



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

What a lovely week it has been at Silchester School! It is lovely to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic. Their teachers have already been exclaiming their praise for the children's learning and attitudes, and for the second week of September – that is pretty impressive!

House Captain Elections

Huge congratulations to **all** the year 6s who put themselves forward for the house captain elections this year. You all spoke with maturity and confidence; we are very proud of you all. Those of you who did not become house captains this year will be given other important, responsible monitoring jobs.

The House Captains for this year are as follows:

Chichester – Casper and Mia
York – Chloe and Lucas
Salisbury – Buddy and Rory
Winchester - Ella and Summer

Introducing...

Please see below a little introduction from our new SENCO Mrs Emily Burningham:

Hello Everybody,

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer holiday and have enjoyed their return to school, despite the bad weather! I wanted to introduce myself to you all. I am the new SENCO for Silchester. I have worked in the collaboration over the past couple of years as a SENCO and am joining Silchester after returning from maternity leave. I will be taking on the role of Executive SENCO, splitting my time between Silchester and Whitewater C of E Primary School. My working days are Monday to Wednesday and I will move between the schools during those days.

Over the next few weeks, I am looking forward to getting to know the children, parents, staff and school! I look forward to meeting some of you in person and working with you to make sure that your child has the best educational journey we can provide.

If you have any questions regarding your child's provision or needs, please speak with their class teacher in the first instance and they can arrange for further communication with me if needed.

Kind Regards:
Emily Burningham
SENCO
Silchester Primary School



Meet the Teachers!

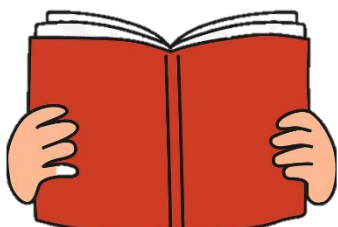
We would like to invite you to come into school on **Monday 23rd September from 2:45pm**. This will be an informal opportunity for you to see your child's new classroom, look at the work they have started this year and to meet their class teacher. We will be having open classrooms to enable your child to show you around. Having seen their class and work, should you wish to take your child home before 3:15pm that day, they will need to be signed out via the front office. We hope that those who are able, will enjoy the opportunity and that it will help you to get a better picture of time at school.

Clearing up spelling queries

Apologies that I garbled the explanation for how spellings will operate this year. The document sent out last week was an overview of the spelling taught for the whole year, but we appreciate this may be overkill! A breakdown for just this half term's spellings can now be found attached with this newsletter email (and on the website). As a few of you had some questions, please read Mrs Webb's much more comprehensive explanation below:

Each half term, a half termly overview grid with your child's spellings will be sent home via email. This breaks down the words that your child will be taught each week, so you know what they need to practise at home. They will be then tested the following week. Your child will also be given their own copy of these words each week. They can practise these at home any way they like, but here are some suggestions:

Look, cover, write, check.	Look at the word and read it, cover the word, write the word, then check their answer.
Rainbow spellings	Practise writing each word in different colours (each letter could be different, or they could write the word large and then go over it in different colours to practise the shapes.)
Pyramid spellings	Write the first letter of the word. On the next line, write the first 2 letters of the word. On the next line, write the first 3 letters of the word etc to create a pyramid.



Reading Raffle

As we hope you are aware, we are keen to encourage children to read at home as much as possible. Hopefully they will soon, if not already, be bringing books home from school. Whenever the children read at home, they can record this in their reading records. All children who read at home

at least three times a week will be entered into the weekly Reading Raffle. This takes place on a Friday and the winners get to choose a prize book to take home and keep. Congratulations to all our Reading Raffle winners!

School Wish List

I really, really hope that this doesn't come across like we are 'on the scrounge'. I know that general school admin/clothing/homework can sometimes feel like a full-time job! Therefore, please never feel that these are demands or expectations, however... we thought that we might sometimes add a school wish list to the newsletter in a similar vein to MarketPlace. You never know, you might be trying to get rid of exactly the sort of thing we're looking for! If you should be able to provide any of the following, they would be gratefully received and put to good use, so please pop into the school office to let us know.

