

17th November 2023

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Through the work of the School Council the children in each class suggested ways in which we could raise money for Children in Need. The suggestions were all shared with the School Council who then asked the children to vote for their preferred fundraising method. There was an overwhelming request for the children to be able to bring their own teddy into school which created a great deal of excitement. It has been lovely for the children to show a favourite teddy to their friends and their teacher.



Today has been a joyous occasion with children sharing their special teddy with their friends and with many children wearing Pudsey ears too!

We would like to say a big thankyou to Mrs Chandler and some of our School Council members for helping to sell the Children in Need items during the last week, they did a terrific job! We are extremely grateful for all your support in donating to Children in Need and purchasing the merchandise. We will share the grand total of our fundraising with you as soon as possible but we would like to thank you all for your tremendous support for 'Children in Need'.

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May I also take this opportunity to remind you that Friday 24th November is an INSET day. The staff have an extremely busy training day scheduled and will be developing knowledge and skills in the English writing curriculum, Emotional Literacy and the new RE Agreed Syllabus.



Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

Class updates

Reception classes Acorn and Chestnut

This week reception classes have been reading 'The 3 little pigs' the children have enjoyed using puppets to recreate their own stories, they have all completed amazing writing in their books. The children have created their own houses with straw, sticks and bricks like the 3 little pigs to see which one is the strongest.

Year 1 Willow and Hawthorn

In RE Year 1 are learning about the Christmas story and what it means to be Christians.

In PSHE they have been talking about bullying and how to be a good friend.

Year 2 Sycamore and Maple

Year 2 have been learning about non-fiction writing and how to organise and structure a piece in this style, ready to create their first piece of Nonfiction over the next week.

In DT they have been designing finger puppets and will be making these next week.

Year 3 Pine and Palm

Year 3 have been writing setting descriptions this week. They have been using rich vocabulary, similes and expanded noun phrases to describe Neverland.

Year 4 Oak and Elm

This year 4 have written a sequel to the picture book 'Journey' which entailed them creating new adventures where the main characters draw new objects to take them to their next place or to help them escape a problem. The children have begun to design their light boxes for DT which will have a winter or Christmas theme. In Science, the children have experimented how sound is made and travels using string telephones.

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.

We have been thinking and learning about what feelings we might experience in a conflict and how to solve a conflict and how to be a good listener in our Hamish and Milo sessions.

We cooked cheese star biscuits this week – yum!

General information

Thank you PTA

We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who are funding the coach costs for the Year 4's trip to the Safety Centre – Hazard Alley that is taking place this month.

Thank you to all of the parents who purchased tickets for the PTA disco, it raised £748.01, also thank you for those who kindly donated for 'Bags 2 School' this raised £129.00.



With the funds that have been raised from these 2 events with the total of £877.01 the PTA have kindly donated these funds for the school to be able to purchase Diverse and inclusive books which should arrive into school ready for everyone to enjoy imminently. We will share more once they arrive.

Play Leaders

On Monday, 11 year four children completed the play leader training supported by Redborne Sports Partnership. The year fours, learnt how to become play leaders for the younger children to provide activities at lunchtimes. The play leaders listened, cooperated and had some fantastic ideas, demonstrating that they will be amazing play leaders and role models. Well done!" – Mrs Gates



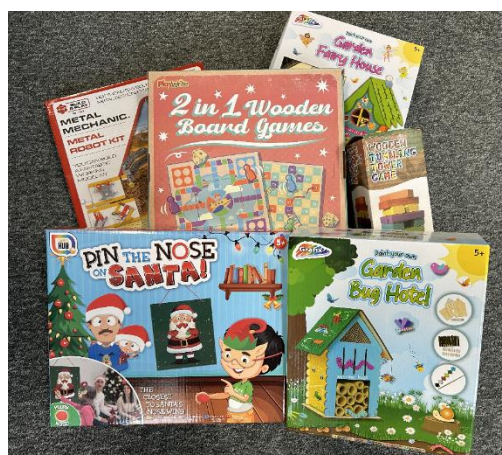
Christmas lunch menu

Please see our menu (near the bottom of this Newsletter) for the Christmas Lunch which will be on the 19th December, please remember to place your child's order via Schoolgrid.

Scholastic Book Fair

We have our Scholastic Book Fair taking place on the 22nd & 27th November for YR, Y1 and Y2 and 23rd & 28th November for YR 3 and 4.

Alongside the book fair we will have a stall for a selection of brand new toys which are available for £3 each. These toys are being sold by our PTA to raise money for outdoor play equipment for breaks and lunch times. To purchase these we will have a QR code or they can be purchased via contactless payment.



Global Education Week

13th November - 17th November 2023

This is an event organised by the Council of Europe of which the UK is a permanent member. The week endeavours to encourage learners to show responsibility for their place in the world as a global citizens.

