



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

Well, what a colourful and exciting week we've had at Silchester! The purpose of this newsletter is to just share how wonderful your children and our community is.

### **Stay and Read**

It was so lovely to have so many parents join us for our 'Stay and Read' session this morning. It was a joy to see you snuggled up and enjoying a story with your children and a great way to start our day. Thank you to those who were able to join, it was a really special time – we hope that you enjoyed it as much as us! Throughout the hour, the children also enjoyed lots of book-based activities in class and shared their passion for reading. We'll repeat this event in the Spring Term as a 'Read and Home' for the end of the school day!

### **Forest Schools**

Year 1 have enjoyed their first few weeks at Forest School. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Prickett have organised lots of fun (and sometimes muddy!) adventurous experiences for the children. They've had hot chocolates around the fire and Mrs Mitchell has been really proud of how sensible the children have been with their risk taking.



### **Enrichment and Wow Weeks**

Also attached with this week's newsletter is our Silchester School Enrichment Plan. This document was created by the teachers and maps out lots of the additional and exciting aspects of our school curriculum. Childhood is a magical time, and we hope that by offering those type of experiences that create memories and spark imagination, that we will inspire our children's learning in the best way possible. This document is not set in stone and may be subject to changes due to either booking opportunities or budgetary constraints. However, with that proviso in place, we still thought it worth sharing so that you can see what we hope to achieve for enrichment this year. The enrichment plan also highlights the additional provision that we can put in place thanks to all your hard work fundraising with the PTA last year. Wherever possible, we try to keep costs down to a minimum and the WOW weeks and transportation for several of these events are sponsored by our PTA to enable us to do so.

## PTA

Speaking of the PTA... huge thanks for organising the Christmas Jumper Sale after school today. We really do appreciate the time and effort you put into organising an event to this. It was our first taste of Christmas Cheer (and yummy mulled wine!) It was a great way to start off the season and hopefully many of you managed to grab a bargain Christmas Jumper at the same time as raising funds for the school.

## Upcoming Key Dates

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm – walk to collect our Christmas Tree – (see PTA Facebook page for more info)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Victorian Day – don't forget your costumes!
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 trip to QMC – remember to bring a packed lunch if you haven't already ordered one from school, and don't forget your water bottles!
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 and Year 4 Pilgrimage to Church – don't forget your wellies!
Friday 1st December	Friday 1st December PTA Christmas Market
Sunday 3rd December	10am Church Service at St Mary's the Virgin to welcome Mrs Moir
Sunday 3rd December	PTA Santa's Grotto
Friday 8th December	Flu Immunisations
Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity
Tuesday 12th December	6pm Carol Concert
Thursday 14th December	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15th December	Last Day before Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a great weekend and if I don't see you on our Christmas Tree Walk, I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday,

Kind Regards,

*Rachel Moir*

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