

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

Ladybirds Superhero Day

Our ladybirds had Super-duper Super Day yesterday. Amongst many other things, they excelled clambering over, under and through their super-hero obstacle course; made Peter Parker Popcorn and Batman Bread; and loved creating their own Spiderman web by launching cottonwool onto a door frame full of sticky-tape! Many thanks to our very own super-hero wonder women Mrs Dowling and Mrs Heeks.



Oak Class Collage

Year 6 were delighted to show off their collages this week. It was great to see how creative and individual they have been. It was also great to see how proud they were of their creations! So much so, that below is a collage of their collages for you to enjoy!





Amazon Wish List

The congregation at St Mary's Church Silchester, led by the fabulous Reverend Karen, have asked for a way to practically support our school. As such, they have set up an Amazon Wish List for the teachers to add to. The English awkwardness akin to a John Lewis wedding list is present! Yet, periodically through the week little blessings have arrived to school and it has made such a difference. You would be surprised at just how much joy a glue stick or a working whiteboard pen gives a teacher! There is absolutely no presumption, request or expectation that you contribute, but some parents have requested that we share the link with them also, so here it is below and on the poster.

<https://amzn.eu/diet9uj>

Banned Items

Please can we ask that you don't let your children bring in chewing gum or cards (football/Pokémon/ and the popular uno reverse card!) The chewing gum can pose a health and safety risk within class and the cards just cause upset children when


they are inevitably lost or traded unfairly. All of these problems can be solved by them doing this sort of activity outside of school. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

On a similar vein, please may I also remind you that our uniform policy regarding jewellery states that "No jewellery except small plain stud earrings to be worn during school." Recently, some children have been wearing chains which pose a risk and hence aren't allowed in school. Sorry, thanks and love!

Big Emotions!

We had the first of two opportunities to attend a Primary Behaviour Service workshop this 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.



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





PTA Bake Sale - Who doesn't love a cake?!

On Friday 31st January, our wonderful PTA are going to be holding a Bake Sale in the school hall after school. If you are able to contribute any cakes or bakes, all donations of will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

The PTA will be collecting 'the goods' from Maple Class in the morning of the sale and then all are welcome to come into the hall after school to start your weekend off with a treat!

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!

Also – if you're having a clear out, Bags2School is coming up on Monday 3rd February.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 27 th January	Year R Height/Weight measurements with School Nurse
Thursday 30 th January	Athletics Competition
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)
Monday 10 th February and Thursday 13th February	Parents Evenings <i>Please note date change to Thursday due to a clash with training.</i>
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 28 th March	School Disco run by the PTA

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

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
 Head of School

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