

Newsletter

21st July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our current value is 'Appreciation' and over recent weeks we have been able to show our appreciation to many in our school community.

Last week we welcomed nearly 30 volunteers to our special 'Thank you' afternoon tea and assembly. We are extremely grateful for all the support and help that we receive from our volunteers as many things simply would not be able to happen in school without their support.

Thank you to all the parents who attended any or all (of which there were many), sporting events during our Sports Week. The week was exceptionally busy but the children were fortunate to experience a great variety of different sports throughout the week. We appreciate the support of Silsoe Leisure Centre who, in addition to school, hosted many of our sporting events such as Taekwondo. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to attend many of the sports events, in addition to our traditional sports afternoons.

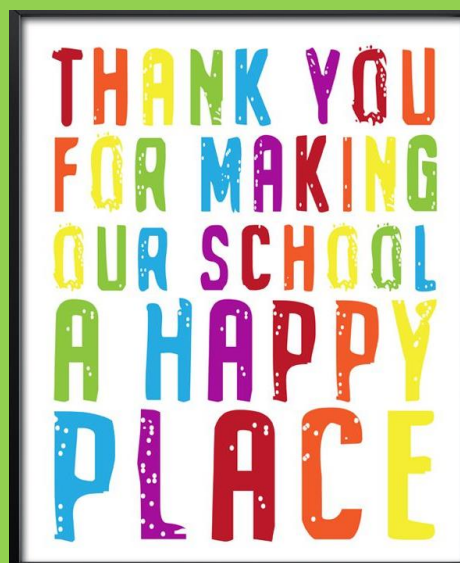
The children have been busy completing their curriculum for the year and finally we've arrived at the end of the school year and we are grateful for all that this year has provided for us. After lots of hard work children and staff are ready to enjoy the summer holiday. I wish everyone in our school community a happy, safe and restful summer holiday. I hope that you can enjoy time with family and friends and hopefully the sunshine will make a reappearance again soon!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the holiday on Tuesday 5th September.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher



VISIT TO BEEHIVE DAY CENTRE

Mrs Ashwell and Mrs Godin recently had the privilege of taking a group of 12 children from the larger Silsoe choir to sing at the Beehive Day Centre. The children were wonderful ambassadors for the school and sang a variety of songs including; Lord of the Dance, Shine Jesus Shine and Make your own kind of music.

It is always such a pleasure to visit places in the locality and use our voices to lift spirits for all. Most especially, it was a chance to say 'Thank you' to the staff at the Beehive Day Centre for the wonderful work and service they give to the community.

We would also like to thank Mr Liddle from Newbury Farm Plants for kindly donating a pot plant to give to the centre.

We will look forward to many more of these events in the year ahead.



FAREWELL TO STAFF

We are immensely grateful to all the staff that work at Silsoe Lower School and today we had the opportunity to show our appreciation to staff who have had a big impact on the children and school during their time here. Sadly today we are saying farewell to a few special members of staff, we are grateful for all they have done for our school over the years and they will all be greatly missed.

Mrs Clark (TA), Mrs Must (TA), Mrs Susikow (HLTA), Mr Wilkinson (TA) are off to pastures new and we wish them all the best as they say goodbye and move on to support children in new roles/schools.

We say farewell to Miss Baker (year 1 teacher) and wish her all the very best and hope that she has a very special wedding day, a smooth house move and wish her all the best as she starts her new teaching role in the Midlands.

Mrs Catchpole (year 4 teacher) has a few weeks of relaxation before she is expecting a little bundle of joy to arrive! We wish her all the very best as she leaves to have her baby. We look forward to hearing news of the new arrival!

Finally we say farewell to Miss Bishopp (year 4 teacher). We wish her all the very best as she leaves Silsoe Lower School and embarks on her new career.

All the staff will be greatly missed by everyone in school. We hope that they take fond memories of Silsoe away with them.



MEET A GOVERNOR



Christine joined the Governing Board as a Co-Opted Governor in Spring 23. She is a member of the Strategic Resource and Personnel Committee and will be replacing Mrs Jen Shields as the link Governor for Safeguarding.

Christine has lived in the village for 22 years, is married to Stuart and has a daughter Sara. Having recently retired from her role as Finance Manager of an upper school in Luton, she brings her experience of working within the education sector along with her finance and personnel knowledge to the Governing Board.

SILSOE LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Enjoy a few photographs below from our Silsoe Lower School Football Teams as they attended our Football Tournament held at Wrest Park on 10th June. A huge thank you to the parents who coach and support our football teams throughout the year. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the football club committee members. The children are very fortunate to have such a devoted team of people giving up their time to enable the children to enjoy football games on a weekly basis. .

MESSAGE ABOUT THE CHAIRMAN

A few words from Andrew Smith:

"The Silsoe Lower School Football Team would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Chairman, Tom Hyde, who has decided to step down at the end of this season. Tom has been supporting the school football team for the last 7 years, initially as a Coach and more recently in the role of Chairman. Tom has worked tirelessly in supporting the club during this period and everyone associated with the school teams would like to extend a massive thank you to him for his efforts. Tom will be handing over the role of Chairman to Steve York who has kindly agreed to take over the role. Tom will continue to support in an advisory capacity over the next season to ensure a smooth transition. We would like to thank Steve for taking on this role and ensuring the Club continues to be the success that it is today."



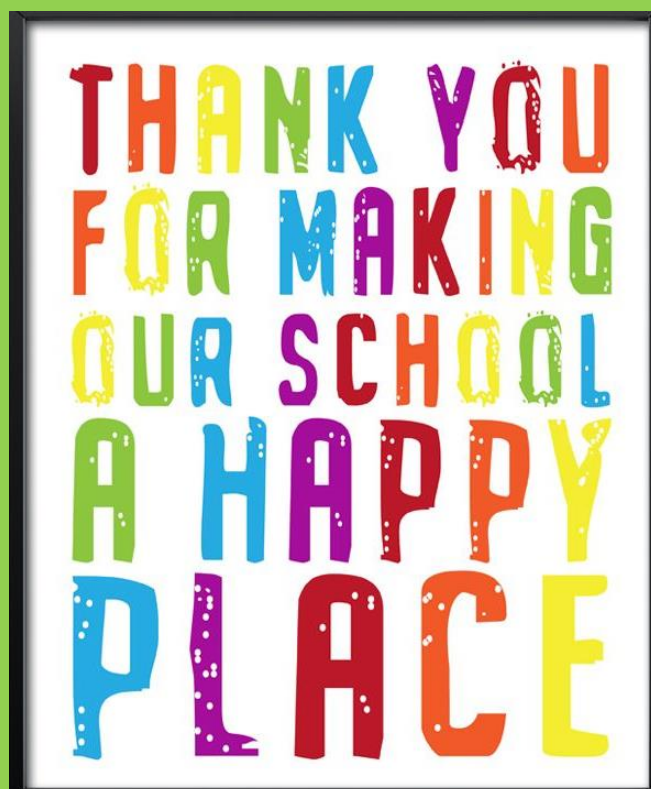


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AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
1.9.23	INSET
4.9.23	INSET
5.9.23	Children return to school for the Autumn Term

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:
Appreciation



*Thank you to our Children, Staff, Parents, Governors,
Volunteers and Silsoe Community*

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."