

10th March 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased that we were able to invite parents and carers into school last week for face to face parent consultations. We hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's work in their books and that you found the meeting with the class teacher informative.

Last Thursday we celebrated World Book Day in school and we had a wonderful day. The children looked amazing in the character costumes or in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. During our worship assembly we were treated to our very own Silsoe authors reading some of the books they had written for a homework activity. It was a real pleasure to listen to the quality of texts that had been written for a wide range of genres. Well done to all our authors!

It was a pleasure to welcome Ofsted inspectors into our school last Thursday and Friday, we will share the Ofsted report with you as soon as it is available.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Easter services taking place later this term.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher

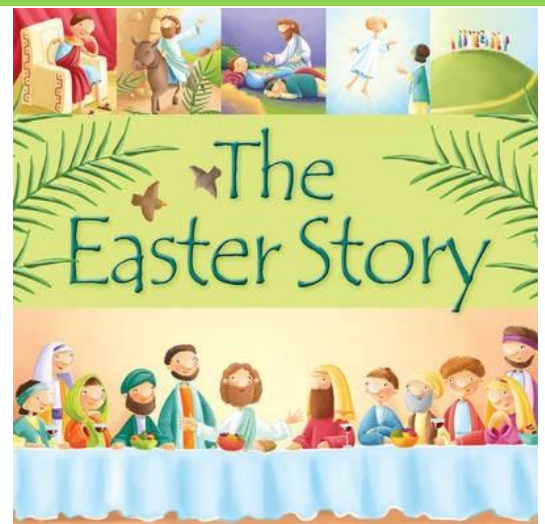
EASTER SERVICES

We invite you to join us at church as the children tell the Easter story and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Church services will take place on Wednesday 29th March at:

- 9.00am (Year R, 2 and 4)
- and 2.00pm (Year 1, 3 and 4)

We look forward to seeing you in church.



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.

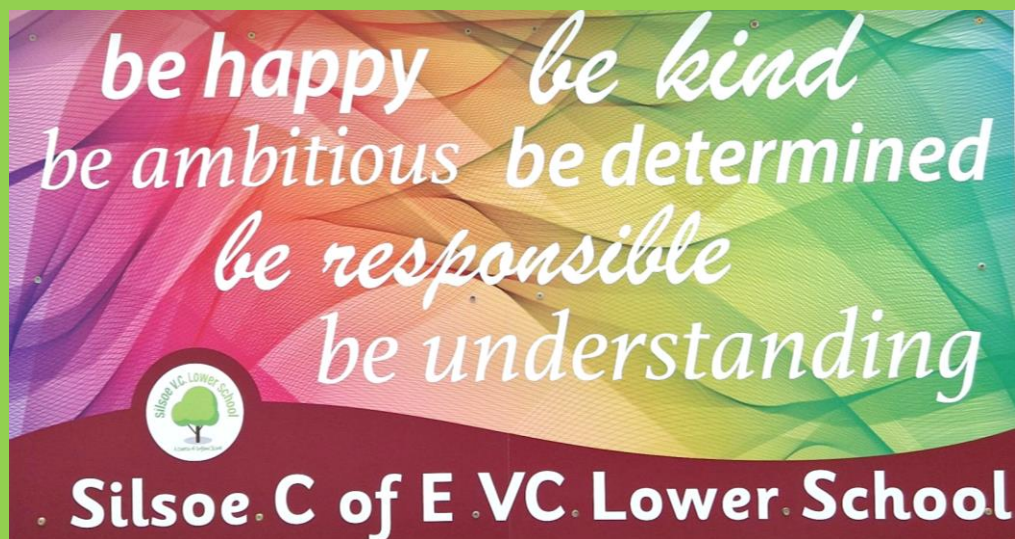
“Our vision is to be an excellent, God-centred, values-based, community-focused school where everyone is welcomed, encouraged and included.

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."



NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 6TH - 11TH MARCH 2023

It has been a real pleasure to welcome some parents into school to talk about their careers during the last week. We are extremely grateful to them for the time they gave to the school when speaking to the children and in preparing for their visit.

