



## Parent Bulletin Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Today a very busy half term comes to an end. Exams continue every day and I remain impressed with the conduct of all our students who are sitting exams. I hope the half-term holiday is filled with revision for those with exams after the break.

### Inter-House Rounders

This week Miss Woods and our Sports Leaders ran our annual inter-house rounders tournament. The rain didn't stop things from going ahead and the students put a great deal of effort into their matches, cheering each other on and supporting their House. Congratulations go to students from Ali House who won the tournament.

### Car Parking

I have received a number of complaints from local residents about the way in which parents park and block the road when dropping off and collecting their children. I must remind parents that our school is on a residential road which needs respecting and that there is likely to be more enforcement of tickets for misuse of the road spaces so please think before pulling over.

### Water Safety

This week we were reminded of the dangers of water when another young person in England drowned. Today in my video message I reminded students about the importance of being safe in and around the water, not going in unless you are a strong swimmer and keeping out of the Jubilee River. Please reinforce this message with your children at home.

### Meal Price Increases

We have tried to shield parents from the increase in food prices for as long as we can but from September our main meal and pudding price is rising 20p to £2.80 per day. The free school meals allowance will rise accordingly. Please ensure your child has enough money on their account for what they wish to buy when this goes ahead.

### Finally.....

Next week is the half term holiday and I hope we all get to enjoy some sunshine. School reopens for all students on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the usual time.

Best wishes

Peter Collins  
Headteacher

## News and Information

### Keeping Children Safe Online – Mrs Goodyear

The school is committed to helping you to keep your child safe online and we issue weekly guidance on key aspects of online safety. This week's advice is about **artificial intelligence solutions (AI)**. You can find previous advice on our website, plus a livestream blog about e-safety produced by Safeguarding Essentials:

<https://www.slougheton.com/about/safeguarding>



## Medication reminder – Mrs England

- Please can you ensure that if your son/daughter is required to take any medication during the school day that it has to be handed to Reception and a form signed to authorise our staff to dispense this.
- We do not allow medication sharing. Please speak to your child regarding taking or receiving a paracetamol, or similar medication from a fellow student. This is not good practice and may cause further illness.
- If you son/daughter requires an Epipen or an asthma pump please can you ensure this medication is given to the medical team and a spare is in their school bag, labelled and in date.

## Collective Worship and School Chaplain

This term we will focus on one of our core values, **Tolerance**. When individuals and communities are tolerant, they can resolve disputes and disagreements through dialogue, understanding, and compromise rather than through hostility and aggression. Tolerance is a powerful antidote to prejudice, hatred, and discrimination, which often lead to conflict and violence.

Charity quotes – Week:3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	
Monday	Ephesians 4:2 urges us to show “tolerance for one another in love”
Tuesday	Everyone's God-given human dignity must be respected, regardless of his or her faith, race, ethnic origin, gender, or social status (Qur'an, 17:70).
Wednesday	The whole purpose of religion is to facilitate love and compassion, patience, tolerance, humility, and forgiveness. -Dalai Lama
Thursday	Hinduism is, by its very nature and at its very core, a religion of not only tolerance, but also acceptance.
Friday	With the attitude of tolerance and "love for all and malice for none"-Sikhi

## The Reverend Andrew St Lawrence John Wickens of St Peter's Vicarage.

The chaplaincy role is to live and tell the Story of God within this spiritually diverse and vibrant school and community context of Slough.

**Slough** is a spiritual town, with one of the highest percentages of religious affiliation per capita in the UK. It comprises of people from a wide variety of deeply committed faith backgrounds, who come from many different cultures and diverse national backgrounds.

The Chaplaincy will support the Church of England's Vision for Education in the school to offer “**life in all its fullness**” (John 10:10) to everyone in this spiritually and culturally diverse and vibrant school community. This will largely be delivered through high quality pastoral and spiritual care for all, and by being the ‘public face of God’ for the school community.



### Pioneering the future of communities in Slough

We are excited that Slough and Eton will be pioneering the first Chaplaincy in the Dioceses.

It is also the first time a multi-faith, multi-cultural model will be launched.

Father Andrew will officially start on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness*

*(John 10:10)*

