



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 8th January) and Tennis will begin on the second Tuesday back (16th 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 Candlelight. 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.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

- 1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS**
Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.
- 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.
- 3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE**
This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.
- 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS**
This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.
- 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION**
Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.
- 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**
Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.
- 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES**
Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.
- 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.
- 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**
Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.
- 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD**
This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.
- 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**
When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.
- 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY**
Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.

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Merry
Christmas
and a very
happy 2024!

love from
Mrs Hayward
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