



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

The summer has finally (possibly temporarily) arrived! I hope that you've all enjoyed some much-welcomed time in the sunshine – the children certainly have.

Values and Learning Behaviours

As you know, we are passionate about living by our values of Compassion, Courage, and Respect. This week, some children were asked to take part in some pupil conferencing to elicit their understanding of our values and to talk about how they are understood and applied in school. I am sharing this information as the feedback from our advisor was overwhelmingly positive! She said that the children of Silchester were friendly, polite, and knowledgeable. So proud of how they have taken to living out our values on this occasion and on many more!

Next week, we will be introducing the children to 'Buzz – The Collaborative Bee'! Collaboration is one of our learning behaviours and the children have really taken to understanding these concepts through The Animals of Silchester Forest social stories.



Influential People

Our Year 2s have been learning about Influential People this week. It has been an absolute joy to see them dressed as those who inspire them. The children have amazed us with their facts and have been sharing their knowledge and teaching each other about many inspiring people such as Marie Curie, Frida Kahlo, David Attenborough, Neil Armstrong, Emmeline Pankhurst, Alexander the Great and William the Conqueror. They all looked fabulous in their costumes – thanks so much for your effort's mums and dads! It has really helped to bring their learning to life.

PTA Family Quiz

There are still a few tables left for our Family Quiz Night happening **TONIGHT!** If you would like to join us for some fun times – please feel free to turn up and pay on the door.

Raffle tickets – with some awesome prizes – are also available via the PTA website.

Silchester PTA Family Quiz Night
Friday 10th May
School Hall
6-8pm (doors open at 5:30pm)
£10 PER TABLE (8-10 PEOPLE)
RAFFLE
BAR & TUCK SHOP
OPEN FROM 5:30pm
TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BOOK VIA
THE PTA WEBSITE

Maths Games Night

Thanks to those who attended our ‘helping with maths’ session this morning. I do hope that you found the session both enjoyable and informative. On **Friday 17th May** – 3:30pm – 5:30pm we will be holding a maths games night. This will be a fun occasion for all the family to play together. If you’re free, please do come along to play a game or two – no complex maths knowledge required! This event is totally free, and signup is available via Arbor.

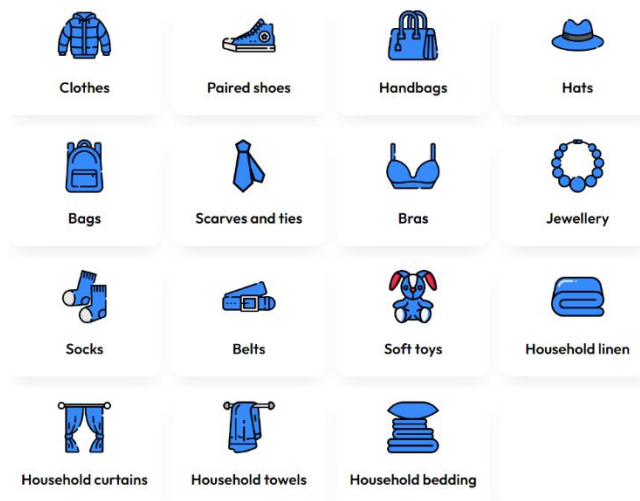
SATs

Next week, our year 6’s will be completing their SATs. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked to this point and wish them all the best of luck for the final exams. We know that SATs are important, but we also know that they will not show so many of the wonderful talents and qualities that your children possess.

Go for it Year 6 – we’re all in your corner!

Bags2School

Should you happen to have a clear out over the weekend, we are having another Bags2School collection on **Friday 17th May**. Please bag up any of the items pictured and leave under the bike sheds before 9am on Friday. All proceeds made by this venture go directly back into enrichment experiences for the children via our wonderful PTA.



WOW Week to Nature

The first week back after the half term will be our next WOW Week and this time the focus is on nature and the outdoors. We will share more information about this nearer the time, but this just serves as a prewarning that we will be asking the children to come into school in their own clothes all week. The reason for this is that we will be spending lots of time outside doing Forest Schools and other potentially muddy or sporty activities. Therefore, by ‘own clothes’ we mean suitable for outside and nothing too precious or sparkly!

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 10 th May	PTA Family Quiz – booking via PTA Facebook Page
Friday 17 th May	Maths Games Night - 3:30pm – 5:30pm – booking via Arbor
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
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM
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 – morning event with family picnic at lunchtime.
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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