

14th June 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Saturday I was fortunate to be able to attend the Silsoe Lower School Football Tournament alongside a number of other staff members; it really was a wonderful day once again. We were blessed with good weather which improved throughout the day and everyone who attended enjoyed the tournament and gave very positive feedback.

With over 400 children taking part it is a huge event and our thanks go to the Silsoe Football Club committee and coaches who so generously give up their time to ensure the children enjoy playing football throughout the year and during the tournament. Thank you also to the extensive list of volunteers who helped on the day to make it such a success.



It was a great privilege to be on the side-lines watching the games and hearing such supportive and positive comments from children and parents. I heard parents cheering on their children, reminding them that it's a team effort and praising children for including all team members in their play, other parents commented and praised the team's determination and celebrated with them. Whilst eating half time oranges, a group of children told me how they were getting on telling me

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about a win, a draw and losses. I asked them what they needed to do for the next game and their response was “we’ll persevere and do our best and try to win”. It’s lovely to see the values of resilience, perseverance and good sportsmanship being transferred outside of school and into their sporting activities.

Congratulations to our Year 4 team who won the tournament trophy for their year group competition! Excellent teamwork Year 4!

Best wishes,



Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

In reception this week we have been learning all about London. The children have explored maps of London and located famous landmarks such as Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. We enjoyed painting pictures of these places and creating our own maps.

The children continued their learning on repeating patterns in maths and we explored 3D shapes too.

In RE this week the children have learnt about Jesus feeding the 5000, the children have created pictures of fish to represent it.



Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

This week has been a really busy week in Year 1.

In History we are learning about castles and why they were built. We are really excited about our trip to Mountfitchet Castle in a few weeks! Molly was inspired by the learning and created her own castle at home.

In English, we have learnt about plurals and what we need to add to the end of words to change them from a singular to a plural.

In Science this week, we have been finding out the differences between wild plants and garden plants. We have had the opportunity to explore some wild flowers on the field and have talked about how the seeds got there. The children drew a plant in their books, labelled it and many were able to explain the purpose for each part of the plant.

We also want to say a really big 'Well Done' to all the children who took part in the 'Phonic's Screening Checks' this week. **ALL** the children tried so hard and we are very proud of them!



Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

We have had a busy week getting to grips with our new topic of 'statistics' in Maths, where we have been focusing on tally charts and block graphs.

In English, we started reading our new book 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine. We have loved learning more about the character Tuffy and all the naughty things he gets up to!

Lastly, we enjoyed creating some drama in RE to retell the story of Jesus bringing good news to Matthew. We talked about why Jesus may have chosen Matthew to be his disciple and how this may have changed the views of others.



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Year 3 – Palm and Pine

This week in our English lessons, the children have been diving into the world of directed speech. This exciting focus has helped the children understand how to use quotation marks, punctuation, and reporting clauses effectively. Through interactive activities and creative writing exercises, the children are learning to bring their characters to life, making their stories more engaging and dynamic. Encouraging them to practice these skills at home by sharing conversations from their favourite books or creating their own dialogues can further enhance their learning. We are proud to see their progress and enthusiasm in mastering directed speech.

Year 4 – Elm and Oak

Year 4 finally managed to reschedule our marshmallow toasting. The weather was kind to us and we all sat round the fire and roasted the marshmallows to make chocolate smores. The children helped us to sing some camp fire songs too!

We have also had a visit from Mr Roberts from Arnold Academy in preparation for the transition day. The children were able to him questions and share their excitement for the move to middle school.



Conifer class

The children have continued to access their personalised curriculum in English and Maths whilst building and strengthening relationships with their peers and adults. Some of the children continue to access some mainstream lessons in the afternoons.

Some children have been learning about emotions and understanding emotions in others. Other children have continued to access many of their lessons with their mainstream class.

Attendance for this week

Acorn	97.6%	Chestnut	97%
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Hawthorn	93.7%	Willow	93.3%
Maple	93.8%	Sycamore	91.7%
Palm	94%	Pine	95%
Elm	89.7%	Oak	93.9%
Conifer	91.3%		

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 are proud of the hard work the children make with their academic work, their resilience and positive attitude to learning in addition to the efforts they make to follow our school values. Each week in our celebration assembly we congratulate children who have gone above and beyond and have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning and thus achieved the Behaviour for Learning Star. We are also very proud of the children who demonstrate our school values to a high standard and are awarded the Values Leaf. All children who are recognised for their hard work in our celebration assembly will enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Boyle, our Headteacher.

This week we are celebrating:

Class	Stars	Leaves
Acorn	Sam	Olivia
Chestnut	Bella-Rose	Jonathan
Hawthorn	Imogen-Rose	Beatrix
Willow	Olivia	Ava
Maple	Keevie	Florence
Sycamore	Daisy	Isabella
Palm	Aiden	Esmee
Pine	Leo	Louie
Elm	Aleksander	Alani
Oak	Ellie	Lucas
Conifer	Tyrell	



General Information

Well done Teddy

Last weekend Teddy in Year 4 took part in the BMX National in Cumbernauld Scotland. He achieved his fastest race and fastest hill start and was competing against the National champion who competes at world level.

