

28th April 2023

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Since our return from Easter we have reflected upon the value of 'Cooperation' and the children have discovered that working together we can achieve much more. During collective worship assemblies we have taken time to consider how effective we can be when we all contribute to a task and work together with one aim. We have encouraged the children to take their learning from collective worship back to the class and into the playground.

In our Friday celebration assemblies it is a privilege to celebrate the children's achievements. Congratulations to those who have worked hard, persevered, cooperated and achieved 'Behaviour for Learning Stars' and/or 'Values Leaves'. Well done!

This week our Year 4 children have been exceptionally busy enjoying a number of events. Monday saw a visit to Arnold Middle School for a sports festival, on Thursday children participated in Bikeability and today children have enjoyed a fabulous visit to Hazard Alley where they have had lots of fun whilst gaining experience about how to respond in emergency situations.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us earlier this week to watch guided reading lessons in Year 2 and Year 3. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and we hope that you found the experience helpful in understanding how we teach reading comprehension at school.

Next week we look forward to a week of celebrations as we mark the coronation of King Charles III. Please see below for further details about events.

I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 2nd May.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



A number of celebration events are planned during the week leading up to the coronation. On Wednesday we will mark the special occasion of King Charles III coronation during our whole school worship assembly led by Reverend Louise Moore.

Classes will undertake their own celebration activities during the week which will culminate on Friday 5th May with incredible magical entertainment shows, by Krisgar Entertainment, for each key stage to mark the coronation.

This will be followed by our very own 'Big Lunch' to celebrate the coronation. Children and staff will join together in an outdoor street party style lunch, weather permitting! We hope that the sun will shine on the event and we will be able to celebrate together with lunch fit for a King.

Our school meal provider, HCL are offering a special coronation party lunch. Please order via School Grid if you would like them to have one.

On Friday 5th May children are invited to wear party clothes, if they would like to, instead of school uniform. Please may I remind everyone that football tops/kits are not permitted during non-uniform days.



SAFETY OUTSIDE OUR SCHOOL

To help keep our children and families safe we respectfully ask that everyone parks safely and appropriately near our school at all times. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines at any time during the school day or the extended day (early morning and after school) when wrap around care operates.

Please also be considerate when parking locally and respect our neighbours driveways and accessibility needs to their own properties.

We look forward to seeing members of our Safer Neighbourhoods Team in the local area over the coming weeks. If you have any queries or concerns about traffic in the local area please do speak to them directly.

Thank you very much for all your support and cooperation in keeping our children safe.



SHOW YOU CARE
DON'T PARK ON THE ZIG ZAGS
YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Arriving late to school

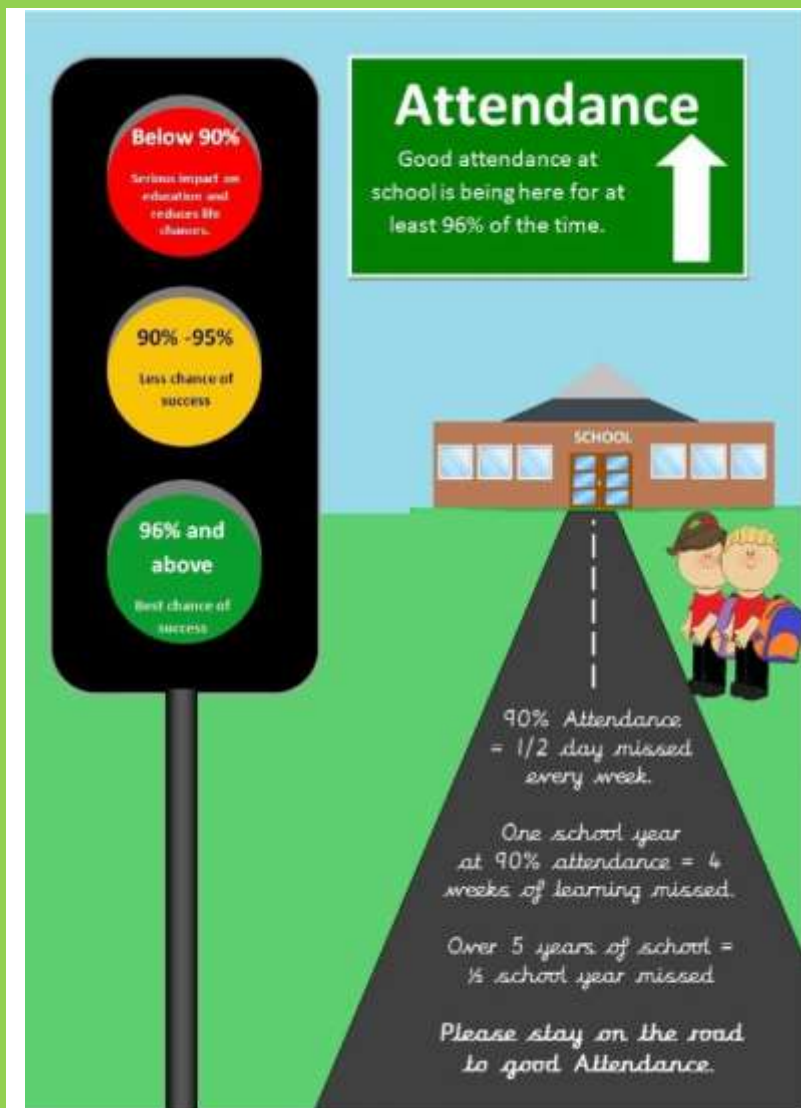
As in our register policy, a quick reminder about punctuality.

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.



MEET A GOVERNOR

Peter Durham

I am a new member to the Governing Board, joining as a Co-opted Governor in October 2022. I am part of the Strategic Resource and Personnel Committee; this role also gives me a responsibility for Health & Safety and Buildings within the school.

I have lived in the village for over 25 years, am married to Elizabeth and we have two sons, Mark and Simon. Having recently retired from my role as a Director of Vauxhall Motors, my main interests now are golf, cycling, walking my dog and supporting Luton Town FC.

I enjoy my role as a governor and look forward to contributing to the ongoing success of Silsoe Lower School.



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

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Celebrations in School- Children invited to wear party clothes
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 4 Residential to Grafham Water
Wednesday 10 th May	Year 4 Residential 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
Friday 9 th June	Year 2 Visit to Herrings Green Farm – More information to follow
Wednesday 14 th June	Class photos
Wednesday 21 st June	Parent information meeting for children starting school in September
Saturday 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
Monday 3 rd July	Scootability for Year 1 and Conifer Class
WB: 10 th July	Contingency Sports Week if weather inclement the previous week
Tuesday 11 th July	Play session for children starting school in September
Tuesday 18 th July	Play session for children starting school in September
Friday 21 st July	Year 4 Leavers Service- More information to follow
	Last day of summer term

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Cooperation



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.”