

16th December 2022

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and exciting term and the children have experienced some wonderful learning opportunities.

Christmas is always a special time of year and over the last few weeks we have enjoyed welcoming parents into school to share in the Christmas Nativity Story. It was a real joy to have a hall filled with parents again after such a long time; we hope that you enjoyed watching the performances.

This final week hasn't been quite as we had planned with forced closure due to snow and ice and then a heating failure, however we were delighted to be able to welcome most children back into school today to enjoy the Christmas carol service and class parties.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 4th January.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Boyle

Headteacher

THEATRE VISIT

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were booked to visit The Hat Factory Arts Centre this week to watch a production of 'By the Light of The Moon'. The children had a fabulous experience at the theatre, following on from a recent visit by Full House Theatre Productions for puppetry and dance workshops in school. Sadly one group was unable to attend due to the snow and ice however we are in talks with the Theatre to ensure that the children can still experience this wonderful production.



GOVERNOR INTRODUCTIONS

This month we introduce our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Steven Blair.

Steve Blair

Steve has been a member of the Governing board as a parent governor for just over a year. He is the Vice Chair of Governors and also the link governor for PE & Sports Premium and Staff Welfare. Steve originally from the North East (and a big Newcastle United fan) has lived in the village for just over 6 years with his wife Kelly and two daughters; Amelie who has just left Silsoe Lower and joined Robert Bloomfield Academy and Anais who has just started year 1.

PTA NEWS

The PTA have recently shared their newsletter and the extremely grand total of their fundraising in just one term. We are very excited and look forward to updating you with how this will be spent in the New Year.



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SILSOE PTA NEWS

AUTUMN TERM ROUNDUP

THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY TERM FOR THE PTA. WE VERY MUCH ENJOYED BRINGING A LARGE SCALE FAMILY EVENT TO SILSOE AND PLAN TO DO MORE NEXT YEAR.
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS.

MONEY RAISED - AUTUMN TERM

£5720.15

CIRCUS £3705.38
BAGS2SCHOOL £180.00
XMAS4SCHOOLS £141.00
DISCO £613.68
SANTA SHOP £1080.09

MERRY CHRISTMAS

All of the money raised above will be going into school this year and we hope to share more on the Forest School project soon. This term, we have subsidised some school trips. Each class has received a voucher for their teacher to buy a class present. They have also received money for all their Christmas crafts.

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If you are interested in helping us to make even more money next term, get in touch with us on email or social media (contact details below), or just chat to one of us in the playground.

Co-Chairs - Sarah Vaughton & Haley Hills Treasurer - Daniel Oliver
Communications - Michelle Stacey Secretary - Sall Indge
Other Members - Rachel Sprigge, Jen Alexander, Elizabeth Harper, Faye Broxham, Emma Wiley,
Bethaney Manning, Alex Fouché, Laura Henness, Abbie Rowley and Debra Fouché.

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A REMINDER ABOUT PUNCTUALITY

Excellent attendance and punctuality at school is something we want for all of our children. If children are late to school it can impact on their learning and their self-esteem.

As you are already aware, we monitor children's attendance regularly and robustly and we do the same with punctuality. Children start school at 8.45am and we expect them to be in their classrooms, ready to start learning by 8.55am. The playground gates are locked at 8.55am so as a reminder; if your child arrives at school after this time, you will need to go to Reception to sign in. If this is after 9am, this will be recorded as a 'late' in the register and you will be asked to provide a reason for the lateness. If your child is late into school they may miss the main teaching input into the lesson and this could impact upon your child's understanding and attainment, so please aim to be at school on time!

We really appreciate your support in raising the importance of good school attendance and punctuality with your children. If you need any support with this please speak to the class teacher or make an appointment to see Mrs Shires or Mrs Boyle.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

CHILDREN IN NEED

The children enjoyed attending school in their pyjamas and wearing their Pudsey ears. In addition to raising awareness of children in need across the country a tremendous sum was raised by the school community for the charity. Selling the merchandise alone raised over £500.00.

Thank you all for your generosity.



*OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:
TOLERANCE*



*“Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity. To every
child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.”*

—OREN ARNOLD