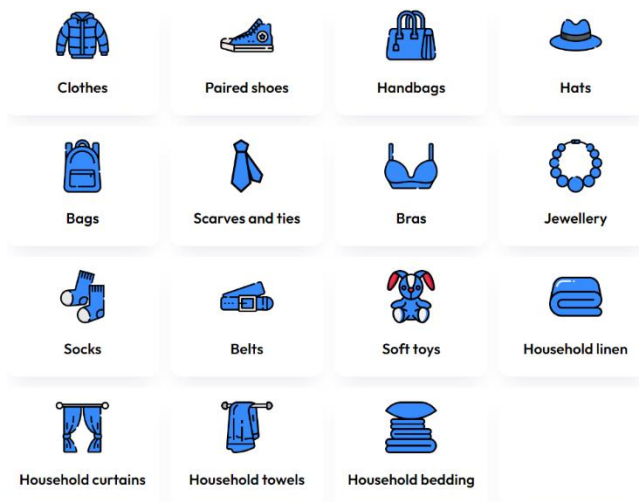


PTA Meeting

Our PTA are an incredible bunch of kind, motivated and positive people! They do such a good job of enriching our school community through providing fun and memorable experiences for our children and raising funds to support our school. Should you be available and keen to do so, their first meeting of the year will take place on **Tuesday 17th September at 8pm** at The Calleva Arms - come along to find out more!

Bags2School

Should you happen to have a clear out over the weekend, we are having another Bags2School collection on **Tuesday 24th September**. Please bag up any of the items pictured and leave under the bike sheds before 9am on Tuesday 24th. All proceeds made by this venture go directly back into enrichment experiences for the children via our wonderful PTA.



PTA Christmas Cards

This week, your child will have brought home a template for them to design their Christmas Cards upon. Should you wish to place an order for any of the items, proceeds will return to school via the PTA. Please see separate email for more details. Huge thanks to Helen Blair for organising this for us. Please return completed designs to school by **Monday 23rd September**



Halloween Alternative

Sam Dunn, Children & Youth Community Pastor, is hosting a blazing lights party again this year.

It is an alternative for kids that don't like Halloween or get a bit scared!

More information can be found here: www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights. Limited spaces are available.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Asda have a campaign whereby you can nominate a school and then every time you use your Reward Card in store, they donate money to schools. We have put ourselves forward, should you be shopping in Asda with a reward card, please do consider adding Silchester School as your preferred school. Many thanks – every little helps! (oops – that's the other one!)



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Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.	Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.	Asda does the rest The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 23 rd September	Meet the teacher – open classrooms from 2:45pm
Tuesday 24 th September	Bags 2 School Collection Day
Tuesday 1 st October	PGL Year 6 Parents information meeting – 3:15pm
Tuesday 1 st October	Year 4 trip to Reading Museum
Friday 4 th October	Harvest – receiving donations for Basingstoke Food Bank
Friday 4 th October	Year 2/3 visit to St Mary’s to decorate for Harvest
Sunday 6 th October	Harvest Festival at St Mary’s Festival
Monday 7 th October – Friday 11 th October	Year 6 PGL Residential
Tuesday 8 th October	Year R – 5 nasal flu immunisations
Thursday 10 th October	5pm – 6pm Phonics Workshop for parents
Tuesday 15 th October	Year 4/5/6 Pilgrimage to St Mary’s (wellies and waterproofs!)
Tuesday 15 th October Wednesday 23 rd October Thursday 14 th October	9am – 10:30am Open Mornings for prospective Year R parents – 25/26 intake
Thursday 17 th October Friday 18 th October	9am – 9:30am Year R parents welcome to Ladybirds Phonics Teaching
Friday 18 th October	Tempest Individual Photos
Friday 18 th October	Year 6 trip to Burnham Copse – Free theatre workshop on creation (after photos!)
Monday 21 st October Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evenings
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 6 nasal flu immunisations
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at War Memorial (Yr5/6)
Saturday 23 rd November	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Market
Wednesday 11 th December Thursday 12 th December	Nativity – apologies that I put October last week - nativity is most definitely December!
Tuesday 17 th December	6pm – 7pm Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term and break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2025	First day back at school for Spring Term
Monday 24 th February 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 21 st July 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	INSET DAY

I hope that you and your families have a really great weekend, and I'll look forward to welcoming you on the gate next week.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School