



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

As well as being the final of this first Autumn Term (early due to our INSET day tomorrow), this newsletter serves to share some of the learning the children have been in their classes this year. We hope that you enjoy hearing about what they've been up to!

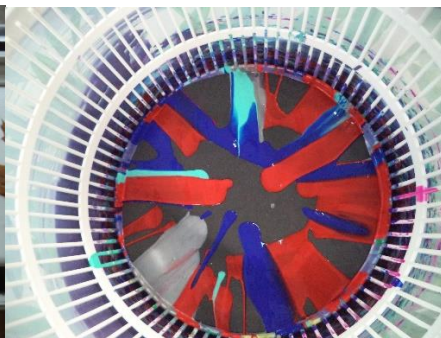
Mrs Dowling says...

Wow! What an incredible first half term! I don't think we could have fitted in anymore if we tried! From creating new friendships, to learning about autumn, to embracing the rain to learning about Mexico, Ladybirds have taken absolutely everything in their stride. Such an enjoyable half term and we can't wait for the next!



Miss Dodson says...

Wow! And just like that, our first term is already over...! The children have settled in amazingly well and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know them all so much better across the weeks. We have had so much fun and have packed this half term full of learning... We have loved exploring all about the seasons (and making seasonal art!), the weather (making rain gauges and windsocks!), the world we live in (the continents, the equator, the North Pole and the South Pole!), the story of Rapunzel, our number bonds to 10 and 20... the list goes on!! I am so proud of them and am looking forward to another packed term after the holidays 😊



Mrs Hammill and Mrs Webb say...

I can't believe it was only 8 weeks ago that Mrs Webb and I welcomed our new class back from the summer holidays and what a busy few weeks it has been! The children have enjoyed exploring the language in 'The Night box', creating their own alliteration, onomatopoeia and similes.

The children have also shown their creative sides in R.E and Art creating their own mini torahs and sukkas and making their own artworks inspired by Vincent VanGogh.

We have used our rulers to measure accurately and been counting coins and giving change in maths. The children have been trying so hard with their handwriting, with several parents commenting at parents evening that they noticed an improvement. The children have enjoyed finding out about different Biomes, culminating in a trip to our own Temperate Forest Biome. The highlights of our walk were a friendly duck and fungi – oh, and getting back to school and resting our weary legs!



Mrs Cook and Mrs Forrester say...

Wow, what a jam packed half term we have had in Year 4. In English we have been reading Harry Potter and writing our own 'howlers' to the characters. Our history topic has been about The Romans in Silchester - we have discovered how Silchester developed and changed while The Romans were here, and we had a brilliant day exploring Reading Museum and finding out more about Roman life. Our science topic has been all about states of matter - we have had a great time heating and cooling substances, but our favourite (and messiest!) activity was making 'oobleck' which we discovered can act as both a solid and a liquid. Our featured artist in art has been Georgia O'Keefe and we hope that you enjoyed looking at our art pieces inspired by her in our gallery.



Mrs Pulford says...

We have had a super start to the year in Year 5! In English our theme has been 'What makes someone extraordinary?' and we have been inspired by women who dared to follow their dreams as well as finding out about inspirational Black figures who helped to shape the world. In art, we have been inspired by 'Vincent van Gogh' and have recreated some of his works and used some of his techniques creating some amazing still life pictures. In Geography we have researched ways of using sustainable fuels and the best ways to generate energy sustainably.

In Maths, we have been deepening our understanding of place value and have had fun investigating multiples, factors and prime numbers. Our science topic has been to investigate materials.



Miss Dadral says...

Year 6 have had an incredible start to their final year at Silchester. I am extremely proud to be their teacher and build relationships with them. There have been copious amounts of standout moments for us as a class but the one that I cherish is our PGL trip. I was wowed by how the children demonstrated resilience and pushed themselves in tackling their fears. I was blown away.

The class have thoroughly enjoyed our recent book 'Street Child'. They have re written parts of the story and added their own flair to each section. Our maths lessons have been going from strength to strength and

they have persevered with long division, BIDMAS and adding fractions.

I look forward to seeing them all again after half term where they will have grown up even more!