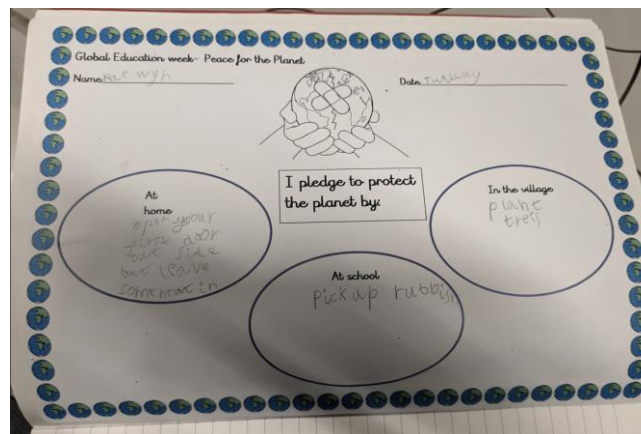
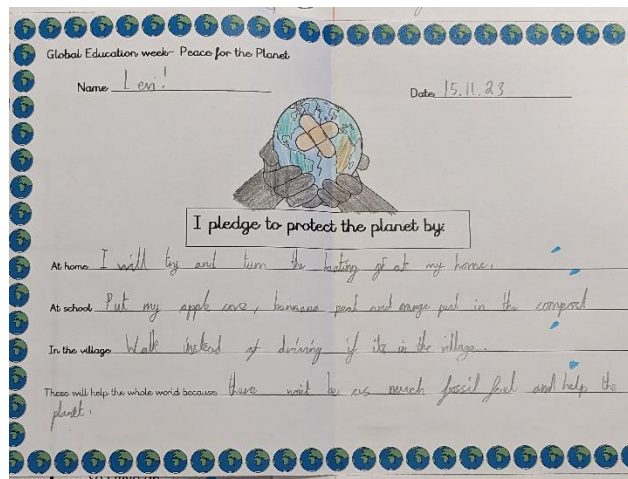
This year the theme focuses on promoting Peace for the planet. This is an important topic for all of us as global citizens to understand that all our actions have an impact on everyone throughout the world.

The children have discussed in classes the issue of climate change and how they as global citizens can have an impact. The children have completed a pledge for the changes they will make at home, in school and in the village to help the environment.

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International Greetings

Silsoe Lower School was awarded the International school award in June 2021 and we continue to ensure that the children are aware and understand different cultures and languages. Each half term, the children will respond to the register in two different languages.

Currently our language is German and so the children will be saying phrases such as 'Guten tag' and 'Guten Morgen'.



Newspapers Required

If you have any unwanted newspapers between now Christmas, please could you send them into school. Year 1 need newspapers for a project they will be working on in the new year.

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

This year we will once again be taking part in the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, this is to help children who would otherwise not receive a gift on Christmas morning.

Please can we ask if you would like to donate any toys for this cause that the toys are brand new and unwrapped alternatively there is an Amazon wish list which has been created and these items can be sent directly to the Salvation Army. Please see link for the [Salvation Army wish list](#). If you do chose this option please can you let the school know, so we can pass on the details to the Salvation Army so they are aware to expect them.



If you would like to take part and donate a toy for Christmas, please can these donations be made on the 30th November to the school office. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination

Just a reminder an email has been sent out regarding consent for the Flu vaccinations, this has been sent to all year groups. We are still waiting for a catch up date for Year 4 but if we have a consent already then we will hopefully be able to get this fitted in. The deadline for this to be completed is 23rd November.

E-safety

We still have consents outstanding for E-safety please can we ask parents to go onto SCOpay to confirm that you have read and agree to the guideline that the children need to follow. This is for all children in every class.

Supporting Santa and being one of his helpers

We are once again walking alongside the Santa float this year and need volunteers to help us collect donations.

We also need a Santa if anyone fancies riding in a sleigh.....

The date is Tuesday 12th Dec - meeting at 5.15pm with an aim to start at 5.30pm.

The route and meeting point is yet to be arranged.

Please sign up by clicking the link below

<https://volunteersignup.org/DQJW3>



Message from the PTA

Dear parents/carers,

Xmas is fast approaching and there are some great events the PTA are organising - see details below:

Santa Shop - Thursday 30th Nov and Friday 1st Dec

This is a lovely opportunity for the children to buy their families and loved ones a Xmas present which they choose all by themselves.

The shop will be running on Thursday 30th November and Friday 1st December during the school day.

Please click the link below to place your orders

[Order gifts here](#)

Xmas Quiz Night (adults only) - Saturday 9th December 7pm (Silsoe Village Hall)

This is always a fun event where teams can get together to test their knowledge.

Booking is now open and you can sign up below

[Quiz Booking Here](#)

Letters from Santa

Would you like to surprise your little one with a special letter from Santa?

If so, please click on the link below and fill in the details.

[Santa Letter](#)

There will then be a personalised letter from Santa landing on your doorstep.

There is no charge for this letter it's just a little something from the PTA.

If you have any queries or questions then please get in touch by emailing silsoepta@gmail.com

Thanks

PTA Team

Vacancy

Midday Supervisory Assistant

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

Salary: £11.59 per hour (updated following 2023-24 Pay award)

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>

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this school year. Please note dates which have changed have been highlighted.

