



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

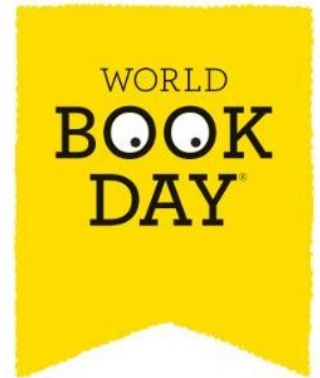
I can't believe we are already at the end of our second week back! It has been a real pleasure this week to observe English being taught across the school and to read some of the fabulous writing that your children have produced. The children were all very enthusiastic about their current learning journeys for writing and keen to share their hard work. I look forward to reading their final pieces.

Over the next few weeks we have a number of events coming up...

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will celebrate World Book Day and our love of reading by asking children to come into school that day dressed as a book character. There is no need to buy anything additional; raiding fancy dress boxes will most likely result in some identifiable character or just bringing a book or prop is fine also.

If you are able to stay for a little while after drop-off this day, we would love to invite you to join for our **Fancy-Dress Parade** out on the back playground so that the children can show off their costumes. We will also take this opportunity to invite you in a little earlier before pick up (2:45pm) for a **'Stay and Read'** event in the hall. Just as last term, we will set up a load of comfy spaces and bring in some books for you to snuggle up and share a book before home time.



### **Mothering Sunday Service**

St Mary's Silchester will be holding a family friendly Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10am. The lovely Reverend Karen is keen that children attend, and they are invited to get involved with the service.

### **KS2 Pilgrimage**

On the afternoon of **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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). Since the walk to the church is very muddy, it is essential that children bring **wellies** as well as a **waterproof coat**. Please could we ask that you check your child's footwear in advance of this trip, in case a new purchase is required!

### **School Concert**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mobile Phones

Children in Year 6 are allowed to bring their phones in if they need them for after school. Phones must be switched off and handed in to the office for the school day and then collected at the end of the day. Please note that whilst we're happy to keep the phones securely in the office, the school can't accept any responsibility for loss, damage etc.

## Red Nose Day

As I am sure you are aware, Red Nose Day is happening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Costume Parade – after drop off (9:05am) Read with me – before pick up (2:45pm)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 science trip to QMC – packed lunch required
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket taster day for all children in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church – please bring wellies and a waterproof coat
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School concert (pupils only)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Eco Councillors Collaboration Trip to Ewhurst Park
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – School Council will share more details about non-school uniform nearer the time.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA Easter Disco
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	WOW Week to The Arts Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March – all children will attend a drumming workshop

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm and Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am	Easter Worships for parents – Year 3/4
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term – Break up for Easter Holidays.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back to school after Easter Holidays
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Family Quiz – booking via PTA Facebook Page

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,

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