



## Newsletter 30 Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and have had a good week amongst the sunshine and showers.

### Year 6 SATs

HUGE congratulations to all the Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. It's the culmination of all their hard work during their time at Slimbridge, an opportunity to really show just how great they are.

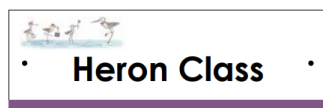
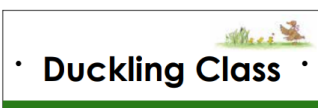


As a reward for being so focused and studious during the week, Miss Randall gave the Y6 children their leavers hoodies, which I am sure you will see being proudly worn around school. Well done Year 6!

### Class Names and Signage

As mentioned in newsletter 28, the School Council play an active role in the school life. This year they wanted to renew the class names. They chose bird names in recognition of our close links to WWT Slimbridge. I am pleased to share them with you:

- Reception Duckling Class
- Year 1 Gosling Class
- Year 2 Cygnet Class
- Year 3 Avocet Class
- Class 4 Flamingo Class
- Class 5 Heron Class



New signs have gone up on each classroom door. We will be using the new class names, however, we understand if you still refer to the year group names!

### Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and After School Club are very popular. Miss Messenger and Ms Chappell provide a range of fun activities each day for the children. This week they were looking at healthy eating and the children made a fruit salad. If you wish to use Breakfast and After School Club please ensure that you have booked your child/ren in ahead of time, as we do have a maximum number and it can be hard to plan for activities and resources. Bookings can be made through the school office.

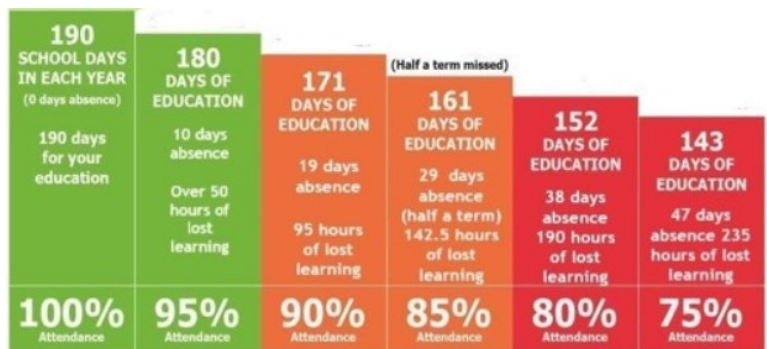
### Naming Clothes

Please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly named. With the weather (hopefully) getting warmer, we are starting a lovely collection of jumpers which are left on the playground during breaks.

### Attendance

As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, the Government defines the threshold for Persistent Absence as 90% attendance. This may sound good attendance but a persistent absentee child misses 10% or more of their lessons in a year - that's 19 days of school a year! As a school, we are expected to follow up any student who falls below this attendance rate and support the student and their parents to improve upon this.

There is very strict criteria from the DfE regarding holiday absence during school time. As such we are not able to authorise any requests unless they meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances. This is available from the DfE website.



### Yellow Lines and changes to drop off / pick up

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone in the school community for adapting to the changes in the drop off and pick up routines. The transition has been smooth and it is great to see so many families using the back gate. Although the yellow lines are yet to be painted, the new routines mean that we are ready for the change when it comes - thank you.