21/11/2023	6pm	Year 1 phonics screening check information evening
22/11/2023	3.30pm to 4.00pm	Scholastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
23/11/2023	3.30pm to 4.00pm	Scholastic Y3 and Y4
24/11/2023	All day	Inset day
27/11/2023	All day	Y4 Trip to Hazard Alley
27/11/2023	TBC	Flu immunisation day YR, Y1, Y2, Y3
27/11/2023	2.45pm to 3.15pm	Scholastic Book Fair – Parents/Carers only
	3.30pm to 4.00pm	Scholastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
28/11/2023	3.30pm to 4.00pm	Scholastic Y3 and Y4
30/11/2023	During the day	PTA Santa Shop
01/12/2023	During the day	PTA Santa Shop
01/12/2023	All day	Christmas around the world
05/12/2023	11.30am	Choir singing at the Beehive
07/12/2023	2.00pm	Choir singing at Taymer Nursing Home
09/12/2023	7pm	PTA Xmas Quiz night (Silsoe Village Hall) Adults only
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
12/12/2023	5.30pm	PTA Walk with Santa Float
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

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19/12/2023

9.30am

Christmas service at the Church – children to wear uniform or uniform with a Xmas top (children only)



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sliced Turkey Breast with Chipolata Sausage

Sage and Onion Stuffing

Gravy

Or

Quorn Fillet (v)

Veggie Sausage (v)

Sage and Onion Stuffing

Gravy

Roast Potatoes

With a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables



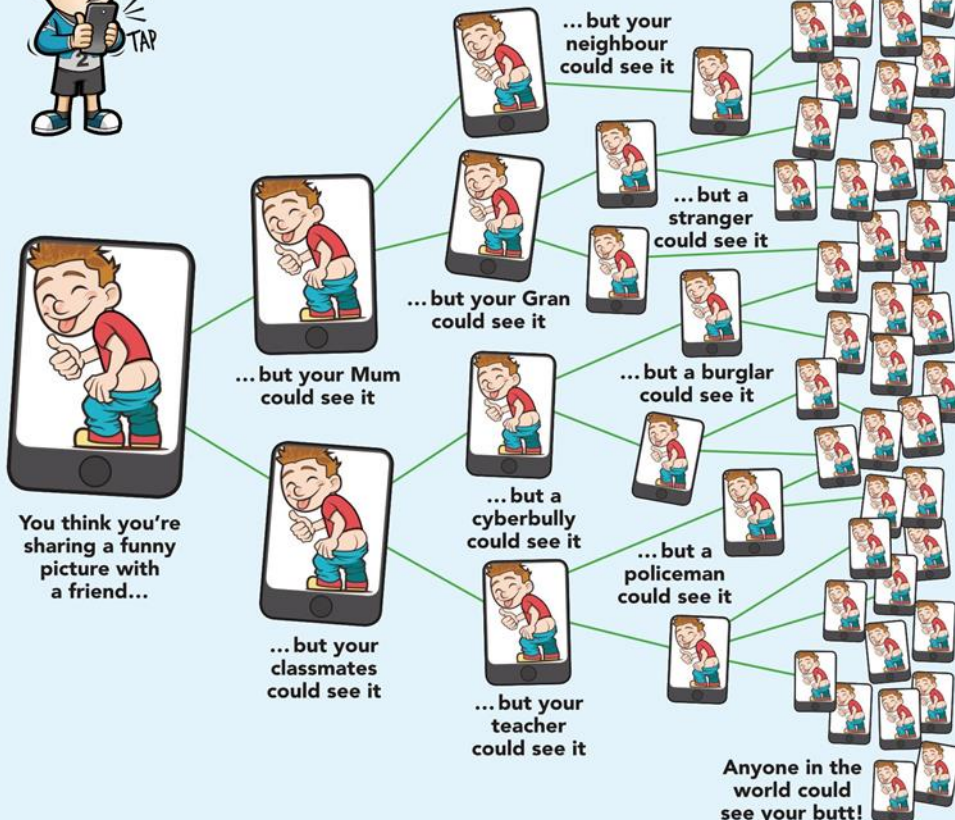
Choice of Christmas Dessert



Parent Guides to Online Safety



THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Emotional Wellbeing Workshops

Early Help - Central Bedfordshire Council

January - April 2024

Workshop	Date	Link to Book
Building Self-Esteem and Self-Confidence	Tuesday 16th January 6:00pm	https://forms.office.com/e/t8c4GZypVk
Supporting Emotional Regulation	Thursday 8th February 10:30am	https://forms.office.com/e/gpUbzYaM1h
Managing Anxiety	Monday 26th February 10:30am	https://forms.office.com/e/Hxkb5hEAWv
Emotionally Based School Avoidance	Tuesday 19th March 6:00pm	https://forms.office.com/e/S2bxSd6Qvg
Managing Transitions	Tuesday 16th April 10:30am	https://forms.office.com/e/RESDQhkdnv

Please copy and paste the link into your web browser.

All workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams and are aimed at parents/carers of children or young people in Central Bedfordshire. Workshops will run each term.

For any queries, please contact olivia.dion-fehily@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or northeearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9