

# SISSINGHURST (VA) CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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*Enjoy, Achieve and Celebrate Together in Faith*

## **SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear God,

We ask that you would bless us in our school, give us the strength to learn, to be kind, to be fair and to look after others. We are thankful for all your gifts **Amen**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year here at Sissinghurst. Today we held our Beginners' Service where we welcomed our new pupils in Lion Class and also four pupils who have joined in other year groups. The Lion Class pupils have just been amazing this year. They have settled really well and are happy in their learning. Thank you to all the new parents for preparing their children so well for starting school!

We also celebrated our new Year Six pupils, announcing the roles of responsibility they will carry out throughout this academic year. I received job applications from every child and I was happy to be able to give out 1st or 2nd choices to all the pupils. Many have taken on more than one role as well, so they will be very busy. Some of the roles are: head boy and head girl; house captains; school council leaders; collective worship leaders; office helper; house point collector; IT and music support; worship committee; librarians; forest school helper and playground mediators. The responsibility we give to Year Six serves two purposes. Firstly, it helps to develop pupils' confidence and independence which are so important prior to starting secondary school – we really see them grow throughout the year, which is fabulous. Secondly, their support is really helpful to the staff in terms of chores and organising other pupils for activities. We are all really excited about the coming year and keen to carry out our tasks!

You will receive your class letter this week which informs you of what is happening this term in the class. We are also in the process of holding class meetings after school for you to attend, where you can meet the class teacher and hear about the expectations for your child this year. We are hoping to put the information on a PowerPoint which will be uploaded to the class page on KLZ. Over the coming weeks information will be added to each class page.

FOSS – There is information later in the newsletter about the FOSS AGM being held on 01.10.18. Please try to attend if at all possible. You will hear about the great work of the FOSS as well as how you may be able to support the wonderful work that they do. Don't be shy – you may only be able to help in a small way, but that is so important and takes pressure of the key few who give up a huge amount of their time to ensure the FOSS is successful. Nathalie Tucker, Chair of FOSS, will be stepping down from this role at the AGM and we are searching for a replacement Chair. Obviously a PTA cannot exist without a Chair so it is essential someone steps into that role. If you are interested or would like more details please speak to a committee member or Mrs Le Lacheur in the office who can guide you to the right person. Being Chair does not have to be an all-consuming role if everyone pulls together.

It would be devastating for the school if the FOSS ceased to operate because there was no Chair. It would not only have a financial impact but, more importantly, it would affect the children, as the wonderful events they are used to would also stop. Please, please support our PTA.

**Mrs C Penfold**

## **Office News**

### **Office Opening Hours**

Office opening hours are 8.40am – 9.15am and again at 3.00pm until 4.00pm. Please may I ask you to adhere to these times unless you have a pre-booked appointment with a member of staff.

### **Safeguarding**

Parents must not enter the school premises from the back playground under any circumstances. All parents and visitors must enter the school via the school office.

### **Post Box**

Please make full use of the post box by the gate. There is no need to drop letters, reply slips etc into the school office. The post box is checked twice a day.

### **School Clubs**

All school clubs start next week. Please presume your child has a place on their chosen club unless you hear from me.

### **Leopard Class Swimming – Commencing Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Letters for Leopard class swimming lessons were sent out on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. If your child did not bring one home there are spare letters in the office. Please return the consent form with payment asap. Without the consent form your child will not be able to participate.

### **Lunch Payments KS2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)**

Lunch payments need to be paid in advance via SQUID for your child's school lunch. There will be no credit given for lunches. Should your SQUID accounts fall into arrears you will be requested to provide your child with a packed lunch.

### **Studybugs**

Please make sure you have all signed up to Studybugs as this is now our home school communication tool. This app is used for reporting your child's absence any time of day and night and for receiving emails/messages from the school. If you are unsure how to download the app on your phone or computer please don't hesitate to ask at the office.

## **FOSS**

Welcome back everyone to the new school year and a special welcome to all the new families who have joined. Due to GDPR regulations for us to proceed with the really useful book we need to gain consent to publish yours and your child's details. It would be great if we could have the consent form that is coming out back at the end of next week please.

We have our AGM on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 2.00pm and it would be great to see you there. In the meantime if you are interested in helping or joining the FOSS please let me know.

**Mrs Nathalie Tucker**

## News From the Classes



Lion Class children have made a great start and they have come into class smiling every day. They are quickly learning the routines and have already started learning letter sounds. They have done some super portrait paintings to show everyone in the Beginners Service on Friday. Well done Lions!

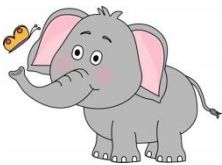
If any of you have a child size wheelbarrow for Lion Class I would very much appreciate it. Thank you.

