

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are working hard and are now well underway with their learning in all subject areas. It's been a privilege to talk to some of the children about their learning this week when I have visited classrooms or when they have brought their work to show me in my office. Children from Reception to Year 4 have shared their excitement about something new they have learnt and have been eager to show me their work. It has also been wonderful to share some quality work in our collective worship earlier this week. A child from each class shared a piece of work that they and their teacher were proud of because they had worked hard to achieve quality. Well done to all who were recognised for demonstrating our value of quality.

We are all very much looking forward to our Autumn Fair tomorrow and we hope that you will be able to join us. The PTA have worked incredibly hard over the last few months to ensure that all children and families in our Silsoe Lower School community can experience a wonderful event. Thank you to all the PTA members, volunteers and members of staff who are helping tomorrow to make sure it is a special event for all. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Boyle

Headteacher

Class updates

Reception classes Acorn and Chestnut

This week in reception they have started their writing lessons, they had to draw their families and then label the pictures using the phoneme we have learnt.

Here are a couple of examples of their work.



Year 1 Willow and Hawthorn

This week they have started a line project which they will be adding to each week. They have been creating art with lines by creating waves with different lines that they have previously learnt to draw. In RE next week they will be adding to these pictures by adding Jonah and the Whales.



Year 2 Sycamore and Maple

This week the children in Year 2 have been reading Farmer Duck and have been thinking about how this links to kindness and cooperation.

In Maths they have been developing their knowledge in place value using lots of different activities and equipment.

Next week they will be creating some art work which will be shared with you.

Year 3 Pine and Palm

In English this week Year 3 have been learning all about instructions and their function. We followed a set of instructions to make a mammoth and then evaluated how effective they had been.

I think you will all agree this work looks great.



Year 4 Oak and Elm

In Science this week Year 4 have been looking at appliances that are mains and battery operated. In computing they have been learning about computing networks and how the internet connects to the whole world.

In English they have started to read The Barnaby Project and have been looking at different writing styles and how they can be used.

Conifer Class

This week in Conifer class they have been continuing to learn how to work together and how to share with each other.

In Science they have carried out experiments to find out the fat content in crisps and to see which have the highest fat content.

They are also continuing with their cooking on a Friday and today made no yeast bread.



General information

Congratulations

We are delighted to share some happy news with you all and I am sure that you will join us in congratulating Mrs Curtis and Mrs Finn both are expecting babies. We are all very pleased for you both and cannot wait to meet your babies when they arrive.

We are currently advertising the position that will become vacant when they go onto maternity leave.

PTA Autumn Fair

We are looking forward to the Autumn Fair tomorrow and hope many of you will join us as we come together.

We have lots of fun activities to take part in, with a raffle, tombola, games, stalls and more.

The fair will run from 12-3 but will also offer a SEN half hour from 11.30, if you would like to attend the earlier session then please email silsoepta@gmail.com so they will know approximate numbers in advance.

Entry to the fair is £1 per adult and children are free. Just a reminder that all children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

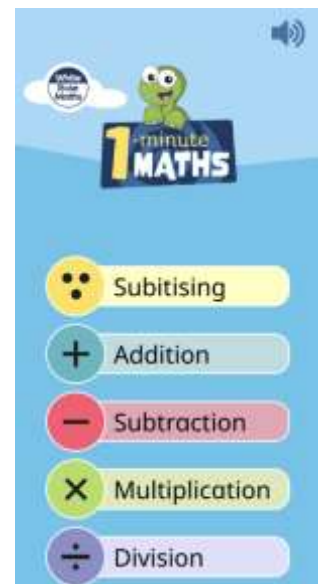
We are very excited to have our school choir perform on the day and also some dance performances as well as Ampthill Town Band who will be playing for us.

If anyone would like any further information and are able to help please contact silsoepta@gmail.com for more information.

Free Maths app

There is a free maths app which is linked to White Rose Maths called White Rose Maths 1 minute maths. This app has a selection of free activities for children to try for all primary school ages.

