



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Our fabulous children (and staff!) of year 6 have made it through SATs week! We are so proud of the children for their attitudes towards their assessments. Throughout every test, the children demonstrated incredible resilience and hard work. Witnessing their perseverance was such a pleasure to see. How proud we all are! Enjoying a delicious delight of breakfast with waffles topped with whipped cream was certainly a highlight to SATs week for the children. We know that there is so much more to your children than how they perform in an academic test and value their unique talents in all areas. We look forward to seeing many more achievements from our year 6s in the rest of this summer term. They children have ended the week looking fabulous in their new leavers hoodies and have been treated to a well-deserved trip to the park and pop-up café this morning!

EYFS Makeover

This week we have seen collaboration in action in our EYFS area. Helpers from AWE are generously reaching out to support community projects with hard graft, gardening, clearing and painting. Wonderful parents are giving up their time to roll up sleeves and help. We have also received donations for paint from parents. Rachel Dowling is masterminding all this for the greater good of the children.



Flowerbeds to our Forest School Area

We are very thankful to Rich Edwards for making us a beautiful, new raised flowerbed by our forest school area. It is a fantastic addition to our school. The children will thoroughly enjoy sowing seeds, watching the plants grow and tending to them. We look forward to this very much.



We are grateful for the kind and generous support involved in both the EYFS makeover and in the creating of the new flowerbed. These are our school values in action.



Compassionate Researchers Project



This week, our compassionate researchers had their first meeting to investigate how we can use research effectively to implement positive change for others. The children really enjoyed their scavenger hunt and came up with some great ideas ahead of their 'Compassion Summit' trip next Friday.

Maths Events

Don't forget – we have our Maths Games Night happening after school **today** at **3:30pm**. Even if you haven't reserved a place, please feel free to come along after school and play some games with your children. The only maths skills required are being able to count to 6 – and you'll be right!



Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – Monday 20th May – 9:00am – 10:30am

We have asked Sara Freitag to lead a session for parents of looked after and adopted children. This will take the form of information about the impact of trauma and attachments difficulties as well as strategies for supporting regulation and promoting emotional development. We will offer time to problem solve challenging behaviours and hope that it might provide a networking opportunity for parents as well. Please do invite anyone who you think may find this useful – all are welcome whether attached to Silchester School or not.

Year 5 Author Visit

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 welcome Stephen Hodgson, author of 'The Tales of Helen and Lysander'. Stephen will be sharing his journey of becoming an author, as well as his top tips on writing. As the children have learnt about Greek history last half-term, learning about how Stephen has set his book in this era will be very interesting.



Meeting to Welcome New Year Rs (Sept 2024) - Thursday 23rd May at 6pm



On Thursday 23rd May at 6pm, we are welcoming our new year R parents to find out more about life at Silchester for our little ones. We are very looking forward to the meeting, where there will be opportunities to hear more from the team and to ask questions.

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 24th May (last day of term before the half term holiday), we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise funds for our PTA. Please send your child into school with an outfit of their choice and a small donation. We really look forward to seeing the children enjoying a non-school uniform day.

WOW Week to Nature!

We are excited for our WOW week to nature! We are busy planning this week for when we come back to school after half-term. Lots of the week will involve outdoor messy activities. We therefore ask that all children come to school dressed in their own clothes all week. These clothes will get messy so nothing too special please. All children will be taking part in a forest school session that week. As part of this, we require all children to have long sleeves (long sleeve t shirt/jumper and long trousers) and wellies. The children are more than welcome to wear waterproofs if they wish. During the week, we are intending



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to do lots of planting in different forms. For one of our projects, we require yogurt pots so if you have any, we would be very grateful if you could please bring them into school. In addition to this, we shall be updating our bug hotel. If you have any tiles, bricks or hollow sticks lying around, we will happily take them off your hands. Thank you.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 20 th May	Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – 9:00am – 10:30am
Thursday 23 rd May	6pm – Welcome Meeting for new Year R Parents
Friday 24 th May	Non-School Uniform Day – donations for the PTA
w/c Monday 3 rd June	WOW Week to Nature
Thursday 13 th June	Year 3 and 4 Sustainability Trip to Englefield Estate
Friday 14 th June	Sports Day
Friday 14 th June	PTA Silchester’s Got Talent – doors open 5:30, show 6pm – 8pm
Friday 21 st June	Reserve Sports Day (in case of weather delay)
Thursday 20 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Saturday 22 nd June	Robin Scott Band Concert – tickets available via PTA website
Thursday 27 th June – Friday 28 th June	Year 5 Residential to Ufton Court
Tuesday 9 th July – Wednesday 10 th July	Year 5/6 Production Performances
Friday 5 th July	PTA Rainbow Run
Tuesday 9 th July	KS1 Pilgrimage to St Mary’s Church
Thursday 18 th July	Travelling Theatre Company Production of Oliver Trist for the whole school sponsored by the PTA
Friday 19 th July	Last Day of School before the Summer Holidays
Monday 2 nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 rd 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.

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