



Slaley First School



21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the end of our first week back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter. The children have been working super hard this week and we have lots of things to look forward to this half term.

Food and Second-Hand uniform Bank

Firstly, thank you for the donations which have been made for our second-hand uniform stall and food bank. From next Friday, I will be opening this to parents. It is situated in the Clubroom kitchen and we have a few pieces of uniform which are all washed and are free to loving homes; as is the food that we have.

We will be opening this facility every Friday after school until 3.45pm, please come around to the Clubroom door if you would like to access it; absolutely no judgement at all! Please keep donations coming if you can!

Our Sports Lending Library is beginning next Wednesday (26th April). We have enough equipment for the children from one class at a time to borrow, so Mrs Dixon is busy making a rota which will be sent home along with an equipment list on Monday next week.

Recorder Club will begin next Friday, 28th April for Class 2 and will run from 3.15pm – 4pm. A letter will be sent out on Monday so if your child is interested, please can you return the consent form on the bottom of the letter by next Thursday.

Statutory Assessments

The summer term is when some of our children will be undertaking statutory assessments. Year 2 will be taking their SATs tests during May, Year 1 will be completing the Phonics Screening Check in June and Year 4 will be undertaking the Multiplication Check, also in June. National tests are an important milestone in school life. They give useful information to your child's teachers and to the government. But it's important to get them in proportion. They are just one of the ways the school works out how well your child is doing; as a school we want the children to do the best that they can without making it a stressful time for them.

This week we had our first 'Cheerdance' club for Reception and Year 1 children – Please check out our Facebook Page for a photo!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Kind regards,

Tuesday 25th April – Art Club Reception Children (Please assume your child has a place if you have returned your slip)
Thursday 27th April – SATs Information Evening for Year 2 parents – 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 5th May – Children's Coronation outdoor party lunch – WEAR RED WHITE AND BLUE if you would like to
Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday to mark the King's Coronation
Wednesday 10th May – Multiplication Check Info Afternoon for Year 4 Parents (2pm onwards – details to follow nearer the time)
Thursday 11th May – Heights and weights for reception children (letter to follow)
Monday 22nd May – Phonics Screening Information session for Year 1 Parents
Friday 26th May – Last day of half term
W/B 12th June – Multiplication Check Week – Year 4 children / Phonics Screening week – Year 1 children
Saturday 15th July – Summer Fair (Please note the change of date from previous (8th July).
I will send out a comprehensive list of transition events / activities and visits to Middle schools for the parents of Year 4 children next week. Our Leavers' Assembly (am) and Pizza Night (pm) will take place on Wednesday 19th July.

iPad Stations

In order to link ICT to other areas, we are going to set up computer/iPad stations up in every classroom. Mrs English has been working super hard this week and has installed some educational apps onto our iPads so that each class can have their own iPad station for the children to access on a daily basis.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank one of our parents (and Governor), Mark Osborne for providing 2 new laptops for the children, funded by his workplace. We are extremely grateful!

Trees

Before Christmas, we were given some free trees by Northumberland County Council and Mrs Wilson from the Parish Council is coming to school very soon to plant these with the children in our school grounds.

Reading Ambassadors

All year 4 children completed application forms to be our new Reading Ambassadors and I was very proud to think that all of the children were interested enough to do so!

I have therefore divided the children into 2 groups and we have one group of Reading Ambassadors before half term and one group afterwards.

Already, the first group have been reading with reception children and are planning their own reading challenge for other children next week



Attendance – Please make sure your child attends school every day. Before the holidays – Attendance percentages – EY – 92.7% Class 1 – 95% Class 2 – 100% WELL DONE CLASS 2!

Hi Everyone! Hope you all had a lovely Easter!

We thought we'd take the chance to say hello and give you an update re FoSS. After the sterling efforts of Suzanne and Andrea over the last couple of years, I've agreed to step up and help out.

Our main focus for this upcoming term will be the SUMMER FAIR on Saturday 15th July! We're really excited and have lots of good ideas but are always open to suggestions and would love to have as many parents/carers/members of the community involved as possible! If you'd like to be involved (I promise it's not a huge commitment!) Please feel free to grab me in the playground or ask school to pass you my contact details.

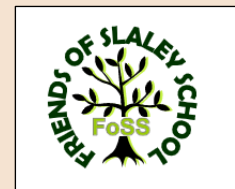
We are including external stalls at this year's fair so if you, or someone you know might be interested please let us know!

Mrs Hayward has also kindly circulated details of the Bag 2 School collection which is booked for Wednesday 21st June. Please spread the word, the more the merrier!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Have a great weekend!

Holly (Finley and Felix Baylys mum) and the FoSS committee.



HELP NEEDED!!

Reading Den –

As you know, we have a number of sheds in our Outdoor Area. In order to further promote a love for reading, we are going to develop one of them into a reading shed. Would you like to help paint it and develop the inside?

If so – please drop me an email – we need your support!!

STAY SAFE ONLINE!

Please ensure your child is staying safe online – visit

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>