

20th October 2023

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are already at the end of the first half term! I have been very pleased with the way in which the children have settled into their new classes and have begun to make some really positive progress with their learning. It has been a joy to watch the children in our Reception classes blossom and grow in confidence in just a few short weeks. They have been a delight to welcome to our school and I look forward to seeing them flourish as they progress through school. It has been a pleasure to visit each class and experience some of the learning taking place in each year group. I would also like to praise our play leaders and year 4 buddies who are exceptional young leaders who have worked effectively as a team to support the younger children in our school during this first half term.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school after the half term to watch a phonics or guided reading lesson. We hope that you will find this experience enjoyable and informative.

I wish you all a very happy and restful half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 30th October.

Mrs S Boyle

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

Headteacher

Class updates

Reception classes Acorn and Chestnut

Reception have started to learn about numbers up to 5 in Maths this week.

They have been on an adventure to the 'zoo' with number 2 and to the park with number 3. The children have worked hard on forming their numbers and thinking about how we make them in different ways.

Year 1 Willow and Hawthorn

Year 1 have created their sea creatures whilst thinking about Jonah and the Whale and talking about how God is always with us.

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In Science they have been having fun identifying which animals are herbivores, Omnivores and Carnivores.

In English they have started to talk about poetry and this will continue after half term.



Year 2 Sycamore and Maple

Year 2 have had fun reading 'The Dragon Sitter' by Josh Lacey. The children have enjoyed finding out what happened to Uncle Morton and why he needed someone to look after his cheeky dragon.



Year 3 Pine and Palm

In Art this term Year 3 have been developing their artistic skills and applying them to re-creating prehistoric art. This week Pine and Palm used different textures and techniques to create cave wall art.



Year 4 Oak and Elm

Year 4 have had a busy week fitting lots of work in, they have elected school councillors and eco councillors. Discovered about the lives of important black women to celebrate Black History Month and in particular Floella Benjamin.

They have created wires out of materials that conduct electricity to light a light bulb and created models using wire in art.

They have finished their guided reading about Humphrey the Hamster.

They also received letters from their French pen pals. They were amazed at how much they could work out about them from the French in their letters. They have replied to them and sent them a photo of our classes.

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. Some of the children continue to access some mainstream lessons in the afternoons.

They cooked chocolatey rice krispie cakes this week – yum!

General information

Coats

Please can all children be sent to school with named coats each day, we have had a number of children without coats over the past week and with the weather turning colder they will need these whilst playing outside.

Jewellery

Jewellery, make-up and nail varnish are not to be worn in school.

However, children who have pierced ears may wear **a pair of small, plain studs, one in each ear.**

Watches may be worn but these must not be a Fitbit or a smart technology model.

Studs and watches will be expected to be removed for PE lessons and pupils remain responsible for these items. We would therefore ask if your children is unable to remove these independently you refrain from sending them into school wearing this jewellery.

School council

Over the past two weeks the children in KS1 and KS2 have been writing speeches and taking part in a vote to elect school council members. Successful candidates will be announced after half term. We have some very exciting projects in the pipeline. Watch this space!



Eco-Council

In Worship, the children were told about the exciting opportunities they could have by joining the School Council or the Eco-Council.

The School Council members have now been nominated and voted for.

If children are interested in becoming an Eco-Council member, they can nominate themselves and write a speech to talk to their class about how they could make a difference and help the school and the environment. There have already been some amazing ideas from the children.

An application form is included with the newsletter and are also available from Mrs Taylor. Eco-Council voting will take place after half term.

Good luck!

Black History Month

October marks the month where we come together and celebrate Black History. This year the theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' and the children have been learning about different black women who have made positive contributions to the UK and around the world.

Clubs for Autumn term 2

All leaflets are attached at the bottom of this newsletter and have been sent out separately today.

Monday mornings	Performing Arts Collective - KS1 (Years 1-2) Breakfast club 8-8.45am £3.50 per session – To sign up please click here_KS1 Breakfast Dance Club > https://app.classmanager.com/portal/performing-arts-collective-limited/enrolment/classes/silsoe-vc-lower-school-autumn-term-ks1-years-1-to-2-dance-club
Monday afternoons	
Tuesday Mornings	Premier education Gymnastics Y1 – 4 learning Gymnastics skills such as shapes, balances, jumps, rolls, traveling and using specialist Gymnastics Equipment throughout the sessions to book please click on School Activities Clubs for Kids - Premier Education Courses (premier-education.com)
Tuesday afternoons	Choir (currently full) – Music room Premier Education Archery Y1-4 using child friendly equipment and exploring the techniques of using a bow and arrow through fun and engaging games to book please click on School Activities Clubs for Kids - Premier Education Courses (premier-education.com)
Wednesday Mornings	
Wednesday afternoons	Jam coding club Y2 – 4 3.30-4.30pm 6 weeks of fun for just £45 please click on this link to sign up portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/2110
Thursday Mornings	
Thursday afternoons	Performing Arts Collective – KS2 After school club 3.30-4.15pm £4 per session Please sign up by clicking here KS2 After School Dance Club > https://app.classmanager.com/portal/performing-arts-collective-limited/enrolment/classes/silsoe-vc-lower-school-autumn-term-ks2-years-3-to-4-dance-club
Friday Mornings	
Friday Afternoon	Tennis club – £39 for 6 lessons Sign up via SCOpay Years 3 and 4

