



# SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome Back! I do hope that you all enjoyed your half term holidays and that your children have enjoyed their first week back to school. It has been so lovely to welcome them all back and school has felt very settled, calm and purposeful.

### Learning Overviews

Please see the additional document that outlines the learning that will take place in every year group this term. As well as including this as an attachment, you can also now find these overviews on our school website under the tab Our Community – Parents

### Home Learning

We encourage our families to support their children with additional learning at home. This will now take the following form:

**Reading** – Regular reading is the best way to further progress in reading. Every child has a reading record to detail when they are reading. How this is recorded will naturally vary according to age and ability. Younger children may require parents and school staff to record times they've read in their reading records. Older children will be encouraged to keep their own records. The books that your child brings home from school will vary also. Early readers will be bringing home a book at their reading level, they may also bring home a library book of their choice. Some of these books may be at a higher level to their reading ability but this is encouraged to enable children to be read to or to share reading with an adult to increase their enjoyment of reading.

We are implementing a reading reward initiative to encourage regular home reading. Children who read every day will be entered into a weekly draw to win a book to take home. Tiredness affects us all, so some days, a few sentences, paragraph or page may be sufficient! We have a selection of children's books for prizes which will be updated regularly. Any child who wins a book prize will also be praised as part of our Friday's celebration worship.

**Spelling** – your child will be given weekly spellings to practice at home.

**Maths** – Children in years 2-6 have an individual login to the website TT Rock Stars. This website provides your child with an interactive way of practicing their times tables. Their login details can be found in your child's reading record. If you have any difficulties with logging in, please speak to your child's class teacher who has a record of all details.

**Home Learning Grids** - Home learning enable children to enhance their school learning with additional, fun home learning experiences. There are no set expectations, rather opportunities for you to support your child's learning. There are a variety of different types of activities that will hopefully suit all learning styles. All activities are given at once, to enable you to choose when and how this fits into your family life. It also gives you the opportunity to plan and therefore negates the chance of a last-minute dash to build a castle etc! All home learning brought into school will be celebrated and rewarded with praise, house points and or stickers.

### School Council

We would like to start up our school council. A school council provides a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions that impact upon them. They will have regular meetings with Mrs Sam Rolfe (our church school leader), to represent the views of their class and to contribute to ideas for school improvement and practical ways for us to live out our Christian values. If your child would like to be nominated as a school council member, we will ask them to speak to their class explaining why they would be good

for this role. Votes will occur in classes on Wednesday and we can announce our elected members by the end of the week.

### School Photos

Just a reminder that our school photos will be taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. You have received an additional email with further details. Remember to shine your best smile!

### Remembrance Day

In order to commemorate Remembrance Day, we will be holding a short service by the Silchester War Memorial on Friday. School staff will walk children from year 5 and 6 over for a service led by Reverend Karen West.

### Key Dates for November/December

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photos
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying week and Odd Socks Day!
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	6pm Phonics Workshop for Parents – YrR and Yr1
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Movie Night
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9am Stay and Read Event
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Jumper Jumble Sale
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Christmas Market
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10am Church Service at St Mary's the Virgin to welcome Mrs Moir
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTA Santa's Grotto
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Carol Concert
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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,

*Rachel Moir*

Rachel Moir

Head of School