



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

Every week, your children continue to amaze me with their attitudes and behaviours to learning. There have been so many examples this week of children articulating their choices to show resilience, independence, collaboration, resourcefulness, communication and reflectiveness. This has, in part, been due to their enjoyment of The Animals of Silchester Forest and complimentary stickers! Next week, we will be sharing the story of 'Sybil the Resourceful Squirrel'. I just wanted to thank you for your support and reinforcements of praise. The children are very proud of themselves, and it is a delight to witness.



### **Astronaut Visit**

Last Friday, Meganne Christian of the European Space Agency came to visit Silchester School and gave the children an unforgettable experience. The children (and staff!) absolutely loved hearing about Meganne's adventures around the world, her scientific studies in Antarctica and what it feels like to float in space. 'Pengaroo' the zero-gravity indicator was a big hit! Learning about the training and challenges Meganne has endured throughout her achievements was fascinating. The children came up with some insightful and thoughtful questions and hopefully came home inspired to 'reach for the stars'!



## Wonderdome Day

Wednesday was Wonderdome Day! Every class crawled into the dome to take part in an interactive presentation and tour of the universe. The planetarium gave children the chance to see our world from a different perspective and the roller-coaster was a dizzying but fun experience! It was so lovely to see the children's faces when they saw the dome and to hear the gasps, oohs and aahs from the outside! Huge thanks to our PTA for funding this as an extension of our WOW Week curriculums.



## Maths Events

You will have already received emails about a couple of Maths events coming up. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May there will be a workshop for parents of children in Year 4 and 5 aimed at supporting children with their maths at home. There is also a Maths Games Night planned for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 3:30pm – 5:30pm which will be a fun occasion for all the family to play together. Both events are free and sign ups are available via Arbor.

## PTA Family Quiz

Huge thanks to the PTA for running a family quiz night to raise funds for the school. It promises to be a fun night for everyone so please do grab your teams together and book a table via their website. There will be a bar and tuck school available to buy snacks and drinks for your table.

## Nut-Free School Snacks

Just a reminder that we must remain a nut-free school. Some products do not obviously contain nuts, so please do check packaging before sending into school – this includes, Nutella, some cereal bars, Kinder Buenos etc. Many thanks.

**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**

## Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9:15 – 11:15 = Helping with Maths Homework - workshop for Year 4/5 Parents
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Family Quiz – booking via PTA Facebook Page
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Games Night - 3:30pm – 5:30pm – booking via Arbor
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – 9:00am – 10:30am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	6pm – Welcome Meeting for new Year R Parents
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-School Uniform Day – donations for the PTA
w/c Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	WOW Week to Nature
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Silchester's Got Talent – 3:30pm – 5:30pm <i>(date subject to change – confirmation and more info next week)</i>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 Sustainability Trip to Englefield Estate
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day (in case of weather delay)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Robin Scott Band Concert – tickets available via PTA website
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Residential to Ufton Court
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production Performances
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Rainbow Run
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church
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.

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