

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Newsletter**

### **Appointment of permanent Headteacher for Sidlesham Primary School Message to Parents from Chair of Governors**

*Our governing body has been engaged since the beginning of January in the process of recruiting a new permanent Headteacher for our little school. As we reach the conclusion of this process my fellow Governors and I would like to recognise the support we have received from all our staff and pupils. We must also recognise the involvement of each child, they have met, and on occasion, engaged, with nine potential applicants. All our potential applicants when visiting the school commented upon the children's good behaviour and politeness.*

*During the final stages we employed members of the School Council to convene an interview panel for our shortlisted candidates. They prepared questions which they then went on to ask the candidates. After the interviews they deliberated with our recruitment panel and provided feedback essential to the process.*

*We can today announce that we have appointed an excellent Headteacher to continue to lead the school forward. At this time we are unable to provide any further details as we collaborate with another school to coordinate the communication of the announcement. We hope to bring you more news shortly and are conscious that you have all been very patient.*

### **Book Fortnight**

With the same starting point of the picture book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker, classes have experienced a range of writing experiences and art work across the school. It really has been fantastic to see the progress across the school and I have enjoyed seeing their outcomes, with many children achieving Headteacher awards. Well done children and thank you to Mrs Connor and Mrs Fuller for leading this along with the support of the staff in making it such a fantastic fortnight!

### **Phonics Workshop**

Mrs Fuller is running a phonics workshop for parents/carers of children in Tigers and Meerkats class on Tuesday 5th March at 2:30pm. If you are able to attend please let the office know.

### **World Book Day**

A reminder that on Wednesday 6th March we are celebrating World Book Day and your children are invited to come to school wearing a character from their favourite book. In addition, as part of this special day, our PTA are raising funds and children are able to take part in a bedtime story afternoon event with hot chocolate and biscuits for a voluntary contribution of £2.00, to be brought in on the day.

### **School timings**

Thank you for your support in the huge improvement with children arriving at school on time this week. Last week we had 18 children arriving late during the school week and this week it was down to 5. Thank you for working with us, it really does help their education.

### **Farmyard Fun**

Book a place for your child to listen to some stories and get involved with some craft activities, this at Easter Chichester library. Please see attached leaflet for further details.

### **Dates for your diary**

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| Red Spider - Penguins Class Trip  | Tuesday 5th March   |
| Phonics Workshop  | Tuesday 5th March @2:30pm   |
| World Book Day  | <b>Wednesday 6th March (change of date)</b>   |
| House event: Spelling Bee   | Wednesday 13th March  |
| Aldingbourne - Tigers Class Trip  | Thursday 14th March   |
| Annual reports  | Friday 22nd March   |
| Parent/Carer/teacher Consultation Evenings (Bookings will open shortly) | Tuesday 26th March & Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm - 6:00pm<br>Tigers on Wednesday only |
| Last day of term  | Thursday 28th March   |
| Start of Summer Term  | Monday 15th April   |

With very best wishes

Mrs Norton  
Interim Headteacher