Vacancy

Midday Supervisory Assistant

Hours: Monday to Friday – 11.40am to 1.40pm, term time only plus 5 training days

Salary: £10.60 per hour

Start date: as soon as possible

Closing date: The vacancy will close when a suitable applicant is found, early applications are therefore advised

To apply please visit <https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/109605/EDV-2023-SCVLS-55018>

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

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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.

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
13/11/2023	All Week	Global Education Week
13/11/2023	9am	Reception class Watch Me Learn (approx. 45 mins) Parents invited to classrooms
21/11/2023	6pm	Year 1 phonics screening check information evening
22/11/2023	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scholastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
23/11/2023	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scholastic Y3 and Y4
24/11/2023	All day	Inset day
27/11/2023	All day	Y4 Trip to Hazard Alley – details to follow
27/11/2023	TBC	Flu immunisation day YR, Y1, Y2, Y3
30/11/2023	During the day	PTA Santa Shop
01/12/2023	During the day	PTA Santa Shop
05/12/2023	11.30am	Choir singing at the Beehive
07/12/2023	2.00pm	Choir singing at Taymer Nursing Home
12/12/2023	9.30am to 10.30am	Christmas performance – Acorn, Hawthorn, Maple, Palm & Elm – details to follow
12/12/2023	2.15pm to 3.15pm	Christmas performance – Chestnut, Willow, Sycamore, Pine & Oak – details to follow
13/12/2023	9.30am to 10.30am	Christmas performance – Chestnut, Willow, Sycamore, Pine & Oak – details to follow
13/12/2023	2.15pm to 3.15pm	Christmas performance – Acorn, Hawthorn, Maple, Palm & Elm – details to follow
14/12/2023	Morning	1 st Century Palestine visit to the Church – Elm then Acorn (children only)

14/12/2023	Afternoon	1 st Century Palestine visit to the Church – Chestnut (children only)
15/12/2023	Morning	1 st Century Palestine visit to the Church – Oak then Willow (children only)
15/12/2023	Afternoon	1 st Century Palestine visit to the Church – Hawthorn (children only)
18/12/2023	Afternoon	Christmas parties – Children can wear party/Xmas clothes
19/12/2023	Lunchtime	Christmas dinner day – please order via School Grid
19/12/2023	9.30am	Christmas service at the Church – children to wear uniform or uniform with a Xmas top (children only)
18/01/2024	All Day	Young Voices event for the Choir leaving school at 10am
01/02/2024	6pm	Key stage 1 Maths parent information evening (Y1 & K2)
05/02/2024	All week	Children’s mental health week
16/02/2024	All Day	Y4 Viking Day – Details to be provided nearer the time
29/02/2024	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
05/03/2024	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
06/03/2024	All Day	Y3 Faith Tour
07/03/2024	All Day	World Book Day
11/03/2024	All Week	National Science Week
26/03/2024	3pm	Y4 Grafham parents meeting
27/03/2024	9.30am	Easter Service at the Church – parents invited – Y1, Y3 & Oak Class
27/03/2024	2pm	Easter Service at the Church – parents invited Reception, Year 2 & Elm
18/04/2024	TBC	Y4 Transfer Festival at Arnold Academy
24/04/2024	All Day	Y4 Bikeability – children to bring in bikes & cycle helmets
13/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
14/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
15/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
16/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scolastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
17/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scolastic Book Fair Y3 and Y4
07/06/2024	All Day	Y2 Herrings Green trip
12/06/2024	Morning	School Photographer – Class Portraits
24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
26/06/2024	3.45pm to 5.45pm	Book look & meet your new Teacher for 2024 to 2025
27/06/2024	All Day	Transition Day
28/06/2023	All Day	Y1 Mount Fitchett Trip
01/07/2024	All Week	Sports Week – details to follow nearer the time
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks

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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

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Priory House
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Gary Powell
Assistant Director, Highways



OPEN EVENINGS

For children starting school in September 2024



Thursday 2nd November and Tuesday 7th November

3.45pm – Refreshments

4.00pm - Head Teacher's Welcome

4.10pm – Tour of School and Reception Classes

or

5.45pm - Refreshments

6.00pm – Head Teacher's Welcome

6.10pm - Tour of School and Reception Classes

To book your place please visit:

[Silsoe VC Lower School Open Evenings - Google Forms](#)

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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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OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Unity

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

(Psalm 133:1)

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