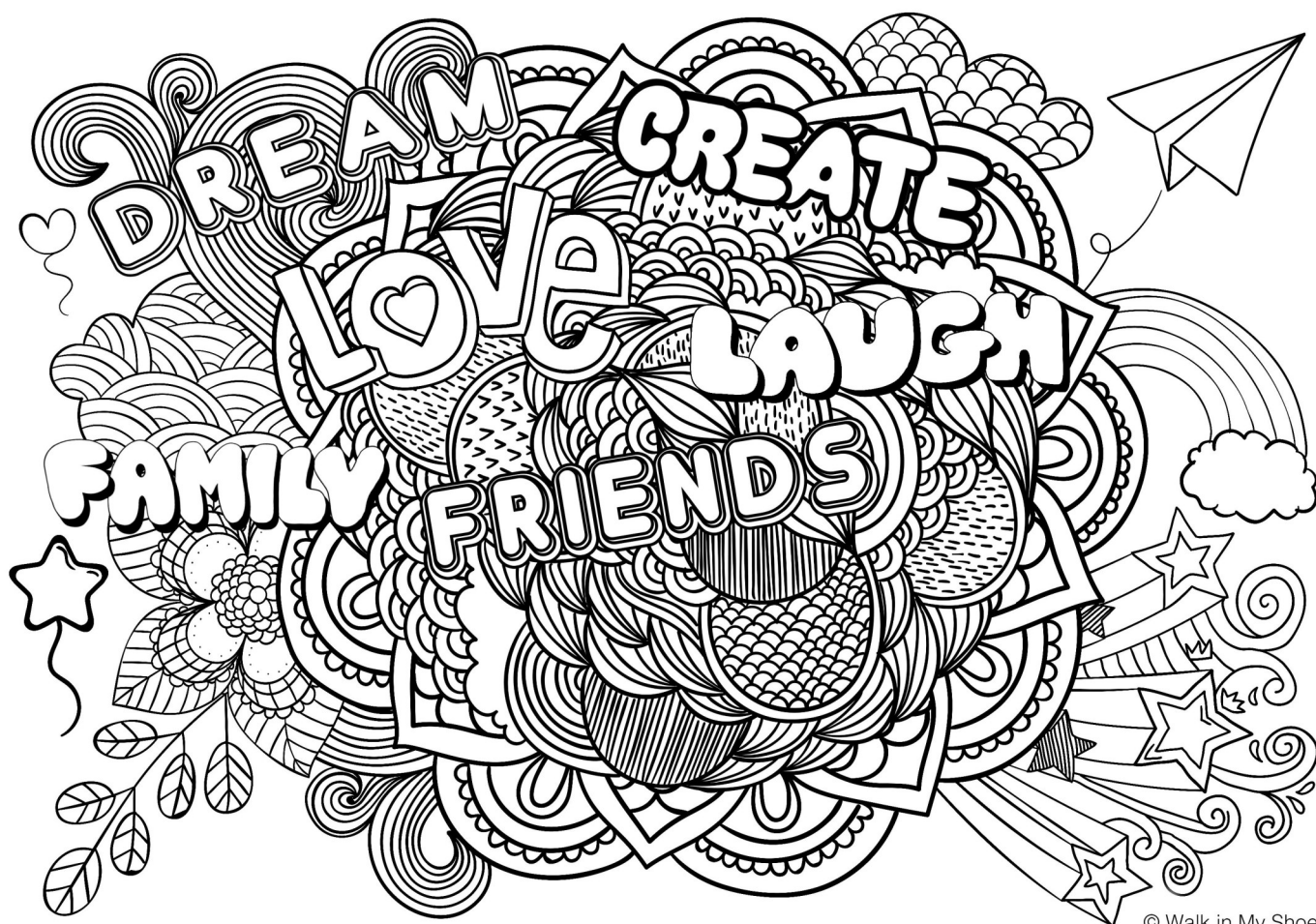
Have a lovely weekend,

*James Taylor*

**Term 5 Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
w/c 22nd May	All Children	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 23rd May	Class 5 (Heron)	Class 5 Trip to WWT Slimbridge
Wednesday 24th May	All Children	Leavers' and Class Photos
Wednesday 24th May	Class 4 (Flamingo)	Trip to Puddleditch Farm
Friday 26th May	All Children	End of Term 5 (3:00pm)

**Letters and information for events will be sent out in due course.**



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**There is something exciting coming in next week's newsletter...**



*You are invited to*  
**Afternoon Tea**  
to celebrate



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INCLUDES AN EXHIBITION OF PAST PANTOMIMES,  
MEMORABILIA, MUSIC, COSTUMES & MORE

• Sunday 14th May • 2:30 - 5pm •  
Slimbridge Village Hall



**FAMILIES  
WELCOME**  
Fancy dress  
encouraged!

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