last four years. Very best wishes to you and your family for the future. Thank you so much for the lovely gifts. Mrs Dixon.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th January - Back to school Monday 15th January - Pippa Wild - Whole school dance session (Pippa will also be delivering after school dance sessions - more details to follow)

Wednesday 31st January - 3.30pm - Spruce Class Curriculum Meeting

FoSS

Last bit of business from 2023 for FOSS-there were joint winners of the "guess the number of sweets" game - Ralph Osbourne and Gwen Foster! I'll split the sweets between you!

A big thank you to everyone from FOSS for your continued support this term. From making things, to manning stalls, painting sheds, entering raffles and buying chocolate bars it is all very gratefully received and has been used to support the purchase of science and maths resources, decodable reading books and also some funds will go towards the cost of Image Theatre in March.

This term FOSS volunteers have also supported with painting and making bunting for the wonderful new Reading Den.

We are acutely aware of how financially challenging times are at the minute and have worked hard with Mrs Hayward and the school staff to identify ways in which funds raised by FOSS can be used to enrich our children's school experience alongside the wonderful teaching and opportunities school already provides.

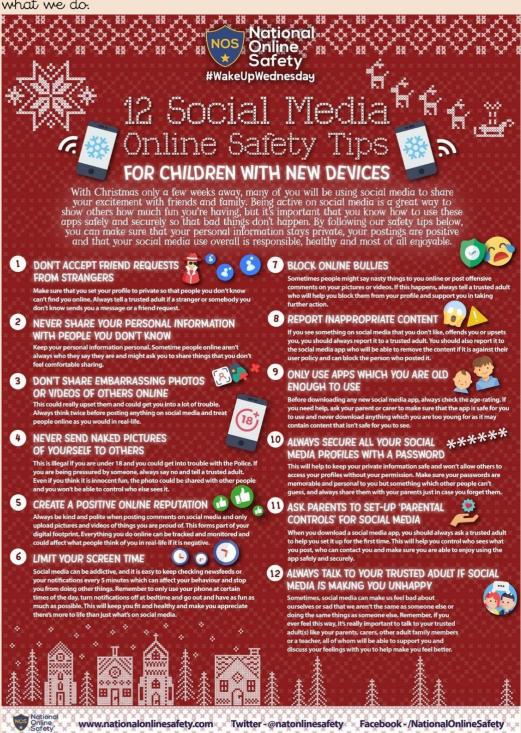
If anyone has any suggestions or would like to know more, please do not hesitate to get in touch :) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PSQM Update

Miss Parr has been attending the science quality mark training and as a result has produced an action plan. From January, we will be working on this as a whole school and will really be pushing on our already good science teaching, ensuring that the children will be receiving the very best lessons with the very best resources:

Thank you

As it is the end of the year, I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your wonderful support. It really struck home when I saw you all together at our nativity performances and Carols By Candelight. We are a school that will never stand still, and we are always looking for ways to enhance the children's experiences and opportunities. Without all of your support, we really couldn't do what we do:



Merry Christmas and a very happy 2024!

love from Mrs Hayward x