



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

This week's newsletter is filled with tales of our experiences from another exciting week at school, as well as celebrations from some of our pupil's recent achievements. A quick scan through makes me feel immensely proud of all of the staff and children at Silchester and shows the richness of education and activity that goes on. You've raised some good'uns for sure!

Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church

On Tuesday, Year 3-6 braved the weather and the mud to take a pilgrimage to St Mary's Church. Revd Karen, Revd Rob and Em led us in a service where we spent some time in reflection and prayer (as well as some pretty loud singing!) Thanks to all parents for providing suitable clothing for us to walk despite the weather and apologies for the muddy washing that you all incurred as a result!



Eco Council

On Thursday, our Eco Councillors from KS2 joined with their fellow Eco Councillors from the other schools in the collaboration for a fantastic day out. Mrs Rolph and Mrs Dougall took the children to Ewhurst Park where they had an environmental education day. They made bird feeders, painted bird boxes, had a presentation from The Ornithological Society and learnt more about the ways in which we can support wildlife in our school and wider community. The children bounced off the minibus buzzing and full of smiles and confidence!



CELEBRATING OUR PUPIL'S SUCCESS



Cross Country

Following the success of their performance in the Cross Country Trials; Summer, Henry and Xavi qualified for the County Championships. All three children ran their heart out and completed with other elites from the area. Over 100 children took part in each race - Henry came 28th and Summer 30th. Xavi couldn't remember his position, but he did beat about half of the other racers! We are incredibly proud of all three of them and thanks to their parents for enabling them to compete in this competition.

Gymnastics

Special mentions also to Ellie, Chloe and Summer who recently competed in the British Gymnastics Qualifiers. All three girls did both themselves and us proud and came away with a bag full of goodies. Summer qualified and is now part of the British Gymnastics Squad. We wish all three the best of luck for their future competitions.

Netball

Below is a report from our Silchester Netball Team who played outstandingly to make it through to the finals AND went on to play their socks off and make it even higher! We are so incredibly proud of them and thankful to Ms Robson for making it happen.

On Wednesday 13th March 2024, we went to Rusell Howard Park for the Basingstoke netball finals. We won our first and second matches and tied our third. We ended up coming 6th out of 12 teams and the people who played were: Sophia, Ella, Bella, Darcey, Chloe, Joshua, Leo and Finn. Everyone in our team played amazingly and we played our best. - Reported by Ella, Bella, Sophia and Darcey.



School Concert

Huge congratulations to all our singers and musicians who took part in our music recital on Wednesday. As well as some stand out numbers from our very own Silchester Choir, we were treated to performances on the flute, clarinet, guitar, keyboard and (very loud!) drums. As an audience, you could hear a pin drop as the children listened to the music and many were inspired to pursue further avenues in music.



Red Nose Day

Our School Council have led the charge for us to support Red Nose Day at Silchester this year. As you all know, Compassion is one of our core Christian values, and we have been so impressed with the children's desire to support and help others in need. Our School Councillors were persuasive in their enthusiasm to get involved and contribute to others.

The children put their maths skills to the test and counted the money at playtime. As a school, you have raised a fantastic £276.32. Huge thanks for all of your kind donations.

NOTICES FROM OUR AWESOME PTA



Easter Disco

The PTA are hosting an Easter Disco for the children on Friday 22nd March YrR-Yr2 = 3:15pm – 5pm and Yr3-Yr6 = 5:30pm – 7pm. The opportunity to buy tickets via their PTA website closes at 4pm on Tuesday 19th March.

Please note that there will be a strict No Phones Policy at the disco. Anyone bringing a phone, will need to hand it in for safe keeping and issued back when they leave.

In order to ensure that children are delivered back to you safely, they will be signed out and called from the front door to meet their parents.

If you are willing and able to volunteer your time to chaperone at the disco, please do contact the PTA or let Miss Boulter in the office know. Many thanks to you all for providing such a fun fundraiser.

Bags 2 School

Another thanks to you for your donations for Bags 2 School. This round managed to raise £157.20 for The PTA who enable our children to have additional enriching experiences. Thanks to Marie for organising this opportunity for us.

Easter Raffle

Billy and the team have done a sensational job sourcing some incredible prizes for our Easter Raffle.

Thanks to you and the companies for supporting our school in this way. Should you wish to be in with a chance of winning, raffle tickets are available via The PTA Website:

[Silchester School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://www.pta-events.co.uk)

All proceeds go directly back into the school for the benefit of our children.

Many thanks to The PTA for all of the time, care and support their gift our school – it really does make a massive difference. They are always looking for volunteers, so if you can be involved in any way, please do let them know either through school or their Facebook Page. It is wonderful to see the giving spirit of community alive and well in them!

PTA
EASTER RAFFLE

Prizes

- Reading FC 4x Tickets*
- Utilita Bowl & Hampshire Cricket Team 2x tickets*
- Calleva Arms Meal for 2 & bottle of wine*
- Hollywood Bowl Tickets*
- Atmosphere Trampoline Park 1 month bounce pass*
- Martha Jones Photography Photoshoot*
- Silchester PTA Robin Scott Tickets 2x*
- Silchester PTA Rainbow Run Tickets 4x*
- Silchester CC - 6 week All Stars/Dynamos Course*

The winners will be drawn on
22nd March

Workshops for Parents

As part of the collaboration, we are extremely grateful to benefit from the expertise of our Educational Psychologist, Dr Sara Freitag. We have asked her to run a couple of workshops for our Silchester community, details below. These events needed by exclusive for Silchester parents, so should you have any friends or family who may find them helpful, please do invite them to join us. Should you like to attend, please feel free to just turn up and we will welcome you with tea and biscuits!

- **Anxiety Workshop – Monday 25th March – 6pm – 7pm**

We can all suffer with worry and anxiety at times. If your child often struggles with anxiety and you'd like to learn a little more about this, as well as to discuss and share strategies that may support both you and them, please do come along. Dr Sara Freitag will lead the session and provide a forum to problem solve so that we can expand our parent toolkit for helping.

- **Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – Monday 20th May – 9am – 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.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Positions

We have recently put out an advert to recruit additional staff for a lunchtime supervisory assistant and learning support role. This position will take the form of term time only, Monday-Friday 11:45am – 1:15pm. Should you, or anyone you know, wish to apply for the role, please refer to the advert on Education Jobs Hampshire Hantsweb website or use the link below for more information. [hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/116559/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRyaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVI](https://jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/116559/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRyaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVI)

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 22 nd March	PTA Easter Disco
Monday 25 th March	Anxiety Workshop for parents – 6pm – 7pm
Monday 25 th – Thursday 28 th March	WOW Week to The Arts Thursday 28 th March – all children will attend a drumming workshop
Wednesday 27 th March at 1.30pm and Thursday 28 th March at 9.30am	Easter Worships for parents – Year 3/4
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term – Break up for Easter Holidays.
Monday 15 th April	First day back to school after Easter Holidays
Friday 10 th May	PTA Family Quiz – booking via PTA Facebook Page
Monday 20 th May	Workshop for parents of looked after or adopted children – 9am – 10:30am

I really hope that you and your families have a lovely weekend together and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Rachel Moir