If you have any questions about this app please speak to Mrs Ambler.



Year 4 advance notice

After October half term year 4 will be making light boxes in DT, each child will need a shoe box, if you have any spare shoe boxes please can you bring them into school by the 10th November.

Viking day will be held on the 16th February and each child is asked to dress as a Viking, you do not need to buy an outfit an oversized tshirt with a belt would be a great costume.



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Healthy snacks

Please can we ask that the healthy snack that is sent in with children to have at break time is put into their bag separately to their lunch box. Lunch boxes are stored on a trolley during the day and if the snacks are left in their bags during the morning this will make it a lot easier for the children to access on their way to play.

Just as a reminder we are a nut free school so no items being sent to school should contain nuts.

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this half term, also please note dates which have changed or been added for the year which have been highlighted.

23/09/2023	12pm to 3pm	Autumn Fair
25/09/2023	All week	Cycle to School Week
26/09/2023	All day	Languages Day
26/09/2023	3pm	Y4 Grafham Water parent information meeting – details to follow
27/09/2023	All Day	Y3 Celtic Harmony trip
29/09/2023	All Day	Conifer Class closed
02/10/2023	All Day	Y2 Wrest Park History visit – details to follow
02/10/2023	TBC	Y4 Geography Field Trip
04/10/2023	9.30am	Harvest Festival (approx. 1 hour) – parents invited Reception, Year 2 & Elm Class. More details to follow
04/10/2023	2pm	Harvest Festival (approx. 1 hour) – parents invited Year 1, Year 3 & Oak Class. More details to follow
11/10/2023	All day	School Photographs – pupil portraits
12/10/2023	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
13/10/2023	Morning	Y4 Arnold Academy taster session – More details to follow
17/10/2023	4pm to 7pm	Parent consultations – More details to follow
13/11/2023	All Week	Global Education Week
05/12/2023	11.30am	Choir singing at the Beehive
07/12/2023	2.00pm	Choir singing at Taymer Nursing Home
06/03/2024	All Day	Y3 Faith Tour
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf walk in Silsoe
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks

Message from Flitwick childrens centre

Welcome to Flitwick and District Children's Centre.



Please scan this QR code to complete our Access to Services Request Form or follow this link -

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/479>

0300 300 8111

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Flitwick and Mid Beds Locality Children's Centre

Melham Close, Flitwick, MK45 1PU

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

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Flitwick.childrenscentre@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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Support & Advice

The Centre staff can offer support and advice on breast feeding, parenting, choosing childcare, FREE 2-year funded pre-school places, introducing solid food, toilet training, oral health, training/education, home safety, plus much more. Please ask a member of the team or contact us by phone or email.

Rebuild

The Rebuild Programme is a 12-week group programme looking at healthy relationships. It's designed for women living with domestic abuse in Central Bedfordshire, and will explore what healthy relationships look like, conflict in relationships, the dynamics of domestic abuse and the impact it has on relationships. It will also give women the opportunity to have a one-to-one with the programme facilitator towards the end of the programme and plan for their future. For more information, please contact our facilitators –

Jane.Williams@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Janice.Foley@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Justine.O'Driscoll@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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https://centralbedfordshire.welcomesyourfeedback.net/childrens_support
to voice your opinions



Worried about your child's talking,
listening, interaction or
stammering?

NB: This service is for children pre-school
age and younger who are **NOT** already
known to or haven't been referred to the
Speech and Language Therapy Service
and live within Central Bedfordshire.

