

9th June 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have been very busy and productive in school as children have worked hard towards completing the curriculum in their current year group. Year 2 children worked exceptionally hard to undertake their SAT's assessments and we are very proud of their efforts and achievements. Children in year 1 have worked hard and have made super progress with their phonics and they are ready to share their knowledge in the Phonics Screening Checks next week.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school later this term for our 'Book Look' evening where your child can share their work from this academic year with you. There will also be an opportunity for children to show you their new classroom for September.

Parents and carers of children in all year groups have had the opportunity over the last term to come into school to observe the learning in a phonics or reading lesson. We were thrilled to have welcomed so many parents into classes and we hope that you have found the experience informative and useful. We look forward to welcoming you into your child's new class in the Autumn term for more 'Watch me learn' opportunities.

I am sure that you will have spotted our splendid new outdoor classroom, with some wonderful improvements. The grand official opening took place before half term and Rosa, supported by a few friends in year 4, cut the ribbon in a whole school outdoor assembly. We were grateful to Rosa and friends for their efforts in raising money through a bake sale and donating the funds to the outdoor classroom improvements. I'm pleased to report that the outdoor classroom is being used frequently throughout the school day and at playtimes.

The next half term has much to look forward to. Year 2 are enjoying their visit to Herrings Green Farm today and there are a number of school visits to follow this term. We also look forward to welcoming you into school for Sports Days and the Book Look.

Hoping that you all enjoy the wonderful weather we are having and I hope to see many of you tomorrow at the Football Tournament.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher

MEET A GOVERNOR

Toby Henness joined the Governing board as a co-opted governor in October 2022. He is a member of the Pupils & Curriculum Committee and also the link governor for Maths. Toby grew up in Luton has moved to the village in the summer of 2022 with his wife Laura with his children; Nate, currently in reception and Layla. Toby comes from an IT financial services background and in his spare time likes to run cross country.



OFSTED

We are still waiting to receive our Ofsted report. We look forward to sharing the report with you as soon as it is published.

SAFETY OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL

Thank you very much for all your support and cooperation in parking considerately for our neighbours and safely by avoiding parking on zig zag lines, corners etc. This helps to keep our children safe.

Polite reminder that the school car park should not be used by parents at drop off or collection time unless it has previously been agreed with the school office that you can do so. Thank you.



PTA

Thank you to our wonderful parents and PTA who have recently organised the pre loved uniform shop. It was very popular once again and we hope that you have found it useful.

We are very grateful to the PTA for their contributions to the coach costs which has greatly reduced the cost to parents for our school excursions. The significant contributions from the PTA made otherwise out of reach visits possible.

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 5th July at 6.00pm in the school hall. All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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.

Holidays

A reminder that requests for holidays to be taken during term time cannot usually be authorised. Please be aware that holidays taken in term time may incur a fixed penalty notice.

LETTINGS

We are currently investigating the potential for letting our school hall at the end of the school day, in the evenings and weekends, to consider if this is something that is of interest to our local community and could be viable for our school. We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may be looking for a regular commitment so that we can investigate the viability of letting the hall. Please contact the school office admin@silsoelower.co.uk to express an interest and share details about your request. No decisions about lettings will be made until a scoping audit is complete.

SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10 th June	Silsoe Lower School Football Tournament
Wednesday 14 th June	Class Photographs
Thursday 15 th June	Bishop Richard launching the Harvest Appeal at Silsoe Lower
Sunday 25 th June	Silsoe Stride
Monday 26 th June	Reception classes visit to Mead Open Farm Year 1 classes visit to Mount Fitchet Castle
Wednesday 28 th June	Book Look- 3.30pm- 5.00pm An opportunity to look at your child's books and also to visit your child's new classroom for September
Thursday 29 th June	Transition Day- visits to new classes for September and visits to middle school
WB: 3 rd July	Sports Week- more information to follow
Wednesday 5 th July	PTA AGM, 6.00pm in the school hall, All welcome
WB: 10 th July	Contingency Sports Week if weather inclement the previous week

Thursday 13 th July	Dance Performance
Friday 21 st July	Year 4 Leavers Service- 9.30am Last day of summer term

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:
Thoughtfulness



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.”