

Newsletter

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UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

It has been an amazing start to the year. I walk around school and see lots of happy faces engaging in learning and building safe relationships. We welcomed 2 new classes this year and our new children have settled into school exceptionally well and our existing pupils have coped well with the changes and welcomed everyone into school, supporting others to make friendships and feel more comfortable. I could not be prouder of all the children and everything they have gone on to achieve this term. I am so excited to see how their journey will continue with us this year. I think the childrens' photos capture how amazingly the children are doing. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the whole school attendance figure of 94.13% which is brilliant, and above the national average. We hope that strong attendance can continue within school.

We have had lots of fun this term and I have tried to sum up some of our key events in this newsletter.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT TERM

Every Friday is swimming for the Badger class in term 2. Please remember to send swim kit in with your child each Friday!

Saturday 7 December 2024 - Our Christmas Fete will be on Saturday 7th of December 1-3pm. We are currently looking for raffle prizes or stall holders. If you can help and support in anyway with regards to this, please can you contact Clare in the office.

Food Hub Collection Point - We are now a year round food collection point for any non-perishable food items in reception. They recommend sauces, soups, beans, honey, pasta, flour, long-life milk, tinned meats and noodles.

Poppy Appeal - The Royal British Legion have left us a box of poppies, wrist bands, key chains etc along with a donations tin. If anyone would like to take a look, please pop in to the school office with donations.



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GIFFORDS CIRCUS

The Owls and Badgers have had the chance to go to the circus this term. They had a fantastic time and it was brilliant to see all of the smiley faces on their return. We hope this is the first of many trips, visits and experiences for the children this year.



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SWIMMING

This term the Owls have been swimming. They have done a great job and continue to enjoy it. We have seen lots of improvement since they last went swimming. Next term it will be Badger class who will be going on Friday.



FOREST SCHOOL

Craig has completed two forest school days with us. The children love spending time in the outdoor areas and exploring the hammocks, dens and wildlife areas. They have enjoyed seeing how the leaves are changing colour and crunching them underneath their feet. We have had lots of fun in all weathers and there has been lots of puddle splashing and mud exploring. On this note, can I ask that you can send children in with all-weather style clothing and some spare clothes. If you have any of our spare clothes, please can these be returned.



STAFFING UPDATE

Since the beginning of term, we have welcomed some new members of staff. I am sure you will meet them all soon if you have not already. They are all making a fantastic contribution to our school already; we have Clare who has joined Sarah in the admin office, Michelle who is our lunchtime supervisor and Steve who is our site assistant. Some new LPS will also be joining next term and I look forward to introducing them to you.



Clare Mills



Michelle Chettle



Steve Orchard

Some other good news is that I would like to congratulate Molly on her successful appointment as Assistant Headteacher for Quality of Education. Molly will be joining Kathryn and I on the senior leadership team. Molly will still be teaching in the Badgers class until we can recruit a replacement.

This leads me to announce that Rhian will be leaving us after half term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rhian for all of her help and support whilst she has been with us and wish her all the best for her next steps. To cover Rhian, we have Jasmine who is an experienced SEN teacher joining us from Class People after relocating from Liverpool. She is very much looking forward to working with the children and meeting you all.

FUNDRAISING

We have been really busy again this term with our fundraising. We have been successful in our Stroud Tesco stores gaining £5,000 for our playground fundraiser. We would also like to thank you all for supporting us with our run



where we have raised £1,635. You have also been a great support with our Rags2Riches and we raised £118. We still have our Christmas card fundraiser and you should all have been sent your child's proof for this. If you need any help with this at all please contact the school office. We are still in Tesco stores with the blue tokens in Gloucester and if you cannot get to these stores, we will happily collect them in school.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

It was great to talk with so many of you regarding your child's start to the year. After these conversations we have sent some feedback questionnaires, we really value your feedback so that we can continue to see what is working and improve things that could be going better. If you have not completed the feedback please see the link in dojo.

PTA

Thank you so much for everyone who has offered to sign up to this, we will be looking to organise a meeting after half term. If anyone else is interested in being part of this, please get in contact.

EXPANSION UPDATE

The local authority has asked us to open another reception class during this academic year.

The trust is currently working with the local authority on how this could work and the requirements for the school to be successful. I will endeavour to keep you updated on the growth of the school and how this will look in the future.

AUTUMN PARTY

It was lovely to see so many of you at our end of term party. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the children's term with you. I hope you enjoyed visiting the class and can see how far the children have progressed since the start of the year. We look forward to inviting you to more events during the year.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and dedication in working with us this term and we look forward to continue to work with you. I would also like to thank all the staff at Sladewood, it has been an incredible term for the children and this is largely down to their effort and hard work. I am truly thankful for my team and the numerous contributions they make to the school. But most importantly I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the children. As I said before they continue to amaze me and make me a proud leader every day, they are the true success of Sladewood.

As a team we truly live up to our mission statement of "Together we will Thrive"

I wish you all a wonderful and well rested half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 4th of November**.



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