Teddy we are so proud of all you achieved, well done!



Year 4 Parents reminder RSE online meeting

This is just a reminder regarding the Year 4 PSHE virtual meeting, which is being held on Thursday 20th June at 6pm. Please find below the log in details for the meeting.

Microsoft Teams

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 321 589 465 555

Passcode: x4JFEh

Current year 2's and 3's - sign up now for woodwind lessons in September

Would your child be interested in learning Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone? If so, I have spaces available for lessons at Silsoe Lower from September. Individual or group lessons are available and Inspiring Music can provide an instrument to borrow free of charge. More information including cost and the link to enrol here - <https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/overview>

Year 3 or 4 is a great age to begin learning an instrument in preparation for the move to middle school, where they will have an opportunity to join the school orchestra and be able to access the wide range of benefits that come from playing and performing with others.

Miss Alsop

Inspiring Music Woodwind tutor (Silsoe Lower and Arnold Academy)

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French Day Tuesday 25th June 2024

I am delighted to let you know that as part of our International school activities this year, we will be holding a French day on Tuesday 25th June. This will support the children's learning of French in KS2 and act as introduction to French for those children in Early Years and KS1. Children will take part in games and activities related to France.

Reception and Year 1 classes will also have a workshop provided by Freshwater Theatre Company. Their session will be based on a familiar fairy tale and be completely in French. Rest assured, from my experience the children will understand fully and enjoy the story through being involved in the drama. Year 2, 3 and 4 will get to watch a French play performed by the drama company Onatti. The play is called 'Le Château' (The Castle) It will be performed in French and English. All actors from both companies are native speakers. Silsoe PTA have very kindly agreed to fund these visitors for the whole school for which we are very grateful.

Children are invited to dress up in blue, white and red for the colours of the French flag. If any children wish to put in that extra effort they can dress up as a famous person from France or anything related to France with the chance of winning a prize.

Children are welcome to wear team kits.

If anyone has a set of boules that they would be willing to lend to the school for this day we would be very grateful, so the children can take part in some traditional French games. Thank you to those who have already reached out to us and or donated sets.

Mrs McCarthy

International School Lead

Silsoe Pre school are recruiting

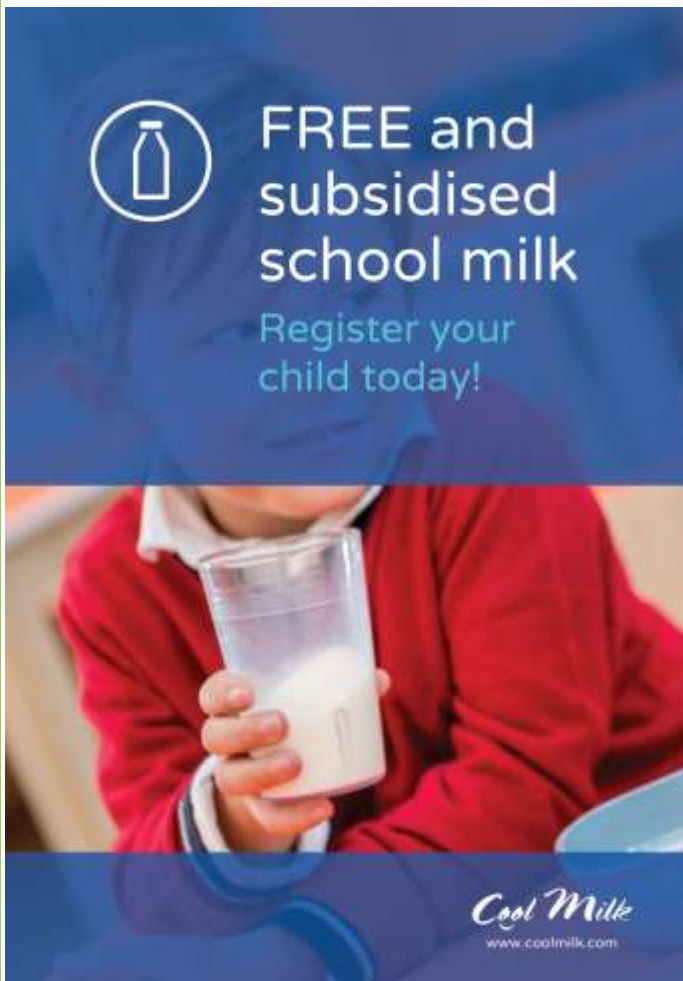
Silsoe Pre-School are currently recruiting for a fixed term **Pre-School Manager for Maternity Cover** from October 2024 until July 2025. Full details and an application form can be found on the Pre-School website – www.silsoepreschool.org/recruitment


If you, or anyone you know, is qualified and interested in this role then please do get in touch with Lucy Sahota-Gunner, the Chair of the Management Committee via:

silsoepreschool.chair@yahoo.com



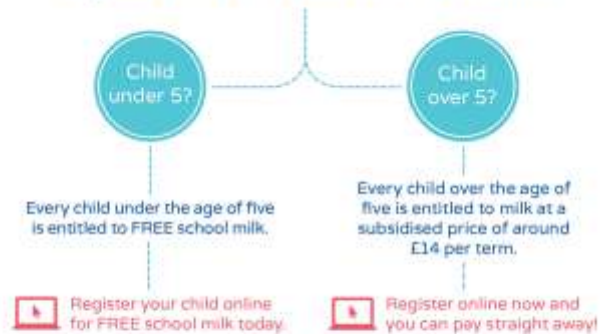
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Medicines in school

Medicines should only be administered in school when it would be detrimental to a child's health or school attendance not to. Medicines should be left at the school office where parents will be asked to give their consent for medication to be administered by completing a Medicine Record Form.

