

12th July 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We may be approaching the end of the academic year but the children remain incredibly busy and have enjoyed many wonderful learning and enrichment activities over the last week.

We were exceptionally fortunate with the weather and were able to undertake all the rescheduled sports week events.

The children have really enjoyed taking part in the Dance-a-thon and have had lots of fun learning about the country of Uganda and understanding what it might be like to live in Uganda. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed learning a Ugandan themed dance, whilst also playing the drums enthusiastically.

Thank you so much for all the donations that have been made so far to our partner school in Uganda, every penny raised really will make such a difference to their children's school experience.

I couldn't write the newsletter without mentioning a certain football game which is taking place on Sunday, I hope that everyone enjoys watching the game. School will be open as usual on Monday although we do appreciate that there may be some tired young people in school. Let's hope that it's a great result for England and although tired we'll all be celebrating!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S. Boyle'.

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

Reception have enjoyed continuing our learning about the world this week. We visited Australia in our learning and explored lots of facts about this continent. The children have enjoyed painting animals and using maps to find Australia in the world.

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Thank you to all the parents who were able to make PE with me. We appreciate as working parents how difficult this is to coordinate especially with day changes. The children had lots of fun exploring all the activities we put out as did the adults!

Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

We have had real fun this week with our DT day. Together we made and decorated some biscuits, made fruit skewers and of course, ate them!

In Maths, we continued to learn about time, thinking about the days of the week and the months of the year.

In RE, we completed our work on Islam. The children were able to talk in some detail about what they had learnt.

In Science this week, we looked at the changing seasons, and more specifically, summer. We learnt that we have more hours of daylight than any other season. The children decided what clothes they should wear in summer, although this week has not felt particularly Summery!

Reminder Teddy Bears Picnic on Thursday 18th July bring a teddy and packed lunch.



Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

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We have had an amazing week building up to completing our DT project. We enjoyed evaluating a range of dips and dippers and some of us were brave enough to try some new things! We then focused on our food hygiene skills and thought about how to be safe in the kitchen. Ask us about the bridge and claw hold for when chopping!

In English we have been learning all about non-fiction writing, specifically about bugs. It has been brilliant getting to learn about lots of different creatures and display our work in a range of ways. We have learned about flies, bees, ants and beetles and how different bugs move.

Lastly, we have been exploring position and direct in Maths. We have been working on understanding clockwise and anti-clockwise along with quarter turns and half turns. We really enjoyed using the BeeBots and having a go at following different instructions.

Year 3 – Palm and Pine

This week, year 3 have been planning and writing short stories in their English lessons. The children have demonstrated their growing skills in English by creating imaginative narratives, including a clear beginning, middle, and end. Year 3 have showcased their ability to use descriptive language, including adjectives and adverbs, to bring their characters and settings to life. They also practiced using direct speech to extend their sentences and enhance their writing, really bringing depth and understanding to their stories. The Year 3 team have enjoyed reading the creative stories that the children have written, what brilliant imaginations they all have!

Year 4 – Elm and Oak

Year 4 have been very busy this week reminiscing. They have thought all about their special memories from Silsoe Lower ready for our leavers' worship next Friday. They have also been practising very hard some beautiful songs. Tissues need to be at the ready! They have also thought about the rules they might set themselves for how they use a mobile phone in the future to ensure they are always safe.

Conifer class

The children have continued to access their personalised curriculums for all subjects whilst building and strengthening relationships with their peers and adults. Some of the children continue to access some mainstream lessons in the afternoons.

We have thought about transition, change and loss this week – listening to the story 'Badger's Parting Gifts'. We talked about how it is OK to be sad about someone or a pet who has died and all the things we can do to remember them. We discussed how to make ourselves feel better when we are sad and who we can talk to. The children have really shown empathy and kindness this week.

Attendance for this week

Acorn	98.1%	Chestnut	96.9%
Hawthorn	97.4%	Willow	92.3%
Maple	97.1%	Sycamore	99.1%
Palm	90.7%	Pine	93.8%
Elm	90.0%	Oak	98.4%
Conifer	91.7%		

Please find the link to the NHS website regarding 'Is my child well enough to be in school'
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child has a temperature for more than 2 days please take them to the doctor to get them checked for an infection.

Being late for school can affect your child's attendance, anyone arriving after 8.55 and entering through the front doors will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9.15 will be marked as an unauthorised absence which will affect their attendance (unless there is an acceptable explanation).

Star and Leaves awards

We will be restarting our Stars and Leave awards after the summer holidays. Well done to all of our winners for this school year.

General Information

Shrek The Musical

Chloe in Year 2 performed in Shrek The Musical at the Luton Library Theatre. She played the parts of young Fiona and The Elf. We are so proud of Chloe for her amazing performance including singing a solo.

She was also awarded the Stage Stars junior star of the year award! Keep shining Chloe.



Eddie in Reception

Eddie is interested in how the tadpoles are growing in Grandma's pond.

They have developed back legs and we call them Froglets. Eddie uses a net to dip randomly into the water and weeds to see what he can find. Newts and Dragon fly larvae would be nice but didn't find any on this occasion. Turning over wood in the garden always gives results like snails beetles and slugs.

Well done Eddie on being a great wildlife observer.



Chilli Children Dance-a-thon



Today, Silsoe Lower danced their hearts out and so far they have raised £476 for the Chilli Children charity! What an astonishing total! The children have moved and grooved and learnt the steps of Ugandan dances and played traditional African drums. All of our classes have also learnt about the country of Uganda itself. They have found out about the colours of the flag, the population, the languages, the climate of the country, the animals that can be found there as well as some famous physical features of the land such as waterfalls.