We have welcomed an Intensive Care Doctor, a Lawyer and Police Officers this week and we look forward to welcoming a Recruitment Specialist and Media Production & Operations Director over the next few weeks.

The children listened with eagerness about the different professions. They listened to information about each job, a typical day in the job, subjects that were studied at school or in further education to enable the adults to achieve their chosen job and the children asked some very thoughtful questions.

RED NOSE DAY



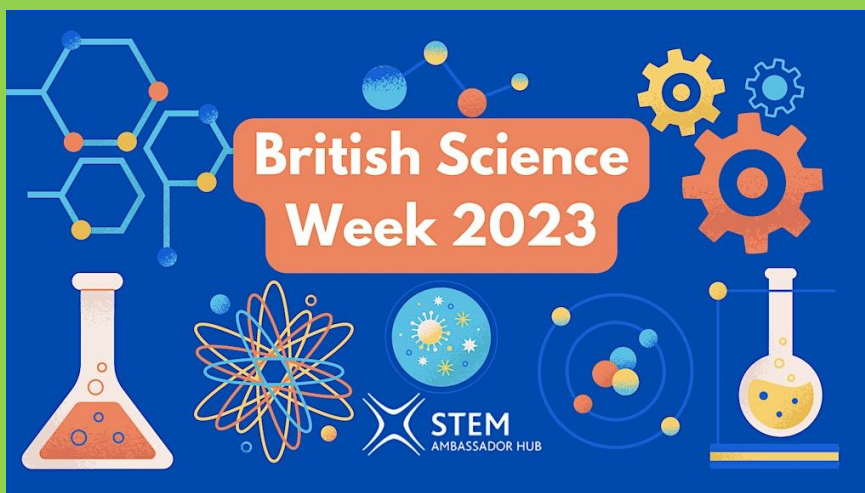
On Friday 17th March we will be joining in with Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear something red if they would like to. This could be a whole outfit, a red nose, a t-shirt or a hair band. It's entirely up to them how much red they wish to wear.

If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief please feel free to do so. All contributions however large or small will be gratefully received. Please see separate letter with information about how to donate.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week takes place from 10th-19th March. We will launch the week with a special worship assembly on Monday and we will be celebrating achievements from the week in Friday's worship assembly.

During Science week each class will be undertaking special activities and experiments. I'm sure the children will have a wonderful week exploring Science and will have lots to share with you.



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 and chat before you head home.

Mrs Boyle looks forward to talking to you.

OUR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

We are delighted to share that we have finally received confirmation from the insurance company and we are able to go ahead with the rebuild for the outdoor classroom. There are a few amendments from our original design which should make it more secure. We look forward to seeing the new outdoor classroom being built and are excited about the children being able to make use of it again very soon.



MEET A GOVERNOR

Darren DeBock

Darren joined the governing board in 2021 as an elected parent governor. He has one child attending Year 1 with another expecting to join reception class next year. Professionally he works as a commercial property lawyer specialising in residential development so brings expertise in property matters to the governing board. In his spare time Darren enjoys weightlifting at a local CrossFit gym so you'll most often find him dropping his kids off in his gym kit.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Arriving late to school

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

If your child arrives at school after 8.55am 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.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT CLUBS

We would like to further expand our after school and lunchtime enrichment clubs. Are you or do you know a member of our village who is a keen gardener, photographer or artist? We'd love to hear from members of our community, young or old, who would like to be involved with our school and would like to share their passion for a hobby with our young people.

Please get in touch with our school office if you would like to talk to us about this. We'd love to hear from you! admin@silsoelower.co.uk

SPRING TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WB: 13 th March	National Science week
Monday 13 th March	Healthy child programme for Reception by School nursing team
Thursday 16 th March	Year 2 SATs information event
Friday 17 th March	Scootability for Year 1 Red Nose Day
Wednesday 29 th March	Easter Church Services 9.30am and 2.00pm
Thursday 30 th March	PTA Easter Disco

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Friday 31 st March	Last day of term before Easter holiday
Monday 17 th April	INSET
Tuesday 18 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 27 th April	Bikeability for Year 4
Friday 28 th April	Headteacher's coffee morning

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:
Love & Forgiveness

