

13th October 2023

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fortunate to have a wonderful staff team at Silsoe Lower School and we value each person for the role they have and their contribution in keeping our children safe, happy and continuously learning.

This week we shared the very sad news with you all that after a short battle with cancer Allison Turner sadly passed away. Allison had worked in the Pre-School for the past 35 years and we had the pleasure of Allison working in the before and after school care club for over 20 years. She was a much loved friend, colleague and member of staff to us all. Many of our children attended the pre-school and were taught by Allison and lots of our children have attended care club and have been cared for by Allison. We know that she will be missed by staff and children.



We have a book of condolence in the school reception area for anyone who would like to send a message to her family or to share a loving memory of Allison that they may have had. The family have also shared with us the details of a just giving page that they have set up if you would like to donate something in her memory. [In loving memory of Allison Turner](#)

It was good to welcome many parents yesterday evening to our parent consultations and we hope that you found this helpful in understanding how your child has settled into their new class, the areas of the curriculum which are a strength and any areas that they may need further support with. We look forward to welcoming parents to the next consultation evening on Tuesday 17th October.

Mrs S Boyle

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S. Boyle'.

Headteacher

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Class updates

Reception classes Acorn and Chestnut

This week Reception classes have created artwork by rolling conkers in paint and then rolling them down drainpipes to create pictures. They have continued their work with phonics and now are beginning to read books with words.



Year 1 Willow and Hawthorn

It has been a busy week in Year 1 with lots of learning being completed. In English this week they have been focusing on adjectives and how they can make sentences more interesting for the reader.

In Maths they have been learning about 'part, part, whole' and how many parts make a whole number. In Science they have been learning about similarities and differences in animals.

They have continued to learn about old and new toys and creating a timeline for themselves, their parents and Grandparents about which toys they each played with.

Year 2 Sycamore and Maple

This week some of the children in Year 2 attended a sports festival. They participated in lots of different activities and had lots of fun.

The teaching staff were so proud of the children who represented Silsoe Lower School and how they demonstrated our values and behaviours.



Year 3 Pine and Palm

This week Year 3 took part in some calming Yoga during their PE lessons. This was to mark World Mental Health Day (10.10.23). The children enjoyed the calmness of the exercises whilst listening to themed stories during the stretches and moves.

Year 4 Oak and Elm

In English this week Year 4 have been working on an explanation text on how to look after the perfect pet.

In Maths they have been working on a new unit in addition and subtraction. The classes have been working with electricity and making switches.

Over the next week in Art they will be carving soap and working with chalk to draw.



Conifer Class

The children have continued to access their personalised curriculum in English and Maths whilst building and strengthening relationships with their peers and adults.

They have cooked delicious pizzas this week where the children choose their own topping.

General information

PTA Disco

Hi Parents and Carers,

The PTA are once again excited to share that a disco has been arranged for the children after school on Thursday 9th November. Please see flyer below.

These always go down very well with the children and we hope it proves to be another popular event!

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There will be two sessions, as previously, but please note that it has been decided to move Y2 to the later session. The timings are therefore as follows:

- **4pm – 5pm : Reception and Year 1**
- **5.30pm – 6.30pm – Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4**

Tickets are £5 each (including drinks at the disco and a treat to take home) and can be booked via this Google form, before Friday 3rd November : <https://forms.gle/CJ5WMEzGQQ6EnVqo9>. At the end of the form a link takes you to our SumUp Online Store for payment purposes.

If you would like to offer to help out at one of the sessions please do so via this form : [VolunteerSignup - Disco - Thursday 9th November](#)

We will share further details on dropping and collecting your children in the lead up to the event, but if you do have any questions at all in the meantime, please get in touch with the PTA on silsoepta@gmail.com.

We will also be holding a Santa shop on Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December where children can purchase a gift for someone. If any parents are able to help support with this please could you register on this link volunteersignup.org/K8BCK

Thank you

PTA Committee

Year 4 advance notice

After October half term year 4 will be making light boxes in DT, each child will need a shoe box, if you have any spare shoe boxes please can you bring them into school by the 10th November.

Also after half term we will be in need of old magazines and chocolate wrappers for another activity that we will be doing, please can any donations be brought in over the next week if possible.

Viking day will be held on the 16th February and each child is asked to dress as a Viking, you do not need to buy an outfit an oversized t-shirt with a belt would be a great costume.

Flu Immunisation Day

The School Immunisation Team have confirmed that our school immunisation date will be 27th November.

As Y4 will be at Hazard Alley that day we have requested an additional date for the team to come back into school. If they can accommodate our request it is likely to be in December. If they are not able to come back into school they will provide details of local catch up clinics.

School Uniform

This is just a reminder of our School uniform; children should wear grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress. White shirt or polo shirt, maroon cardigan or sweatshirt. Pale blue and white gingham

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resses or grey shorts may be worn for the Summer Term. White or grey socks complete the uniform.

