



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

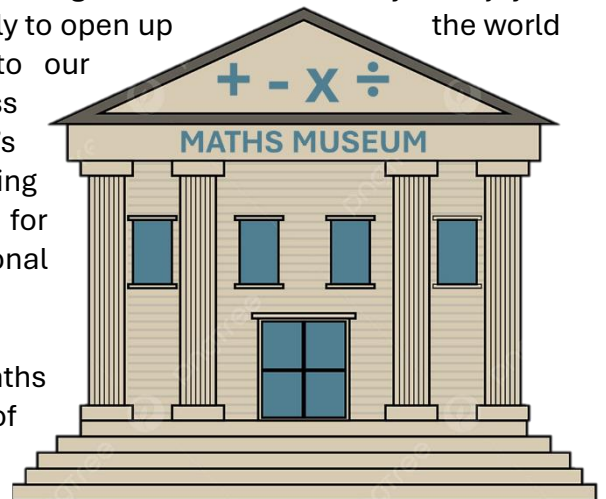
A warm welcome back to the start of our second Autumn Term and the first of our newsletters!

WOW Week for Maths

This week, the children have enjoyed their WOW Week for Maths, it has been lovely to see them immersed in number and shape. The children have been learning about shape and art in maths, using problem solving skills to solve investigations and researched famous women in maths.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the LEGO Workshop which was led by the Junior STEM Project. It was great to see their coding, construction and thinking in action as they all enjoyed making their Lego creations come to life. It has been so lovely to open up the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to our children and are extremely grateful to Miss Dodson and Miss Ouazzani for organising and to our wonderful PTA who's fundraising enables these enriching experiences. As ever during a WOW Week, there is too much going on to share here, so for photos of what we've been up to, please see the additional montage attached.

Maths Museum – to finish the week, we are creating a Maths Museum in the hall so that the children can exhibit some of their work. Should you be available to do so, please pop into the hall after pick up **today** to have a look around.



Learning Overviews, Home Learning Grids and Spelling Overviews

Attached with this newsletter are the Autumn 2 Learning Overviews, Spelling Overview and Home Learning Grids for the whole school. We hope that it will be useful to have everything in one place and they are also available on our website. Please do have a look through to find out what your children are learning about in school this term and discover some ways in which you can support their learning at home.



Remembrance Day

On Monday it is Remembrance Day. We will be commemorating this by having a focus and silence during our whole school worship on Monday. The children of Beech and Oak Class (Year 5 and 6) have also been invited to join a special Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Silchester starting at 10:45am. Reverend Karen will lead us in the service and some of the children will be taking part too. As they will be standing outside, please make sure that children have warm coats with them.

Eco Trip to Ewhurst Park

On Wednesday next week, our School Captains, Eco Councillors and School Councillors from Year 5 and 6 will be going on a trip to Ewhurst Park. All parents of the children going should have already received an email with further details. They will be conducting some field study and learning about sustainability as well as (hopefully) catching site of their new beaver cubs! We'll show you all about it next week.



Children in Need



Children in Need is on **Friday 15th November**. Our School Councillors thought that this would be a good opportunity to demonstrate compassion to others and as such we would like to mark this as a school and give the children a chance to contribute to the charity.

To keep things simple and affordable, children can come to school wearing comfy or spotty clothes. This year, Children In Need is working to 'Help us make life lighter for children' with their

signature 'be SPOTacular' appeal. We would ask that in return, children bring in a donation that we can collect in school to send to the charity as part of their annual fundraiser. The School Councillors and I will be on the gate with buckets on Friday morning to collect any donations.

PTA Notices

Upcoming events for the rest of this term are:

- Friday 8th November = Non-School Uniform Day – collecting items for the tombola.
- Saturday 23rd November = Christmas Fair (see further information below).
- From Monday 25th November = Receiving donations for The Christmas Market.
- Friday 6th December = PTA Christmas Market for children in school.

Upcoming Key Dates

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| Friday 8 th November | Maths Museum – directly after school today! |
| Monday 11 th November | Remembrance Service at War Memorial (Yr5/6) |
| Wednesday 13 th November | Yr5/6 School & Eco Council Trip to Ewhurst |
| Thursday 14 th November | Open Morning for children starting Year R in 2025 |
| Friday 15 th November | Children in Need |
| Monday 18 th November | Road Safety Week – Junior Road Safety Officers leading worship |
| 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! |

JOIN US FOR THE
**SILCHESTER
 SCHOOL
 PTA
 CHRISTMAS
 FAIR**
 SATURDAY
 23RD NOVEMBER
 3-6PM
 SILCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL
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FACE PAINTING TOMBOLA RAFFLE

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| 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 Thursday 12 th December | Nativity |
| Wednesday 11 th – Friday 13 th December | Year 5 residential to Ufton Court |
| 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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