Art Gallery

After school **today**, we invite you to come and have a look around our Silchester Art Gallery! The children have been studying different artists this term and created some impressive pieces of art inspired by Frida Kahlo, Vincent Van Gogh and Georgia O'Keefe. The children will be displaying their work in the hall so you're most welcome to pop in and explore the gallery.



We will open up the side doors to the hall, so after you've collected your child, please feel free to use this entrance from the playground.



Football

The season has started brilliantly for Silchester! We were so proud of our team who played excellently in their first match and managed to beat Bishopswood 5 goals to 4. A huge well done to them and a big thanks to Miss Dadral for organising. I'm also pleased to share that our wonderful PTA have funded some new sports kit for our school so we will look much more professional when these arrive!



Junior Road Safety Officers

We are excited to introduce you to our new JRSO's - Junior Road Safety Officers.

A team of children from Year 5 joined children online, from many schools across Hampshire to learn about the importance of road safety. They designed their own bright T-shirts and are looking forward to sharing what they have learnt with us in the months ahead. We will kick start this in the week beginning 18th November as it will be the nationwide Road Safety Week. With the clocks going back and evenings getting darker, the Autumn term is the perfect opportunity to highlight the importance of



being seen to traffic. Hampshire's Road Safety Team are running our 'Your Time to Shine' day this year, which coincides with Brake's Road Safety Week. More details from our JRSOs to follow after half term.

WOW Week for Maths

During the week back to school after half term, we will be holding our first WOW Week of the year. This term, we will have a focus on all-things maths. Children will be exploring the themes of:

- Shape in Maths
- Art in Maths
- Maths Investigations
- Famous Women in Maths
- Buddy Maths Museums

The children will also get to take part in a special LEGO Workshop led by the Junior STEM Project in which, the children will build moveable Lego machines. We are so excited to open up and explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to our children and are extremely grateful to Our wonderful PTA who's fundraising enables these enriching experiences. We can't wait to tell you all about it!



Blazing Light Party – Halloween Alternative

Our local children and youth pastor, Sam, is putting on a FREE event for children in years 1-6. The Blazing Light Party is being run for the 2nd year with loads to do from crafts, den building & glowstick games!

Each child will be given a sweet filled goodie bag too!

There are limited spaces, but you can sign up your child here: www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights. See the image attached for more details.”

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.

With one month to go the PTA Christmas Fair planning is well underway.

We have a great selection of market stalls lined up!!

- Crystals In Candlelight
- Soul Spark Silver
- Watts Jewellery
- A Touch of Serenity
- Craft Angels
- IdzyBee Cards
- Animal Serenity
- Candle With Care
- SaxbyHome Artificial Wreaths
- Crafted by Karla - The Fragrant Home
- The Massage Company
- Simba's Simply Natural Treats
- Hedgerow Cheese
- Laura-Lou's Bakes
- VB Distillery
-and more!!



Mobile Dessert Bar & Say Cheese will be serving hot drinks & waffle sticks and loaded nachos. We'll also have Clare Amanda Photography running Christmas mini shoots (no booking needed). The PTA will also run their own stalls selling sweet cones, hot chocolate cones, reindeer poop jars etc., festive fun items for children, 2nd hand Christmas jumpers, mulled wine as well as running lots of fun games, tombola and raffle tables and face painting, tattoos and hair stations. We are hoping for the school choir performance too!

And last but not least - Santa's Grotto with pre-bookable and walk in slots!
We can't wait to see you there!

The PTA

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday 24 th October	Year R Hat Party – 3pm
Thursday 24 th October	Silchester Art Gallery – in the hall after school
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November – Friday 8 th November	WOW Week to Maths
Wednesday 6 th November	Whole School - nasal flu immunisations
Friday 8 th November	PTA Non-School Uniform Day – for collection of tombola items
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at War Memorial (Yr5/6)
Wednesday 13 th November	Yr5/6 School & Eco Council Trip to Ewhurst
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need

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 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
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term and break up for Christmas Holidays

I hope that you and your families have a really great half term holiday, and I'll look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 4th November.

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