



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

What a difference a bit of sunshine makes! Today, the PTA organised Bag2School picked up a lorry full of your donations – thank you. The children were also treated to a Chance to Shine Experience from the Hampshire Cricket Board. The sessions were both active and hilarious as the cricket coach brought the game alive with lots of training and cheering! Next week is looking like a pretty busy one as well so please read on to find out the latest information.



World Book Day

What a fun day we had! Thank you all so much for making the effort with costumes and participating in the parade and 'Stay and Read'. Your children looked fab, and it was lovely to welcome so many parents into the school. The children had a brilliant day and our focus on books and a love for reading was well received by all. We were even treated to a workshop by our resident illustrator Mrs Robinson! I often walk around the school and feel pride for the children and staff as I see learning taking place. World Book Day was an awesome example of this and captured the variety of experiences that the children have at Silchester. There was acting, playing, clay, craft, singing, computing and of course lots of reading! Thank you for supporting this occasion in this way.



Workshops for Parents

As part of the collaboration, we are extremely grateful to benefit from the expertise of our Educational Psychologist, Dr Sara Freitag. We have asked her to run a couple of workshops for our Silchester community, details below. These events needed by exclusive for Silchester parents, so should you have any friends or family who may find them helpful, please do invite them to join us. Should you like to attend, please feel free to just turn up and we will welcome you with tea and biscuits!

- **Anxiety Workshop – Monday 25th March – 6pm – 7pm**

We can all suffer with worry and anxiety at times. If your child often struggles with anxiety and you'd like to learn a little more about this, as well as to discuss and share strategies that may support both you and them, please do come along. Dr Sara Freitag will lead the session and provide a forum to problem solve so that we can expand our parent toolkit for helping.

- **Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – Monday 20th May – 9am – 10:30am**

We have asked Sara Freitag to lead a session for parents of looked after and adopted children. This will take the form of information about the impact of trauma and attachments difficulties as well as strategies for supporting regulation and promoting emotional development. We will offer time to problem solve challenging behaviours and hope that it might provide a networking opportunity for parents as well. Please do invite anyone who you think may find this useful.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Positions

We have recently put out an advert to recruit additional staff for a lunchtime supervisory assistant and learning support role. This position will take the form of term time only, Monday-Friday 12pm – 1:30pm. Should you, or anyone you know, wish to apply for the role, please refer to the advert on Education Jobs Hampshire Hantsweb website or use the link below for more information. hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/116559/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRYaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVl



Mothering Sunday Service

St Mary's Silchester will be holding a family friendly Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 10th March starting at 10am. The lovely Reverend Karen is keen that children attend, and they are invited to get involved with the service. Our year 5 Worship Ambassadors have written a prayer of gratitude for those that care for us and will be reading it as part of the service.

KS2 Pilgrimage

On the afternoon of **Tuesday 12th March, Years 3 -6** will be taking a pilgrimage to St Mary's Church, Silchester, for a service lead by Reverend Karen and Em (who leads our school ambassadors). This pilgrimage forms an important part of our church school distinctiveness as well as giving the children a special experience. Since the walk to the church is very muddy, it is essential that children bring **wellies** as well as a **waterproof coat**.

School Concert

On Wednesday 13th March we will be holding a school concert for all our pupils. This is an opportunity for our school choir, and pupils that learn an instrument, to perform to the rest of the school. If your child learns an instrument in school and has been invited to perform, their teacher has already talked to them about this and is helping them to prepare. If your child learns an instrument outside of school and would like to take part in this, please let Mrs Webb know, via the school office.

Red Nose Day

As I am sure you are aware, Red Nose Day is happening on Friday 15th March. The School Council have voted for us to recognise this charity as a way for us to live out our Compassion Value.

Red Nose Day's theme is 'do something funny for money!' Money raised will go towards helping communities to fight poverty here in the UK and around the world.



We would like to encourage our children to wear their own clothes on Friday 15th March and School Councillors will be on the gate in the morning to collect any donations in a bucket. The children may choose to wear red or wear 'funny' clothes/noses/hair accessories etc.

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 12 th March	KS2 Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church – please bring wellies and a waterproof coat
Wednesday 13 th March	School concert (pupils only)
Thursday 14 th March	KS2 Eco Councillors Collaboration Trip to Ewhurst Park
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – School Council will share more details about non-school uniform nearer the time.
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Easter Disco
Monday 25 th March	Anxiety Workshop for parents – 6pm – 7pm
Monday 25 th – Thursday 28 th March	WOW Week to The Arts Thursday 28 th March – all children will attend a drumming workshop
Wednesday 27 th March at 1.30pm and Thursday 28 th March at 9.30am	Easter Worships for parents – Year 3/4
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term – Break up for Easter Holidays.
Monday 15 th April	First day back to school after Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	9am – 10:30am = Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children.
Friday 10 th May	PTA Family Quiz – booking via PTA Facebook Page
Monday 20 th May	Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – 9am – 10:30am

I really hope that you and your families have a lovely weekend together and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Kind Regards,

Rachel Moir