

# Slaley First School



## Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week was a bit different! I just wanted to start by thanking you all for your patience and understanding regarding the changes on Wednesday and today due to Industrial Action. I have had <u>no</u> complaints and this has helped us to open the school confident in the fact that we have done as much as we can in terms of keeping some classes open and also in supporting those who feel strongly about current issues in education, mostly school budgets which are definitely a major concern!

Mrs O'Neill held her transition meeting on Monday night for children who are moving from Reception to Year I and there are two more up and coming transition meetings; the dates of which are below. Our Year 4 children all went to visit their new schools on Tuesday this week and we now feel like their 'moving on' day is coming ever closer - We will miss them all so much!!

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Next week we have our Sports Day on Thursday (13th July) and we really hope that the weather holds out!! Don't forget, we would like you all to come along. Teas and coffees will be provided in the school yard straight after drop off, before the races start at 9.30am and Mrs Seymour will also be making some cupcakes! All children should have previously had a letter outlining which team their child is in, so please can the children come dressed in their PE kit on the morning. (we would like the children to practise one more time on Tuesday if possible so please can they have their PE kit in school then) and we will send it home on Tuesday right.

Please remember that all children will need some comfortable trainers to run in too.

I have sent out a Schoolcomms to the parents of children who usually attend Dodgeball/Basketball Club, as the session that was cancelled this week is re-arranged for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July (3.15pm-4.15pm). Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Mrs Hayward



Hi everyone!

Just over a week until the Summer Fair! **Saturday 15th July 11am-2pm!** We can't wait and hope to see as many of you there are possible - please spread the word! We've had a few amazing additions to the excellent list of raffle prizes including a family ticket to a Queens Hall performance and a 1 hour golf lesson with the pro at Hexham golf club! Get your tickets here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/slalevschoolsummerraffle2023

We're still in need of a few volunteers to help with running the stalls, please let us know if you can spare even half an hour! Remember Full of Beans will be running multisports activities throughout the fair to keep the children entertained!

Also ...

Just incase the weather isn't an enthusiastic as we are, we would really appreciate it if anyone with a gazebo we can borrow could drop them off to school on Friday or first thing Saturday!

Thank you so much! - FoSS

#### **Bags2school update**

Thank you so much for all of the bags that were brought along – the grand final total raised is £105 Which is gratefully received and will be spent on the children (I will send out a letter just before the summer outlining the things that the money you have raised over the year has gone towards!)

#### **Summer Fair Donations**

Thank you to those of you that have donated prizes for our stalls and full and empty wine bottles for our water into wine stall.

We would still be very grateful for more donations of traditional tombola prizes (smellies, boxes of chocolates, candles etc.) for our 'Balloon Pop' stall and also for more donations of bottles of wine (red / white / rose) and **empty** wine bottles and **bottle bags** for our 'Water to Wine' stall.

Later this week we would be very grateful for cakes for our cake stall (which will still be in date by 15th July). Thank you so much!

### What is happening over the coming weeks ...

Thursday 13th July - Sports Day - 9.30am - 10.30am (Tea, coffee and cakes for sale)

Friday 14th July - Class 2 trip to Ford Castle

Thursday 20th July - EY / Class 1 Trip to Hall Hill Farm

Saturday 15th July - Summer Fair 11am-2pm - All welcome and more details to follow soon

Wednesday 19th July – Leavers' Assembly (9.30am – 10.30am) and pizza night (funded by school) –3.15pm–5pm Friday 21st July – Last day of the year (school closes at 1.30pm)

#### Transition Meetings -

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery to Reception 3.30pm-4pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 – Year 3 3.30pm –4pm.

Parental Survey Results From the responses returned ... Spring 2023

My child is happy at this school Agree - 46% Strongly Agree - 54% Disagree - 0%

My child feels safe at this school Agree - 30% Strongly Agree - 70% Disagree - 0%

My child does well at this school Agree - 48% Strongly Agree - 52% Disagree - 0% Stay safe online! https://www.childline.org.uk/infoadvice/bullying-abusesafety/online-mobilesafety/staying-safe-online/

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