A very special Thank you to Karen and Emma from The Dance Studio who have helped the children dance all day long.

Take a look at us dancing below and our beautiful posters all about Uganda.

There is still time to donate and be entered into the prize draw.

The prize draw will take place at 9am on Monday 15th July.

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Sports week

Please see some feedback from our children regarding sports week and the activities they have taken part in and some photos. Well done to Blue team who were the overall winners of the week.

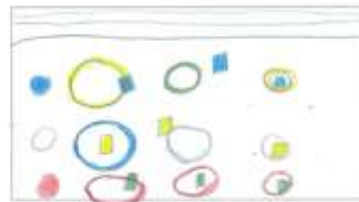
I enjoyed doing everything we did this week

It keeps us fit and healthy

I really enjoyed running sports day for reception, Year 1, 2 and 3. I liked all of the activities.



My favourite day was the sports day and the sack race.



I enjoyed rounders because I hit it really far. I also enjoyed leading sports for reception, year 1, 2 and 3.

I enjoyed sports week. My favourite part was the fitness because I found it very fun!



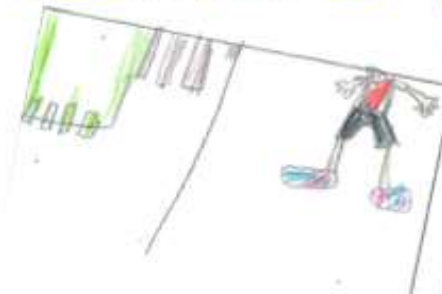
My favourite part was when my Mummy came to do PE with me on Thursday

My favourite part was my mum came for the first time in sports day



I enjoyed the PE with me because in rounders I hit the ball really far.

My favourite was dance studio and sports day





Congratulations to all of Lunch time dance club

Congratulations to all of the children who have attended our lunch time dance club, Karen and Emma have said you were all fantastic. We hope you all take home your certificates and medals.



New price for School Meals

Please note that from September 2024 school meals for year 3 and year 4 will be increasing to £2.75 per meal.

PTA raffle for Autumn Fair

The children should all have an envelope containing a letter and two books of raffle tickets for the Autumn Fair this evening. If you would like to purchase for the draw on 21 September please complete the counterfoils and return with cash in the envelope to the school office.



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Monday 15 July
Bottle Tombola
Non Uniform Day!
Wear what you love, including team kits!
Instead of donating money we would be very grateful for any bottle donations to fill our bottle tombola!
(Best before dates after October 24)
Donations can be left in the school reception.

Silsoe PTA
Autumn Fair
Saturday 21 September
12 - 3pm
At Silsoe VC Lower School

 silsoepta@gmail.com  Friends of Silsoe Lower School  friendsofsilsoelower
Fundraising for Silsoe VC Lower School PTA, charity 1040277



Teddy Donations!
Do you have any spare teddies / plush toys that are looking for a new home or a new adventure?
We would love your donations!
All shapes and sizes are welcome!
Just please make sure they are clean and in good condition.
Donations can be left in the school reception between 15-19 July.

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Lost Property

We have a lot of unnamed lost property in school, if this is not claimed by Friday 19th July at 4.30, these items will be recycled.

Changes to attendance by Central Bedfordshire Council from 19th August 2024

As we are all looking forward to the summer holidays and some people may be looking to book holidays for next year, we wanted to bring to your attention some changes that come into effect from 19th August 2024 regarding term time holidays.

Please click on this link for further details [Central Bedfordshire missing school](#)

Clarinet Lessons

If your child is interested in learning the clarinet there will be a group lesson space available for a year 3/4 child for September, please enrol through Inspiring music

- <https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/enrol>

Miss Alsop

Summer Screen Time

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we can't guarantee the sun, but we can predict high levels of screen time for our children and young people.

But what is the best way to approach this? Please follow this link for some top tips and resources to manage screen time:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/06/20/summertime-screen-time-2024/>

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games and highlights the risks to children and young people.

The blog provides practical suggestions to help keep children safe when using online chats. It provides separate tips for younger children and teens but reminds us that conversation is key when trying to understand the purpose of online chats. It also advises giving children the opportunity to discuss their experiences with online games whether positive or negative.

Read the blog here;

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/my-child-is-gaming-with-strangers-what-should-i-do>

Ordering Uniform from Prestige

Prestige has asked us to remind parents that they would like all orders placed online for uniform. They only hold limited stock in the shop and that they are currently offering free delivery to school if your order is placed before the summer holidays. Please find the link below to their shop.

[Prestige](#)

Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this school year. Please note dates which have changed or added have been highlighted.

15/07/2024	All Day	Non uniform day for PTA bottle tombola donations
18/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
18/07/2024	Lunch time	Teddy Bears Picnic for Year 1
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Trust

Mark 11:24

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have
Received it, and it will be yours*



Messy Sunday

Sunday 14th July 4pm-5.30pm
Silsoe Church

A lively fun and creative time together for families,
children and people of all ages.

Songs, stories, puppets, crafts and creative prayers,
ending with tea together.

Numbers Limited so Book on
revsimon@3churches.uk

Voluntary Donations

All Welcome



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What's on this summer

for children and families?

Central Bedfordshire has lots to
offer families this summer!



Find out by visiting:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/school-holiday-activities



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