<https://childspeechbedfordshire.nhs.uk/how-to-refer/early-advice-sessions/>

During these short 15-minute phone
or video consultation we will discuss
your concerns and provide advice
and strategies to try. Face to face
appointments can be offered
following this consultation if needed

To book complete the online
form at

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Bedfordshire & Luton Children's Community Health Hub
0 - 19 years – YOUR ONE STOP CONTACT POINT

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EMAIL ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthhub@nhs.net

OPENS 9AM TO 5PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (excl bank hol)

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The Big Ambition in Bedfordshire

This Friday, the Children's Commissioner for England will be visiting Bedfordshire as part of her launch of The Big Ambition. The Big Ambition is a survey for all children aged 6-18 and parents of young people aged 0-18 across the country. She hopes to use the survey to hear about what children want for the future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

Now, as we approach the General Election, this is the moment to take children and young people's voices to policy makers, to ensure that they are represented in the decisions which will shape their futures.

The Commissioner wants to ensure that the children and young people of Bedfordshire have their say through The Big Ambition and is particularly keen to reach as many different groups of children and different types of settings in Bedfordshire as possible.

Dame Rachel is very much looking forward to seeing what the children of Bedfordshire thinks needs to change to improve their lives.

You can access the survey by visiting:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>. Further resources are available **[here](#)**.

Message from Central Bedfordshire Council

The local authorities across Bedfordshire along with our partner agencies are running a campaign about cycle helmet safety.

Parliament are in the process to obtain a parliamentary bill that requires a person riding a bicycle on the public highway to wear a safety helmet and for connected purposes . [Road Safety \(Cycle Helmets\) Bill - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament](#)

To make this become the norm, as is in Australia, we need to get children to wear helmets from an early age.



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Adults £1
Kids free

SILSOE PTA Family FUN Day!

at Silsoe VC Lower School,
Chestnut Avenue

BBQ

Licensed
Bar

Autumn Fair

Saturday
23rd September

12 - 3pm

Community event,
all welcome!

Grand Raffle

Petting Corner

Glitter Tattoos

Tombola

Games

Stalls

* More!

Dance Performances

Choir Performance

Live Music

Police Car

Ice Cream

Cakes

* More!

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Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



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.

Skips Educational Email: info@skips.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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LOAF is a Saturday morning activity group which the whole family can attend. The sessions provide a safe and inclusive environment for autistic children aged 3-12 years to access a variety of activities including soft play, arts & crafts, cooking, sensory and outdoor play. We also aim to provide parents/carers with a short break during the session whilst their child is supported by trained staff and volunteers.

To find out more about our services please visit:
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Wanted Fun is a fortnightly youth club group which provides social opportunities for autistic young people aged 10-17 years accessing mainstream education with lower support needs. Each group has a variety of different activities available depending on the interests of the young people. Activities include cooking, sports activities, board games, computer games, arts & crafts and movie nights.

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Workshop for parents/carers: Understanding Emotions and Behaviour of Children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

Please see page 2 for dates and booking information

Children centres provide a friendly service to families with children ages 0-12 years

The workshop is suitable for parents/carers of children aged 0-12 with emerging needs, on the pathway to assessment, have a diagnosed condition and/or identified special educational need.

The workshop will cover:

*Brain development
Understanding anger
Self-regulation and co-regulation
Strategies to support behaviours that challenge*

The workshop will be run by the Early Years SEND Advisory Team and children Centre staff



Please contact Dunstable children centre on 0300 300 8104/ 0300 300 8106

Anum.Malik@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or Jade.Keyte@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Face to face workshop at Dunstable children centre (Downside)

- **Thursday 12th October 2023, 9.30 am to 12.30 noon**
(unfortunately no children can attend)- contact Anum to book

Online via Microsoft teams

- **Tuesday 31st October 2023, 12.30- 2.30 pm-** contact Jade to book
- **Wednesday 8th November 2023 4.00 pm- 6.00 pm-** contact Jade to book

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OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Quality

"Don't try to make yourselves beautiful on the outside, with stylish hair or by wearing gold jewellery or fine clothes. Instead, make yourselves beautiful on the inside, in your hearts, with the enduring quality of a gentle, peaceful spirit. This type of beauty is very precious in God's eyes."

Peter 3:3-4