



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

It has been a busy week at Silchester (as ever!) but full of learning, laughter and life experiences!

Remembrance Day

On Monday our year 5 and 6 pupils joined some members of our local community, soldiers and Revered Karen for a remembrance service at the war memorial. It was a special time where we remembered all those who have given their lives in service. The children were respectful throughout and it was a privilege to hear from the armed servicemen present about their service.



Children in Need

Many thanks to you all for your support and donations for Children in Need. As I'm sure you're aware, they are an excellent charity that do so much for children who need it the most. It is heartwarming to see the school councillors, children and school community demonstrating their compassion – and they look pretty cool in their spots too! Together, we have managed to raise £245.93 - thank you.

Christmas Tree Walk

Rich Edwards has kindly offered to lead us in the annual tradition of gathering our school Christmas Tree. On **Wednesday 20th November**, we will meet outside the school gates at 3:15pm, walk into the woods to chop down our tree and bring it back to school to be decorated. Parents will be required to accompany their children on this walk. It is a lovely occasion, and it would be great for you to join us if you're able.



Eco Trip to Ewhurst Park



On Wednesday, our School Captains, Eco Councillors and School Councillors from Year 5 and 6 went on a trip to Ewhurst Park. Mrs Rolph organised the occasion for the children and was invited by Ewhurst in a celebration of the fact their resident beaver couple have had two kits! Whilst there, the children learnt about the importance of conservation and sustainability. Whilst there, we saw videos of the Beavers, learnt about their ecological benefits, made bug hotels and saw evidence of their dam building skills and lodge chimneys. A few of the children were even lucky enough to see a baby beaver pop its head above the water!



Hazel Class – Meet the teacher

As shared with all recently, Mrs Hunter is now teaching in Hazel Class (Year 2/3). We'd like to invite all parents of children in that class to come in for an informal chat to meet Mrs Hunter. Anyone able, is welcome to pop in after school on **Tuesday 21st November** for introductions, information sharing, and a look around the classroom.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Next week is national road safety week so our Junior Road Safety Officers will be leading a worship to share information about how to keep safe when out on the roads. Additionally, they will be selling fluorescent slap bands for donations on the gate after school on Friday 22nd November.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR!

I do hope that you've all saved the date for our Christmas Fair. It promises to be a really special event for the school. Our wonderful PTA have put so much effort into planning an occasion full of stalls, games, activities, grotto, raffle, tombola and all of the Christmas bells and whistles! Our School Choir will also be performing, so do join us for a singalong!

Upcoming events for the rest of this term are:

- Saturday 23rd November = Christmas Fair
- From Monday 25th November = Receiving donations for The Christmas Market.
- Friday 6th December = PTA Christmas Market for children in school.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 18 th November	Road Safety Week – Junior Road Safety Officers leading worship
Tuesday 21 st November	Hazel Class Parents – Meet the teacher
Wednesday 20 th November	Christmas Tree Walk
Friday 22 nd November	JRSO's selling fluorescent slap bands after school – Be Bright Be Seen!
Saturday 23 rd November	PTA Christmas Fair – SAVE THE DATE!
From 25 th November	Receiving donations for the Christmas Market
Friday 6 th December	Year R Theatre Trip – funded by our PTA
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Market
Wednesday 11 th December	Nativity
Thursday 12 th December	
Wednesday 11 th – Friday 13 th	Year 5 residential to Ufton Court



December	
Tuesday 17 th December	6pm – 7pm Christmas Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner at School
Thursday 19 th December	Chestnut and Hazel Class – Nativity Trail with the church
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term and break up for Christmas Holidays

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

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