



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

We made it to through January – the longest month of the year by at least three months! The days are already getting longer and spring is just around the corner.



Year 6 Athletics

This week, some of our year 6s went to Costello School in Basingstoke to take part in an athletics event with nine other schools.

The children really enjoyed competing in javelin, sprint, relay, long jump, triple jump, target throwing, chest pushes and speed bounce.

They worked hard, were focused, encouraged each other and showed great sportsmanship. We are very proud of them all.

Many thanks to Miss Dadral for organising and for the parents who helped us to get there. It was a fantastic opportunity for our budding athletes.

Support Our School

Silchester Church of England Primary School

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SILCHESTER HAS A THRIVING CHURCH-AIDED SCHOOL, BUT IT NEEDS ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ITS STUDENTS

YOU CAN HELP ENSURE EVERY STUDENT HAS ALL THEY NEED FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF LEARNING

SCAN THE QR CODE TO HELP ENSURE OUR SCHOOL AND ITS STUDENTS CONTINUE TO THRIVE

www.silchesterschool.org
www.silchesterchurch.co.uk

Amazon Wish List

We wanted to say a HUGE public thank you for the incredible outpouring of blessings to our school this week via the Amazon Wish List set up by St Mary's Church. As you can see from below...



... it has been a big success and made an enormous difference to the resources we have available to support children's learning and play. There remains absolutely no presumption, request or expectation that you contribute, but details are here should you wish to, with much gratitude.

<https://amzn.eu/diet9uj>



PTA Bake Sale

Friday 31st January

3:15pm in the school hall

Please join us in the hall after school on 31st Jan to share a sweet treat and raise funds for the PTA!
Cash only please.

Home baked or store bought, big or small, all donations welcome!

Please bring donations to the year 4 classroom (corner of the playground opposite the climbing frame) in the morning of 31st Jan.



Big Emotions!

We had the first of two opportunities to attend a Primary Behaviour Service workshop last week. Many parents found the presentation interesting and came away with some strategies, tricks and tools to try at home.

We will be repeating this workshop at school on Friday 7th February starting at 9:15am. Should you know parents from other schools who would also be interested in joining, please feel free to invite them – all are welcome.

Bags2School

If you're having a clear out, Bags2School is coming up on Monday 3rd February. Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed by leaving your bags in the bike shed. I was delighted to clear out my wardrobe last weekend!

PTA Bake Sale

Our wonderful PTA are holding a Bake Sale in the school hall after school **today**. Please do pop in to buy a cake or two (cash only).

All proceeds go to our PTA who fund experiences and enhance opportunities for our children's education in school.

Many thanks to all involved – can't wait!



Primary Behaviour Service

Workshop for Parents

BIG EMOTIONS

Does your child have big emotions?!

Whatever emotions your child may struggle with, anxiety, excitement, anger or overwhelm, it is always useful to have some tools in your parent toolkit! The Primary Behaviour Service are offering a free workshop for parents to share theory, practical strategies and suggestions for supporting your child with their emotions. Please do join us for one of the sessions below.

No need to book, just turn up. All are welcome.

Thursday 23rd January - 6:15pm – 7:45pm

or

Friday 7th February - 9:15am – 10:45am

At Silchester Church of England Primary School



SILCHESTER PTA PRESENTS



1-2-3-4 WE DECLARE A COIN WAR

25th February – 7th March

Copper Rules & Silver Steals

Gain points for your class (and fundraise for the PTA) by adding 1p & 2p coins to your class bottle.

BUT WATCH OUT!!!!!!

Other classes can steal your points by sneaking silver coins (5p, 10p, 20p & 50p) in your bottle (these will be deducted from your class total).

The competition will run for 2 weeks and the winning class will receive a movie afternoon as a treat.



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.

Coin Wars!

The PTA are going to be running a coin war at school over the first two weeks back after half-term. Please see the poster for more details in preparation to clear out your copper!

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 31 st January	PTA Bake Sale in the hall after school
Monday 3 rd February	Bags2School Collection
Monday 3 rd February	Chestnut Class (1/2) Trip to Science Museum
Tuesday 4 th February	Beech Class (5) Trip to Science Museum
Wednesday 5 th February	Hazel Class (1/2) Trip to The Living Rainforest
Friday 7 th February	9:15am - Workshop for parents – Big Emotions led by PBS (Primary Behaviour Service)
Friday 7 th February	Ladybirds (R) Trip to Tadley Library
Monday 10 th February and Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
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
Friday 28 th February	World Book Day Costume Sale
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Quidditch Tournament!
Friday 28 th March	School Disco run by the PTA

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

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Head of School



SILCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

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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.