**Mrs Lyon**



Giraffe Class have spent this week settling in to their new classroom and new routines. They have impressed me greatly at how quickly they learn! It was great to see lots of parents at our welcome meeting on Monday. Please visit the Giraffe Class page on KLZ for more information about what we learn each week, Year One targets and tips for useful websites.

**Mrs MacFarlane**



We have had a great first week! The children have really impressed me with their Writing and Maths. Please can everyone remember that it's blue Book Bags only in KS1. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

**Mrs Delorie**



It has been a wonderfully busy first week in Zebra Class. The children have enjoyed an introduction to their topic about Ancient Greece on Monday, finding out about key events and beginning their Greek pottery art project.

**Miss Ovenden**



Eagles have had a great start to the term. Our topic this term is on Mayans and the children have really enjoyed their introduction. Eagle class have really impressed me this week the way they have embraced the new term with such enthusiasm. Keep it up Eagles!

**Mrs Desai**



Leopards have made a great start to the term. We started investigating and measuring forces around the classroom and outside and discovered that every force is either a push or a pull.

**Mr Boyles**



## TIMETABLE 2018/2019

You will receive a letter with the group that your child is in.

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Fri</b>
Week 2	Eagles	11/9	14/9
Week 3	Zebras	18/9	21/9
Week 4	Elephants	25/9	28/9
Week 5	Giraffes	2/10	5/10
Week 6	Lions	9/10	12/10
<b>Term 2</b>			
Week 1	Eagles	6/11	9/11
Week 2	Zebras	13/11	16/11
Week 3	Elephants	20/11	23/11
Week 4	Giraffes	27/11	30/11
Week 5	Lions	4/12	7/12
<b>Term 3</b>			
Week 1	Eagles	8/1/19	11/1/19
Week 2	Zebras	15/1	18/1
Week 3	Elephants	22/1	25/1
Week 4	Giraffes	29/1	1/2
Week 5	Lions	5/2	8/2
<b>Term 4</b>			
Week 2	Eagles	5/3	8/3
Week 3	Zebras	12/3	15/3
Week 4	Elephants	19/3	22/3
Week 5	Giraffes	26/3	29/3
Week 6	Lions	2/4	5/4
<b>Term 5</b>			
Week 2	Eagles	23/4	26/4
Week 3	Zebras	30/4	3/5
Week 4	Elephants	7/5	10/5
Week 5	Giraffes	14/5	17/5
Week 6	Lions	21/5	24/5

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

## Key Stage 2 – Year 3/4/5/6

Day	Club	Start Date	Time	Coach	Cost
Mon	Tournament Club <b>Term 1</b> - 4 weeks of football ( <b>parent helper needed</b> ). 2 weeks of basketball <b>Term 2</b> – 4 weeks basketball, 2 weeks sportshall athletics.	10.9.18 (12 wks)	3.00-4.00pm	Mrs Saxby	Free
	ARTsCOOL	10.9.18 (12 wks)	3.00-4.15pm	Miss Barnes	£72.00
Tues	French Club	11.9.18 (12 wks)	Lunchtime	Mrs Pendered	£63.60
	Netball	11.9.18 (12 wks)	3.00-4.00pm	Mrs Saxby	Free
Weds	Inspire to Compete (Football)	12.9.18 (12 wks)	3.15-4.30pm	Premier Sport	Free
Thurs	Recorder	13.9.18 (12 wks)	Lunchtime	Mrs MacFarlane	Free
	Knitting Club	20.9.18 (5 wks trial)	Lunchtime 12.15pm-1.00	Mrs P Skinner Mrs P Dury	Free
	Geography in the News & Current Affairs Club	13.9.18	3.00-4.00pm	Mrs Desai	Free
	Eco Club	13.9.18	3.00-4.00pm	Miss Ovenden	Free

## Key Stage 1 – Year 1 & 2

Day	Club	Start Date	Time	Coach	Cost
Mon	Tennis	10.9.18 (6 wks)	3.00-4.00pm	Jack Lusher	£18.00
	Artscool	11.9.18 (12 wks)	12.15 -1.00pm Lunchtime	Miss Barnes	£60.00
Tues	French Club	11.9.18 (12 wks)	12.15 – 1.00pm Lunchtime	Mrs Pendered	£63.60
Thurs	Choir	13.9.18 (12 wks)	12.15 – 1.00pm Lunchtime	Mrs Lyon	Free
	GYM	13.9.18 (12 wks)	3.15-4.15pm	Premier Sport	£24.00
	Clay Club	13.9.18 (12 wks)	3.00-4.00pm	Mrs Strange	£48.00

