



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.



Anti-Bullying Week

The children have been out in force and 'making some noise' in support of national Anti-Bullying Week. There have been odd socks galore! Our worships this week have focused on bullying. We've used our values to teach the importance of compassion for others, courage to stand up for what is right and respect for ourselves and for others.

Children in Need

Our School Councillors organised a treat of a day today for Children In Need. Everyone enjoyed being in their jammies and spotty clothes. Our councillors utilised their maths skills at playtime to count up all of your generous donations and we are delighted to report that Silchester School will be donating £320.25 to help support Children In Need. Thank you all so much, this will make a real difference to others.



Enrichment and Wow Weeks

Our staff meeting this week was focused on enrichment. It was really exciting to hear about all of the trips, visitors and experiences that our teachers are planning for our children. We are putting together an enrichment plan in order to share an overview with you. We are also introducing 'WOW Weeks' at Silchester. These will be where we can focus as a school on a particular area or subject. Our first one will be a WOW Week for Wellbeing to help kick start 2024. We are planning, relaxation, yoga, buddies and all sorts of other exciting things – more information to follow before the end of term.



PTA

Our PTA are a wonderful group of parents who organise exciting fundraising events to contribute to the experiences that our children access at school. This week, they have gifted us with a brilliant selection of books that celebrate diversity in all of its forms. These special books will be added to our school library for our children to enjoy. The PTA also ran a film night this evening and the children have just left, happy, bouncy, tired and set for a good weekend! Thank you so much to everyone who has given up their time to support us – it is really appreciated.

Stay and Read

If you are free and able, then all parents are invited to our 'Stay and Read' event on Friday. This will be a low-key affair organised to prioritise and promote reading for pleasure. Parents are welcome to come into school with their children (after drop off and register!) to share a story together. We will set up cozy reading spaces and provide lots of books. Please feel free to drop in and share a story at school to start off the day.

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 24th November	9am Stay and Read Event
Friday 24th November	PTA Christmas Jumper Jumble Sale
Sunday 26 th November	2pm – walk to collect our Christmas Tree – (see PTA Facebook page for info)
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 th December	Nativity
Tuesday 12th December	6pm Carol Concert
Thursday 15th December	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15th December	Last Day before Christmas Holidays

Wishing you all a great weekend and looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday,

Kind Regards,

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