Prescribed medicines

Where clinically possible, medicines are generally prescribed in dose frequencies, which enable them to be taken outside of school hours. For example, antibiotics prescribed to be taken 3 times a day could be given before school, after school and before bed and would not need to be administered in school.

Schools can only accept prescribed medicines that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage. The exception to this is insulin, which must still be in date, but will generally be available to schools inside an insulin pen or a pump, rather than in its original container.

Non-prescribed medicines

Non-prescribed medicines such as Calpol and Piriton will only be administered in exceptional circumstances and where there is a clear and genuine medical need.

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PTA's Uniformly (Online Preloved uniform)

If you would like to donate your preloved items to the PTA, please drop these into reception. Please do ensure that they are washed and in great resalable condition and pop them into the box located in the schools reception.

Please find the QR code for a quick link to the Uniformly website.



Message from the Pre School



SPACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

15 FUNDED HOURS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE 2 YEAR OLDS

Silsoe Pre-School is an OFSTED OUTSTANDING Pre-School offering a caring and nurturing environment for children aged 2.5 to 5 years. Please get in touch for an application form or to arrange a visit.

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www.silsoepreschool.org



Diary Dates

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

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21/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 History walk around the village
24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
25/06/2024	All Day	French Day
26/06/2024	3.45pm to 5.45pm	Book look & meet your new Teacher for 2024 to 2025
27/06/2024	All Day	Transition Day
28/06/2023	All Day	Y1 Mount Fitchett Trip
01/07/2024	All Week	Sports Week – details to follow nearer the time
04/07/2024	PM details sent to parents	Singing Superstars concert – Details to be confirmed
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Understanding

Psalm 119:130

*The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding
to the simple*

AMPTHILL CONCERT ORCHESTRA

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Join us for a
fun-filled concert
for all the family



Saturday 13th July 2024

Redborne Upper School - Connolly Hall

Performances at 2pm and 4:30pm Tickets: £6 & £3

Performances include:

In the hall of the mountain king
Typewriter Concerto
Wicked
Nimrod
Jungle book
Hornpipe
Lord of the dance



Children from our
local schools
performing songs from
THE JUNGLE BOOK

Tickets available on
eventbrite

www.ampthillorchestra.org



BBQ
from
12:45pm
onwards

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NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity



The Round Cottage

36 Ampthill Road, Silsoe, Bedford,
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Sunday 7 July
1 - 5pm

Adults £6 Children free



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How will you celebrate if your team wins the match?

He's Coming Home.

Women's Aid is asking everyone to come together and unite against domestic abuse.



Football doesn't cause domestic abuse, but incidents can increase or become more severe around key matches.

If you need help, for local and national support services go to: www.womensaid.org.uk

If you are worried about your behaviour in a relationship, go to: www.respect.uk.net



#EndAbuseTogether

women's aid
until women & children are safe

Euro 2024 is well underway and many will be looking forward to exciting matches. Women's Aid have produced the above poster as part of their Come Together to End Domestic Abuse campaign. However, in 2022 data showed that reported incidents of domestic abuse increased by 26% when the England football team plays, with a 38% increase if England lost their game. Reported incidents increased the day after matches by 11%, regardless of the match outcome (research conducted by National Centre for Domestic Violence).

We know that domestic abuse can affect anybody, so support is available to everybody (including if you are concerned about your own behaviours - the [Chrysalis Centre](#) or [Respect Helpline](#) can provide information).

Get support

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SEND Health Focus Week

Talk	Date	Time	Link
Preparing for Adulthood	Monday 10th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
Supporting your teenager with SEND	Monday 10th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
Lived Experience of Autism and Mental Health Services	Tuesday 11th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
Gender Identity and Neurodiversity	Tuesday 11th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
The Positives of Neurodiversity	Wednesday 12th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
SEND and Behaviour Workshop	Wednesday 12th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
Step Away From the Screen	Wednesday 12th June	7 - 8.30pm	Book here
Misconceptions and Lived Experience of Tics and Tourettes	Thursday 13th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
ADHD in Females and Those Assigned Female at Birth	Thursday 13th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here
SEND and Dietetics: Making Mealtimes Manageable	Friday 14th June	10 - 11.30am	Book here
ADHD and Medication	Friday 14th June	1 - 2.30pm	Book here

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  Empower
  Encourage

Find out more - www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/shfw24