

20th December 2023

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I count myself so very fortunate to be able to spend time in the run up to Christmas in school and surrounded by children and the joy and magic of Christmas.

Last week I visited the church with some of our classes to take part in the Christmas Journey. It was absolutely beautiful and such a special experience for the children who were able to meet key characters from the Christmas story. The church was transformed and the children travelled back in time to 2 thousand years ago and followed the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. We are extremely grateful to Rev. Louise and Rev. Simon and all the adults who were involved in the retelling of the Christmas story.

This week we have all enjoyed class Christmas parties, a delicious Christmas lunch prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff and we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Father Christmas delivering gifts to each class.

On behalf of myself and all the staff at school we would like to wish all our families a very peaceful and joy filled Christmas and a happy new year!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'S. Boyle', is positioned below the 'Best wishes,' text.

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A Christmas Journey



Some of our children were able to go to Church last week to see the living story of the Christmas journey. Thank you to all those that brought the story to life for them. What a beautiful experience

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Santa's visit



We were very lucky to have a special visit from Santa to each classroom or year group yesterday.
Thank you to our PTA for the kind donation of vouchers which made it possible for all of the children to receive a gift or class gift.



Our Choir at Beehive and Taymar



Some of the children from our choir were asked to sing at the Beehive centre and Taymar as well as with the Ampthill Town band over the last few weeks. Thank you for those who took part both during school hours and over the weekend. We are so proud of you all!

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Diary Dates

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

04/01/2024		Back to School
18/01/2024	All Day	Young Voices event for the Choir leaving school at 10am
25/01/2024	6pm	Key stage 2 Maths parent information evening (Y3 & Y4)
01/02/2024	6pm	Key stage 1 Maths parent information evening (Y1 & Y2)
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
25/04/2024	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
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Flitton, Greenfield, Pulloxhill,
Silsoe & Wardhedges



THE CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

SILSOE CHURCH - 16 December 10am - 12 noon

Journey through 5 interactive scenes where you will meet the people involved, culminating in a very special Nativity

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

PULLOXHILL CHURCH - 3 December 3pm

SILSOE CHURCH - 10 December 3pm

CAROL SERVICES

FLITTON CHURCH - 3 December 6pm (Advent Carol Service)

PULLOXHILL CHURCH - 10 December 6pm

SILSOE CHURCH - 17 December 3pm

FLITTON CHURCH - 17 December 6:30pm (Mince pies & mulled wine in Church Hall at 6pm)

CRIB SERVICES *(come dressed as a Nativity character if you like)*

SILSOE CHURCH - 24 December 3pm

PULLOXHILL CHURCH - 24 December 5pm

Combined CHRISTINGLE & CRIB SERVICE

(come dressed as a Nativity character if you like)

FLITTON CHURCH - 24 December 10:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

FLITTON CHURCH - 24 December 9pm

SILSOE CHURCH - 24 December 11:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION

PULLOXHILL CHURCH - 25 December 10am

A MESSAGE FROM SIMON & LOUISE

Dear Friends

This Christmas finds us in challenging times. The journey for many this year has been long, uncertain and difficult.



The first Christmas was no different for Mary and Joseph as they travelled to Bethlehem. Yet the birth of Jesus shows us, that God is not beyond us or against us, he is born amongst us. This life has been lived by God, he created it, lived it and knows us. If you would like to explore more about the Christian faith do come along to our Alpha course starting in January. His earthly birth is a loving invitation for us all to know that God cares for us all.

We hope that you have a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

With our love and prayers

Simon and Louise

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SOME DATES FOR 2024

Resuming 5 January 2024 at 2pm - THE BIBLE BOOK CLUB

Once a month on a Friday at the Vicarage, we meet together to share our insights & thoughts on particular verses of the Bible & to ask questions.

Starting 17 January 2024 at 7pm - THE ALPHA COURSE

An opportunity to explore Christian Faith - All Welcome.

Contact RevSimon@3churches.uk www.alpha.org

21 January 2024 at 4pm - MESSY CHURCH at Flitton

28 January 2024 at 6pm - HEALING SERVICE at Pulloxhill

23 March 2023 - CRAFT FAIR 10am - 4pm at Silsoe Church

As well as lots of craft stalls, there will be Easter craft activities for children

6 July 2024 - SILSOE CHURCH FUN DOG SHOW 12 noon – 4pm

7 July 2024 at 3pm - PET SERVICE at Silsoe Church

24/25 August 2024 - ART EXHIBITION at Pulloxhill Church

October 2024 - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION/ EXHIBITION at Silsoe Church Theme "Nature"

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OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Happiness

"Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

Psalm 100:2