Trainers **should not** be worn as general school footwear. We also ask that boots of any type are not worn in school. If bad weather conditions necessitate the wearing of boots whilst travelling to school please ensure school shoes are sent in to change into on arrival.

All uniform can be purchased from **Prestige**. Pinafores, skirts, shorts and trousers can also be purchased from most department stores/supermarkets.

Our PE kit is plain black shorts or girl's skirt, the school's PE Polo Shirt or plain white T-shirt and trainers are required.

Black tracksuits may be worn for outdoor activities during the winter months.

PE items of clothing must not display logos (other than the school logo), branding or embellishments.

On PE days children are asked to come into school dressed in their PE kit. They will be allowed to wear this kit all day.

Please make sure that every item of clothing clearly named.

NON UNIFORM DAYS

On awarded non uniform days we respectfully ask that pupils come into school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for the school day. Dependant on the season please ensure outerwear such as coats and jackets are also provided. **Team sports kits of any kind are not permitted to be worn.**

Climbing Frame

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children are not allowed to use the climbing frame while waiting for drop off or collection. The climbing frame and equipment in the playground is there for use during school hours and with teacher supervision. We have often seen a large number of children on these items who are not supervised and this could lead to accidents. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking

We have noticed a number of parents have been parking in the school car park, please can we ask that you do not park in the car park. Using the car park while children are coming into and out of school can be unsafe for the children as they will often run and could not be seen. Please use alternative parking spaces which are in the local area to park and safely walk your child into school.

Please be respectful and mindful of our neighbours and do not park on their driveways or blocking their driveways, only use designated parking spaces in the local area.

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this half term, also please note dates which have changed or been added for the year which have been highlighted.

16/10/2023	Morning	Y3 Resilience Workshop
17/10/2023	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations
19/10/2023	By 9am	Bags2School
02/11/2023	4pm to 5pm	Open Evening for children starting school September 2024
02/11/2023	6pm to 7pm	Open Evening for children starting school September 2024
06/11/2023	9am	Y2 Watch Me Learn (approx. 45 mins) Parents invited to classrooms
07/11/2023	9am	Y1 Watch Me Learn (approx. 45 mins) Parents invited to classrooms
07/11/2023	4pm to 5pm	Open Evening for children starting school September 2024
07/11/2023	6pm to 7pm	Open Evening for children starting school September 2024
08/11/2023	9am	Y3 Watch Me Learn (approx. 45 mins) Parents invited to classrooms
09/11/2023	9am	Y4 Watch Me Learn (approx. 45 mins) Parents invited to classrooms
09/11/2023	4pm to 5pm	PTA disco – R & Y1
09/11/2023	5.30pm to 6.30pm	PTA disco – Y2, Y3 & Y4
10/11/2023	10.45am	Remembrance service at the Church (Children only) Children can wear organisation uniforms e.g. rainbows & brownies, beavers & cubs uniforms

PUBLIC NOTICE



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(BEDFORD ROAD, SILSOE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the length of Bedford Road, Silsoe between Clophill Roundabout and Jet Garage.

This temporary closure is required to enable full carriageway reconstruction and drainage works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place from 20 to 30 October 2023. The road will be closed at all times during this period.

The alternative route for this closure is via A507, A1, A602, A505, A5528, [A6](#) and vice versa.

The Order will come into operation on 20 October 2023 for a period of eighteen months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Octavius Infrastructure – 07736 597 058.

DATED 19 October 2023

Central Bedfordshire Council
Priory House
[Chicksands](#)
Shefford SG17 5TQ

Gary Powell
Assistant Director, Highways

DISCO!



Thursday 9th November

4-5pm - Reception & Year 1

5.30-6.30pm - Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4

School Hall

Drop off at front, pick up at back!

£5 each

Includes unlimited drinks and a small treat to take home

[To help at the disco sign up here](#)

[Purchase tickets online here](#)



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Messy Sunday

Sunday 15th October 4pm-5.30pm

Pulloxhill Church Hall

A lively fun and creative time together for families,
children and people of all ages.

Songs, stories, puppets, crafts and creative prayers,
ending with tea together.

Numbers Limited so Book on

revsimon@3churches.uk

Voluntary Donations

All Welcome



Social media, online activity and mental health

1-hr webinar for parents and carers

7th December 2023 or 8th February 2024 - from 6:00pm to 7:00pm on Zoom

This webinar is for parents and carers who want to understand young people's use of technology and the impact this may have on their mental health and wellbeing. There will be a max. of 20 participants in each webinar.

In this webinar, we will:

- Explore what we mean when we talk about young people and online activity
- Consider the impact of social media and gaming on young people
- Understand the importance of talking to young people about their experiences online
- Hear practical tips from young people and parents and carers about how to approach these discussions

To book a place please email luke.geary@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and specify which date you would like to attend

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Unity

"how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

(Psalm 133:1)