



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

What a welcome to school the children had this morning to be greeted by gladiators! We are really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the annual colour run after school today. A drizzle of rain will surely add to the fun right?! Don't forget to bring your white t-shirts and shades. Entry on the day is £5 and there will be ice-creams and a bar available. Huge thanks to our PTA for running such a fun event – we can't wait to see the children enjoying it!



### **Buddies!**

As you know, the children have buddies from other year groups. This week, Year 4 and Year R buddied up and helped each other to produce some beautiful artwork of sunflowers.

It was a joy to see the children interacting and supporting each other in this way. Both the older and younger children learnt from each other, and everyone was proud of their final piece.

### **Staffing**

Last week, we were pleased to be able to share the new staffing team for September with you. However, in the letter that went out, we missed off some very important extra details! We are overjoyed that our wonderful Miss Lina Ouazzani will still be part of our Silchester Team next year. Miss Ouazzani will be continuing in her role as Teaching and Learning Lead for two days a week. She will also occasionally be covering classes as required. We are also blessed to welcome Mrs Emily Burningham who will be the new SENCO for Silchester. Mrs Burningham is an experienced SENCO who has previously worked at Bramley School and will be joining us on her return from maternity leave. We will also be enriched for one day a week by Mrs Jo Hunt, who will be taking on the role of an additional SEN support assistant, working closely with Mrs Burningham to enhance provision across the school. Our very own and extremely brilliant Mrs Debs Forrester will be taking on the role of Designated Teacher.

### **PE T-Shirts**

Several parents have asked about the change in PE T-Shirts for September. We will be switching from the royal blue polo shirts to a round neck coloured t-shirt that corresponds to their house colour: **Chichester**, **York**, **Salisbury**, **Winchester**. Ones with the school logo printed on them are available from Skoolkit from £6.50 but these are not essential, and any non-logoed round neck t-shirt (amazon/supermarket) equivalent is also fine.



### Paulton's Park

On Thursday this week, our Year 6s went on a fantastic trip to Paulton's Park. Whilst there, they attended a workshop where they learnt about the physics of rollercoasters and had the opportunity to build their own rollercoasters using K-NEX and used computer programming to make them work. Lots of learning and skills wrapped up with lots of fun! Of course, they also got the chance to ride a few rollercoasters! A huge thanks to the PTA for funding the transport to this trip and of course to Mrs Forrester, Mrs Scott, Mrs Dougall and Mr Ellea for braving the rollercoasters with them!



### Library Books

Lizzie West, who is the best darned volunteer Head Librarian ever, is doing a sterling job of sorting out our library. In preparation for next year, please may we ask that any **school library books** you have at home are **returned to school**. We will be closing the school library for the next few weeks to enable us to conduct an audit of the books and set things up ready for September.



We will be sharing information about the Tadley Library reading challenge with the children next week. The Summer Reading Challenge: Marvellous Makers starts from Saturday 13 July in Hampshire Libraries. All you have to do is read/listen to 6 books and collect rewards.



### PTA Fun Day

We are excited to share that the PTA have funded a Fun Day for the children on Friday 12th July. They have hired lots of inflatables for the children to play on which will be set up on our field. Each class gets an allocated half hour to bounce away! The PTA have also provided ice-lollies for every child to have after their bounce. If you do not want your child to participate using the inflatables or having an ice-lolly, please email the office on admin [adminoffice@silchester.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@silchester.hants.sch.uk) to let us know.

As the inflatables will be set up on the school field on the morning of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, an area of the carpark will need to be coned off to allow access. Apologies for any disruption this may cause.

### Loddon Sports Football Club

Please see the poster below regarding an invitation to join Loddon Sports Football Club. The team is coached by Shane Dowling (Mrs Dowling's husband!)



**Is your son or daughter in Year 2 at school from September 2024?  
Do (or might they) enjoy playing football? If so, why not come and  
join Loddon Sports Under 7s for the 2024/2025 season!**

We are going to be training midweek (outdoors at Everest College) from September 2024 to March 2025 and the at Sherfield Green from April to June 2025. Matches are played on Sunday mornings against Under 7s from other local clubs,

Contact [loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com) if you are interested in your son/daughter joining our friendly club. We are also looking for parents to help run the team, so if you are interested in this, please let us know, we will provide funding for qualifications for this.



St Mary's the Virgin  
Silchester, RG7 2HH

**PET SERVICE**

**10am, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Village Green, Silchester**

Well behaved owners are welcome to attend with their pets!



A service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made.

For further details please visit  
<https://www.silchesterchurch.co.uk> or contact  
Rev Karen West on 07525 494025 / revkarenw24@gmail.com

### Reverend Karen updates!

Please see the poster to the right from Reverend Karen regarding the special Pet Service taking place on the village green this Sunday. The poster below is another call for anyone who may be interested in joining an 'Open the Book' team to share bible stories during our school worships.



*Can YOU help, even if for one hour a month, on a Tuesday afternoon in term time?*

Open the Book is a wonderful initiative which brings Bible stories to life for school children. Silchester School would love to welcome us to their Collective Worship on a Tuesday afternoon between 14.45 and 15.10, even if we are only able to muster a team once a month during term time from September.

No acting Oscars required – the only qualifications are a love of the Lord Jesus, a heart and voice to communicate this and just a little bit of time just once in a while....

Please contact Rev Karen  
(07525 494025 / [revkarenw24@gmail.com](mailto:revkarenw24@gmail.com))  
to find out more/sign up.



A BRIEFING SESSION FOR NEW TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE HELD  
IN SILCHESTER ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 10.00 – 13.00

### Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Rainbow Run on the field – 3:30pm – 4:40pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church (Year 1 and Year 2)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Council meeting for old and new members of School and Eco Council
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 End of Year Performances – The Jungle Book
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Fun Day! In school for the children.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Travelling Theatre Company Production of Oliver Trist for the whole school sponsored by the PTA
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of School before the Summer Holidays
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term

I really hope that you and your families have a wonderful weekend together and I look forward to welcoming you at the gate on Monday.

*Rachel Moir*

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Head of School