



# Slaley First School



## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of another week and a busy week at that! On Thursday we had our 'Prostrike' sponsored event which the children all really enjoyed. Thank you to each and every one of you who were so kind enough to collect sponsor money. It was rather wet, but the rain definitely didn't dampen our spirits; we are still awaiting the final total, but will let you know once we have it! The money will be used to enhance our library and will also be invested in topic book boxes.



This week in school (and for the next 3 weeks) we have had a visit to both Spruce and Pine classes by Kerry Mulcahy who has been carrying out some PSE related work with the children. Kerry delivers workshops across KS1 and KS2 in relation to promoting healthy relationships and friendships in an age appropriate manner. She works for NDAS and is a Prevention Practitioner.

### Reading Den Update...

Thank you so much to FoSS who organised the parents to come and help with our new outdoor reading den in the holidays. The outdoor shed now has a lovely fresh wash of white paint inside and this week we hope to get the carpet down on the floor.

We have a bookcase to fill with wonderful books and we are going to ask the children to draw pictures of their favourite book characters and write some book reviews to pop up on the wall. Once we have completed this, we will invite Sarah Fae, the author of 'Ghost the Christmas Stag' to come along to officially open the Reading den for us and you never know, she may also read her Christmas book to us!

## Parents Evening

All Parents Evening appointment times have been sent home today. We have tried our best to accommodate times that were indicated on the initial sheet, but if you need to change your time(s) please let us know...

I am sure we will be able to accommodate on another day if necessary.

Most of you will know that Mrs O'Neill has been phasing back into school over the past few weeks. We are delighted that she is back with us. Next week is her last part time week and the week after she will be in the classroom full time again!

## Sports Lending Library

This half term, we will be opening up our Sports Lending Library to Pine Class. If your child is in Spruce Class and has any equipment from the lending library, please can you send this back to school on Monday.

Our Sports Leaders will be continuing to lead their games on the yard on Thursday lunchtimes.



Mrs Dixon held a Remembrance Day Assembly today.

On Sunday 12 November, the National Service of Remembrance will be held at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London. Starting at 11am, the service will commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two world wars and later conflicts. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) coordinates the event, alongside colleagues from across government, the armed forces and veterans' organisations. The event will be available to view on the BBC.



Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November) is **Children in Need** day. The children can come to school dressed in non-school uniform and also bring a small teddy bear if they have one.

We will be involved in a number of different activities throughout the day including a treasure hunt and making biscuits.

Mrs Wilson will set up a 'Just Giving' page next week if anyone would like to donate any money towards this worthy cause.

## Dates for your Diary

**W/B 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Anti Bullying week (work will be done around this in school)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Afternoon / Evening

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children In Need

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Pine Class - Skipping festival

## Christmas Events

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7pm-9pm** - Wreath making event

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Cake Decorating Evening

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm** - Christmas Shopping Night & raffle

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (AM)** - Christmas Performance

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (PM)** - Christmas Performance

Miss Parr's Science Club has another 3 weeks to run and choir club is continuing until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December which will be the final session. Breakfast and after school wraparound care will continue every week until we break for Christmas. We are currently planning some new, exciting clubs which we will let you know more about in the near future.

Next week we will send home a curriculum slide show outlining key knowledge and skills that the children will be learning this half term (as we did last half term.)

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Kind regards, Mrs Hayward.