

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

It has been a week of trips this week! Chestnut and Beech Class enjoyed exploring our solar system within the planetarium at Winchester Science Museum, Hazel Class experienced the climate, flora and fauna at The Living Rainforest, and our Ladybirds ventured out on the minibus to Tadley Library. All of these additional experiences are planned to enhance the learning occurring in school and give our children opportunities to expand their cultural capital. As you can see from the photos below, they also had fun!





Parents Evenings

A letter went out this week advertising our Spring Term Parents Evenings which are taking place on Monday 10th and Thursday 13th February. This is an opportunity for you to speak with your child's class teacher and update you on their progress. We are using sign-up sheets outside the classrooms for parents to book their appointments. We do appreciate that this method is not ideal for working parents and you are welcome to request appointments via the school office. It is preferable for teachers to see as many parents as possible during these evenings, but should you not be able to

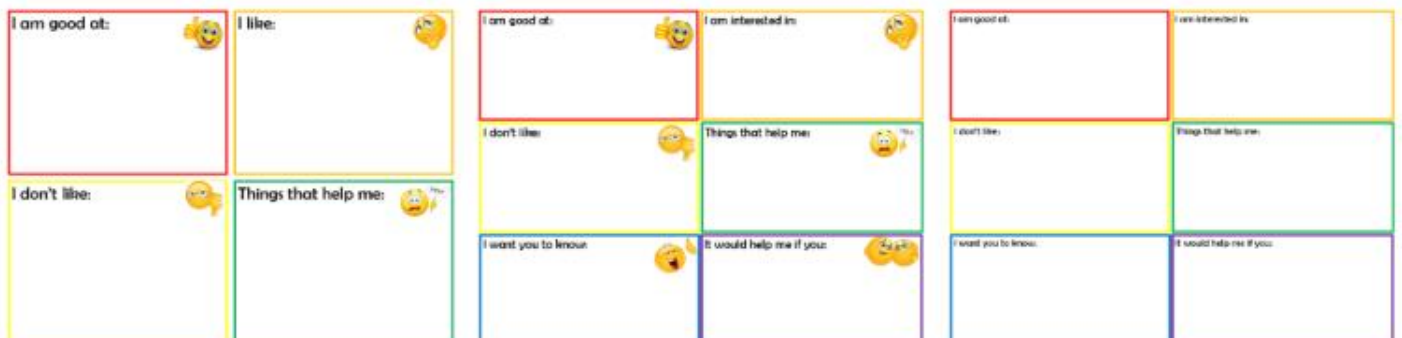
book a slot and wish to arrange for an alternative time, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange.

Pupil Passports

At Silchester, we are introducing Pupil Passports for every child. They are varied to be age-appropriate and are a working document that help to teach children self-awareness as well as sharing information from those that know the child best - parents and teachers. The passports are inclusive and support emotional awareness and expression.

Their purpose is to:

- Improve the experience of education
- Provide an easily accessible way to ensure important information is shared
- Prioritise pupil voice with a child focused approach
- Promote discussions about teaching and learning
- Prioritise relationship between adult and learner
- And to promote awareness of:
 - * Child's strengths and interests to help build positive relationships
 - * Child's needs and potential barriers to learning
 - * Personal strategies and ways to support



You can see what the passports look like above and will have the opportunity to view your own child's passport at parents evening.

However, I have also provided the link to where you can find the original saved on our website (scroll down on the wellbeing page). We really want these documents to be holistic and we would love for you to have an input. Therefore, you are welcome and encouraged to complete one of these passports with your child at home. We know that parents are the experts about their own children, you may find that they are more comfortable talking with you about what they need and how school can help them. Please do share any completed passports with class teachers and we can amalgamate both home and school. We really hope that these prove a useful strategy for all.

[Silchester Church of England Primary School - Wellbeing](#)

Silchester School PTA

BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only

When?
14 Feb 2025

Here's how it works:

Pay £1 for every rule you would like to break, up to a maximum of 5 rules (cash on the day)
*Beware the teachers might break some rules too!!

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PTA Thanks

Many thanks to our PTA and all those involved providing delicious treats for our bake sale last week. A fantastic £257.50 – all of which is wisely spent by our PTA to further enhance the experiences our children can access at school. Also, the Bags2School van left heavy laden on Monday – big thanks to all for using this service.

Break the Rules Day!

Back by popular demand, the last day of term is also the PTA Break the Rules Day. We will reiterate to the children that school rules remain! We are kind, we are safe, we are respectful. However, your children are welcome to break any uniform, snack/drink, toys from home rules for one day only! Please see the poster for more details.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 10 th February and Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day & Cross Country Tournament
Wednesday 12 th February	Ladybirds Class (R) Trip to Blue Reef
Friday 14 th February	PTA Break the Rules Day!
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th February	WOW Week
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – (Costume Sale on 28 th Feb)
Friday 7 th March	Quidditch Tournament!
Monday 10 th March	Tennis Taster Day – ALL to school in PE kits please!
Friday 21 st March	Cricket Taster Day – ALL to school in PE kits please!
Friday 28 th March	School Disco run by the PTA
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend, and I'll look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School



Silchester School PTA

SAVE THE DATE

We've got lots going on so don't forget to add these dates to the diary so you can join in the fun!

14th Feb – Break the Rules Day! Come to school with coloured hair, temporary tattoos or in your pyjamas! £1 donation for each rule broken (up to 5 rules).

25th Feb to 7th March – Coin Wars! Bring in your copper coins and fill up you class bottle to win the battle!

28th March – Easter Discos. YR, 1, 2 & 3 3:15-5:00. Y4, 5 & 6 5:30-7:00. Tickets available through the PTA website from 7th March (volunteers required)

17th May – Family Evening. Save the date for a family barn dance/disco/music event with BBQ. Stay tuned for more details.

6th June – Silchester's Got Talent. TBC

4th July – Children's Inflatable Fun Day. During school hours (no donation required)

11th July – Rainbow Run. TBC

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more info
www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/index.cfm
www.facebook.com/groups/ptasilchesterschool

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SILCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Member of the Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils

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VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK / RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Silchester Parish Council is seeking to appoint a suitably experienced person with excellent administrative skills to undertake the day-to-day management of the council's business.

15 hours per week, hours flexible, to include some evening meetings (approximately 1-2 per month)

Work from home (equipment supplied and office allowance paid).

Be available to attend the monthly meeting held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Must have good written and verbal communication skills, be very organised and self-motivated. Computer literate, with previous experience of Microsoft office preferable.

The role will also involve maintaining the financial records of the council and preparing monthly accounts (Rialtas Software package used), must be happy with numbers and excel spreadsheets.

Relevant Local Government qualifications / experience an advantage but not essential as training will be provided.

Salary will be dependent upon ability and experience. The lowest starting pay band is SCP 7. [SLCC | Local Government Pay Claim 2024/25 Update – Pay Rates](#)

The council has seven elected members with an electorate of circa seven hundred and fifty. This is a tremendous opportunity for an individual wishing to work at the heart of Silchester's community affairs.

To apply, please send your CV by Friday 14th February to:

Chris Gunnell – clerk@silchester-pc.gov.uk

If you would like any more information regarding the role, please contact Chris on 07470 809086.

Silchester Rainbows

Silchester Rainbows are looking for more members. If you have a girl aged between 4 to 7 and would like them to attend, please see the poster for more information.



'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'

Matilda



1st Silchester Rainbows
Village Hall - Mondays

Girls play, learn and have tons of fun
for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.



Registered charity number: Excepted from registration

Join a local Rainbows group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)