



# Slaley First School



## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

First of all, I would just like to say a huge welcome back to all of our families. We hope you all had a lovely summer; it's great to have the buzz in and around school again!

As some of you know already, Mrs O'Neill is absent from school at the moment as her father is quite poorly. Spruce Class will therefore have a new teacher (Mrs Robertson) from Monday. She has been into school already this week to say hello to the class and she is looking forward to getting to know you all. She is an experienced teacher and is looking forward to joining us. We wish Mrs O'Neill the very best and hope for her speedy return.

Next week our clubs will return and will be as follows;

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Multiskills Club (3.15pm - 4.15pm) for children in Spruce and Pine Class with our new PE Teacher from Northumberland County Council - Mrs Williamson.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Tennis (3.15pm - 4.15pm) for children in Spruce and Pine Class with Tom Geary.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Archery (3.15pm - 4.15pm) for children in Pine Class. - Full of Beans

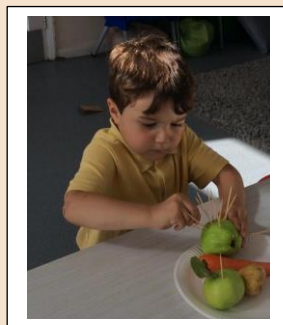
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September (3.20pm - 4pm) Choir for years 2, 3 and 4 (letters sent home tonight)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September (4pm - 4.20pm) Recorder Group for Year 4 children (letters sent home tonight)

Mindfulness Club will start next week on a Friday lunchtime.

Clubs for children in Reception Class will run in the Summer Term.

We have had a lovely afternoon today making vegetable creatures for the Slaley Leek Show and they will all be on display in the Commemoration Hall tomorrow if you would like to pop along and see them. Application forms will be Librarians / Eco-warriors and Reading Ambassadors will be given out next week and our School Council Elections will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Next week we will also be sending out our new half termly 'What we will be learning this half term' letter.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have also considered responses re after school club and we have staffing capacity for only 2 evenings at the moment (Mrs English runs Breakfast Club and of course we don't currently have Mrs O'Neill). Myself and Miss Parr will run the after-school club on Mondays and Wednesdays but next week we have been informed that we will be having a statutory fixed wiring test on Wednesday so we have taken the decision to start the club on the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October. The cost of the club will be £10 including a drink and snack and it will run from 3.20pm - 5.30pm.. There will also be an option to pay £5 from 3.20pm - 4.20pm (drink included). We hope this helps any of you who need that little bit of extra after school care. Booking forms and invoices will be sent home next week. Please could you drop an email asap if you would like to take up an after-school club.

## What is happening over the coming weeks?

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** – Slaley Leek Show (vegetable creatures will be transported to the commemoration Hall tonight.)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Immediately after school – 5 yearly Fixed Wire testing. (All staff will be leaving the building as soon as the children have gone home.)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** – School Council Elections

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Tempest Photography (individual and sibling photos of children within school) – Letter sent home

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – European Day of Languages; this year our theme will be Germany and Mrs Seymour will be making a wonderful themed lunch as she usually does

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9am-10.30am. All welcome to drop in; there will be no staggered times, we are going to trial all parents together this year.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church (more details to follow soon)

FoSS

Hi everyone!

Hope you all had a great summer holiday. As it's the start of a new school year-we wanted to remind you all of the role of FOSS, our thoughts for the coming year and how you can get involved!

As Friends of Slaley School, we raise funds to support our school to give our children the best time we can! We organise regular events, within the Slaley community, to raise vital funds to enrich the learning experience for our children. Slaley First School is such a wonderful nurturing school, FOSS provide financial support to enhance this.

We are currently a small committee and are always on the look-out for more people to get involved - be it to help with planning, fundraising ideas, building our links with the local community or to help out as a one off for individual events. I can't stress enough how grateful we were for all the help at the Summer Fair, it would not have been the success it was without you all, thank you!

Our hope this year is to put together a whole years calendar of events/activities in advance - to help with planning and to make sure we can get as many people involved as possible. We will be meeting with Mrs Hayward and Mrs English in the next couple of weeks but would love everyone's input re things that have worked well/what you/ your children would like to see. The more the merrier so if you have any thoughts we'd love to hear them-you can grab us in the playground or my number is 07841904986. Thanks again!



Have a lovely weekend everyone, let's hope the sun continues to shine! See you on Monday.  
Mrs Hayward

### Little Reminders

Our School Day is now  
8.50am – 3.20pm

Attendance

Will be reported from next week.