



Newsletter 36 Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I can announce my earlier than planned arrival at Slimbridge. I have had a fantastic week and am amazed at the hard work and dedication of the children and staff. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and for supporting me in this transition, whilst I am currently working between two schools. I am very much looking forward to leading the school on its next step of the journey and offering the children a truly exceptional experience whether this is academically, socially or with extra-curricular success. If you would like to contact me, please feel free to email on: lhillman@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk

I will always do my best to reply as I am eager to develop positive relationships with parents and the wider community. As a parent myself, I appreciate the importance of close communication with home and school and am keen to ensure we work together for the best interests of our children. Kind wishes, Mrs Lisa Hillman

Holly the Dog



Holly

the Golden Labrador Retriever also joined the school for the first time today. She is very excited to be the new school dog and has enjoyed meeting some children who were in school. In the summer holidays, she will be taking part in her therapy dog training so that she can become a fully fledged accredited dog to support children with their emotional and social well-being. She also loves listening to children read and enjoys a cuddle or two, so will be a welcome addition to Slimbridge. Please can you notify me on the email address above if your child has any allergies or is unable to meet Holly. **FOSS UPDATE**

End of Year Disco - Thursday 13th July (Village Hall)

AGM- Monday 11th September

Staffing 2023/24: Miss Beale

Very exciting news ... we have appointed a very experienced SENCO, who has over 22 years experience of teaching, who will join us in the autumn term. Miss Beale, is currently working at Foxmoor Primary School, in Cashes Green and was part of the team which took the school to outstanding. Before this, she worked at Leonard



Stanley. She will be working in class 4 with release time for SENCO leadership. She is also a Major in the Army Cadets and has a wealth of experience of teaching and learning, safeguarding and special needs.

Miss McDermott (Picture to follow)

More exciting news ... Miss McDermott will be teaching class 4 until Miss Beale arrives on a permanent basis. Likewise, she is an experienced teacher, who has a wealth of knowledge about effective strategies for teaching and learning. She is a maths and oracy lead and has pioneered new developments in both of these areas. She is also a keen sportswoman and has been known to win the school sports' day teacher race as well as coach the netball club. We are very much looking forward to welcoming both teachers into the Slimbridge community.

Lion King

The dress-rehearsal of the Lion King took place on Monday. Well done to the fantastic team of staff and children who have been responsible for the music, acting, scenery and props. We look forward to sharing with parents the final production at The Village Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Monday 10th July. Please

remember that you need to purchase a ticket to attend. Please see Miss Randall as soon as possible as there are only a few tickets remaining.



Term 6

Date	Class	Event
Monday 10th July		Drama Club presents: The Lion King 6p.m @ the Village Hall
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6	Rednock Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 13th July	Whole School	FOSS Summer Disco - times Little Otters & KS1 Parents to stay 4:30-5:30 Key Stage Two 6-7 p.m.
Friday 14th July	Whole School	Bastille Day - Celebration of French language and culture
Friday 14th July	Certificate Assembly	Certificate Assembly: District Athletics Certificates (Parents of district sports children invited only)
Wednesday 19th July	Whole School / Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Y6 parents only)
Friday 21st July	Whole School	End of term - school finishes at 1:30pm

