



Slaley First School



Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week here at Slaley and have had lots of fun whilst also working hard! On Monday, we had a fabulous dance workshop with Pippa Wild and she is coming back next week to start her dance afterschool club; we are very excited about this!



Today, Pine class took part in the 'Virtual Multiskills Finals' against a number of other Northumberland Schools ... We weren't place first second or third but we had a fabulous time and enjoyed all of the activities ... Well done Pine Class! We are very proud of you all!!



Staffing Update

Last week we appointed a new teacher to our school - Miss Elizabeth Tait will be joining us very soon and will be teaching in Early Years alongside Mrs English in the afternoon. We are sure that Miss Tait will fit very well into our school and we will make sure you all meet her in due course.

Mobile Phones

Please can we remind you that in the interests of safeguarding, the use of mobile phones is not permitted on the yard.

School Council

Our school Council met this week after canvassing peers about what they like and feel could be improved in school. As staff we are happy with the amount of positive feedback we have had from the children but as always, we are forever looking to improve. The children said they liked-

- The subjects they study and the teachers
- After school clubs
- Our Resident expert Assemblies (Miss Parr takes this Assembly on a Tuesday)
- Playtimes

They said that they think the school could be improved if we had more lexile reading books (especially non-fiction books) and more equipment. As you know, we have just ordered more science and maths equipment with money raised at Christmas and this has been arriving in school this week. We will continue to order more for other subjects as the year goes on and will look at buying more lexile books. Miss Parr is continuing to attend PSQM sessions and we will be rolling out our new equipment in line with training and guidance received.

Thank you everyone, have a lovely weeked - let's hope the weather is a little warmer!

Kind regards, Mrs Hayward 😊

A message from FOSS (Friends of Slaley School) ...

Hi from FOSS (Friends of Slaley School) and welcome to our new parents. We hope you feel very welcome here at our lovely school.

Every parent is a friend of Slaley school. We try to organise events which raise money to support school in providing curriculum-enhancing experiences for the children and resources that they otherwise wouldn't be able to fund. We also aim to have events that are just for fun and for everyone's enjoyment.

We hope to have a meeting at the start of February to make plans for the year's fundraising; everyone will be very welcome and we promise it doesn't mean you're committing to anything!

Please just get in touch with Holly (Finley and Felix's mum) on 07841 904986 if you'd like any more information.

Exciting News!! -

Parent and Toddler Outdoor Play sessions (for pre school children) will be starting here soon. We will send out more information in the near future, but if you know of anyone who you think may be interested, please spread the word!

We are also looking to extend our wraparound after school care so next week will be sending out a letter canvassing for interest in this.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th January – Spruce Class Curriculum Workshop for Parents 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Pine Class

From Friday 19th January – Choir Club

Pine Class and Spruce Class

From Tuesday 23rd January – Lego Challenge Club

We don't usually do clubs for Reception children until the Summer term, however, Pippa Wild is going to come into school from Thursday 24th January to host a dance club for Rec-Year 4 pupils.

W/B Monday – Monday 11th March – Science Week – As usual we will have a fun packed week – More details to follow.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Image Theatre – 'The Wind in The Willows.'