

31st March 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the lighter nights since the clocks have gone forward and we have seen a glimpse of spring weather. I hope that we will see more of the spring warmth and sunshine during the Easter holiday and as we return for the summer term.

We have now completed two thirds of the year and we are soon to enter the final term of the academic year with lots more to look forward to. We have numerous events taking place in school in addition to some special visits which are planned.

It is always a pleasure to welcome parents into school and it was wonderful to welcome parents of children in Reception and Year 1 to watch a phonics lesson recently. Feedback from many parents was that it helped them to understand how we teach phonics and reading in school, often it is a very different approach to how parents were taught to read themselves! The Year 2 SAT's information meeting was well attended by parents and also helped parents understand the process.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to join us for school events whenever you are able to. However, we understand that this is not always possible, if you are unable to attend but have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher by making an appointment to speak to them through the school office.

We look forward to welcoming parents of children in Year 2, 3 and 4 for 'Watch me Learn' lessons next term.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher

EASTER SERVICES

It was such a pleasure to welcome parents and extended family to the Easter services at the church this week. The children have been learning about the Easter story in school and shared elements of the story during the services through song, poems and art work. We were able to join together and sing about the meaning of Jesus's death on the cross and celebrate that he rose again on Easter Sunday. Thank you for joining us for our service and a special thank you to those parents and carers that were able to support us walking the children safely to the church.

Children in Year 1 had prepared some wonderful Easter collages and talked about the meaning of each part in the service.



HEADTEACHER'S COFFEE MORNING



You are invited to join Mrs Boyle for coffee, tea and biscuits on Friday 28th April at 9.00am-9.45am.

Drop your children to school and come inside to enjoy a coffee with time to talk and ask any questions you may have.

Mrs Boyle looks forward to talking to you.

WATER

To aid concentration and avoid dehydration, headaches etc. it is important that children drink water throughout the day. We encourage children to drink water frequently throughout the school day. Please can we ask that all children bring a **named** water bottle into school daily. To avoid children losing their water bottle it is important that it is clearly marked with the child's full name. We encourage children to use a simple water bottle such as in the picture. We are aware that some children have recently brought very expensive water bottles into school that are not named, as they don't wish to 'spoil' the bottle. We would suggest that such bottles remain at home and bottles suitable for school, which can be named, are brought in.



<https://healthy-kids.com.au/parents/children-hydration/>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Arriving late to school

As in our register policy, a quick reminder about punctuality.

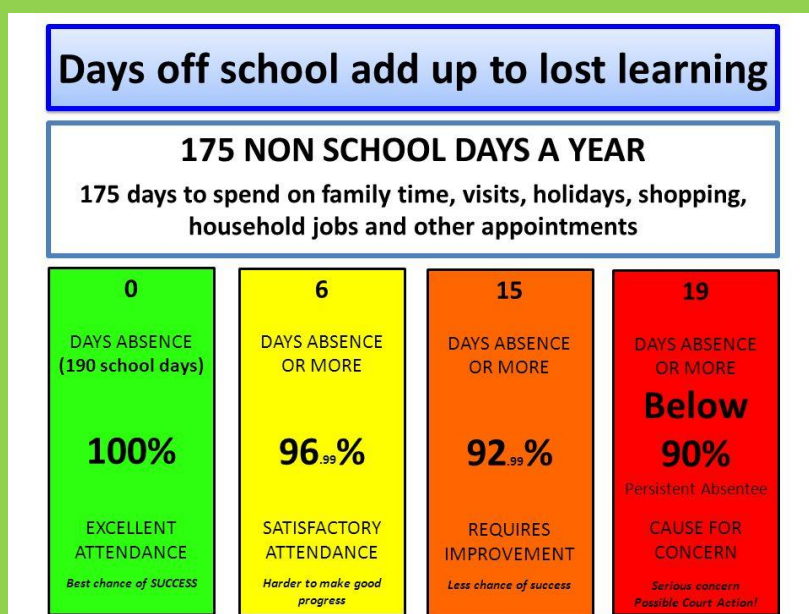
If your child arrives at school after 9am they will need to come to Reception to sign in. Arrival at school between 9am and 9.15am will be recorded as a 'late' in the register.

If your child arrives after 9.15am, they will be marked as 'unauthorised late' in the register. This will affect your child's attendance record so please aim to be at school on time!

Leaving before the end of the school day

We have noticed an increasing number of parents asking to collect their child before the end of the school day (3.30pm) for various reasons. We understand that there may be the occasional need to do this for a medical appointment but these should be infrequent.

We have whole school worship at the end of most days of the week, which are an important part of our school's ethos and culture. Please can we ask that children be collected early from school only in exceptional circumstances.



SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17th April	INSET
Tuesday 18 th April	Children return to school
Tuesday 25 th April	Year 3 'Watch Me Learn' at 9.00am

Silsoe VC Lower School, Chestnut Avenue, Silsoe, Bedford MK45 4GP

www.silsoeschool.co.uk

01525 860 247

Thursday 27 th April	Year 4 Bikeability Year 2 'Watch Me Learn' at 9.00am
Friday 28 th April	Headteacher's Coffee Morning 9.00am -9.45am Year 4 visit to Hazard Alley
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Celebrations in School - more information to follow
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 4 Visit to Grafham Water
Wednesday 10 th May	Year 4 Visit to Grafham Water
Thursday 18 th May	National Numeracy Day
Thursday 25 th May	Year 4 'Watch Me Learn' at 9.00am
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Summer 1st Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Children return to school for Summer 2 nd Half Term
Sunday 25 th June	Silsoe Stride
Thursday 29 th June	Transition Day- visits to next classes and middle school
WB: 3 rd July	Sports Week- more information to follow
WB: 10 th July	Contingency Sports Week if weather inclement the previous week
Friday 21 st July	Last day of summer term

***OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:
Love & Forgiveness***



OUR SCHOOL VISION

Our school vision is important to us and drives all that we do. We hope that all parents and carers are already aware of our vision, it has previously been shared in many communications and we refer to it with the children often. We hope that you will support us in our vision.

“Our vision is to be an excellent, God-centred, values-based, community-focused school where everyone is welcomed, encouraged and included.

Our children will develop as creative, determined learners and responsible citizens inspired to achieve their God-given potential and live life in all its fullness.

We will foster understanding, tolerance and forgiveness within our caring Christian community.”

Based on John 10:10

"I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."