

21st June 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have all enjoyed the wonderful weather this week and finally it feels like the Summer term.

We are looking forward to the transition day on Thursday 27th June and we are preparing the children for their move to the next year group and the move to middle school for our year 4 children.

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Mrs Chandler who will be leaving us at the end of this academic year.

We welcome Miss Eynon (full time) and Miss Stewart (part time) to the staff team from September. Both will be joining us for the transition day.

At the beginning of next week we will be communicating the classes the children will be moving into ahead of the transition day. The class teachers have carefully planned the transition day and we hope that everyone will have a wonderful day in their new classes.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

In Reception this week, we have enjoyed the sun at last! The children have enjoyed finding mini beasts and looking at them through a magnifying glass. They have read outside and practised more for Sports day. In RE this week the children listened to a Buddhist story and enjoyed acting out what the characters did in the story. It was great to see some excellent little actors in both classes.

The children have continued to think about different parts of the world, this week focusing on Africa. They recapped the animals that live here and thought about what the weather might be like

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in an African country. In Art we created African sunset pictures using pastels and chalks. The children enjoyed getting very messy creating these!

Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

In History this week, they have been learning about the different types of castles in preparation for our trip to Mounfitchet castle on Friday next week. The children were really beginning to understand the differences between motte and bailey, stone keep and concentric castles.

In English, they are beginning to think about 'Recounts' and how these can be used. The children are hoping to write their own recount after our trip.

In Maths, the children have been introduced to 'Money' and the value of some of the coins.

They have really enjoyed our Science this week, observing and drawing plants, but looking really closely at the structure of different parts of the plant.

Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

In Year 2 the children have thoroughly enjoyed their week! They have been busy drawing pictograms, diving back into the past and learning all about the mischief Tuffy the cat has caused.

In our History lessons they have been looking at Queen Victoria and the inventions created during the Victorian Era, they loved finding out about all the incredible creations such as the public flushing toilets, first postage stamps and the first photographs!

During their Science lessons they have been exploring food chains and how animals are suited to their environment. It was great to see the children thinking about how the animals fit into their environment and how they survive.

Lastly, we enjoyed creating some drama pieces linked to our English book where we became Mum, Dad and Ellie discussing how to deal with their naughty cat Tuffy!

Year 3 – Palm and Pine

This week in geography, our Year 3 children have been exploring various European countries and their unique features. They have identified and learned about the different currencies, flags, and languages of these countries. It's been an exciting and enriching experience, helping them gain a deeper understanding of Europe's diverse cultural landscape.

Year 4 – Elm and Oak

In Maths, Year 4 have begun a new unit on time. They are learning how minutes in an hour, so we can work out how many minutes in 5 hours and how many seconds in 5 hours. They are using

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all their number facts and 6 times table to help them. In English, the children are learning about persuasive language so that they can produce a colourful advert for Silsoe Lower School to give to new parents.

Today, Year 4 went on historical walk around our village. They visited the church and had a talk from one of the Wardens about its history. They also visited other places of historical importance around the village such as Wrest Park, the Old School and the Lock Up.



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.

In our Hamish and Milo sessions, we continue to think more deeply about friendship and what 'friendship' means. We have drawn our friends and labelled what makes them a good friend.

Some children have continued to access many of their lessons with their mainstream class. We have also made the most of the sunshine and been outside a lot!

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Attendance for this week

Acorn	93.8%	Chestnut	91.8%
Hawthorn	99.0%	Willow	96.2%
Maple	91.7%	Sycamore	94.0%
Palm	92.2%	Pine	93.1%
Elm	99.2%	Oak	93.9%
Conifer	90.1%		

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	Olive	Charlie S
Chestnut	Oscar	Arlo
Hawthorn	Ndinga	Louie
Willow	Elsie	Charles
Maple	Chloe S	Riley
Sycamore	Kayden	Layla W
Palm	Thomas	Hollie
Pine	Masha	Ruben
Elm	Anna	Levi
Oak	Ben	Grace
Conifer	Elliot	



General Information

England's mascot Nate in Year 1

Nate from Year 1 had the trip of a lifetime attending the Euro 2024 competition! Winning a competition through Lidl supermarket, Nate was one of eleven lucky children from England who got to be part of the action. In Gelsenkirchen Germany, Nate had the incredible opportunity to walk out onto the field with none other than Trent Alexander-Arnold and stand proudly with the England team during the national anthem. This unforgettable moment was the highlight of Nate's trip, and it's a memory he'll cherish forever. What an amazing experience for our young football enthusiast!



Bake Sale

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers for their generous baking contributions and monetary donations towards the School Council bake sale. Your support helped us raise over £600, which will be used to purchase much-needed resources for our school. Your kindness and involvement are greatly appreciated and make a significant difference in enriching the children's educational experience. Thank you for your continued support! Mrs Chandler



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Personalised Year group Tea Towels available to order

On Friday of this week, the children have all drawn portraits of themselves for year group tea towels. We hope this will be a lovely keepsake for your child's year at school.

If you would like to place an order for one (or more) of these tea towels please complete this Google form to place an order <https://forms.gle/MmCpu3SzTHsgYevt5> and pay by following the link to the SumUp shop that appears on the confirmation page. Tea towels are priced at £7 each and a proportion of this will go to the PTA to further support the current laptop project.

Orders need to be placed by **WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE** as the tea towel designs are being submitted next week along with the orders so there will be no further opportunity to place an order after this deadline.

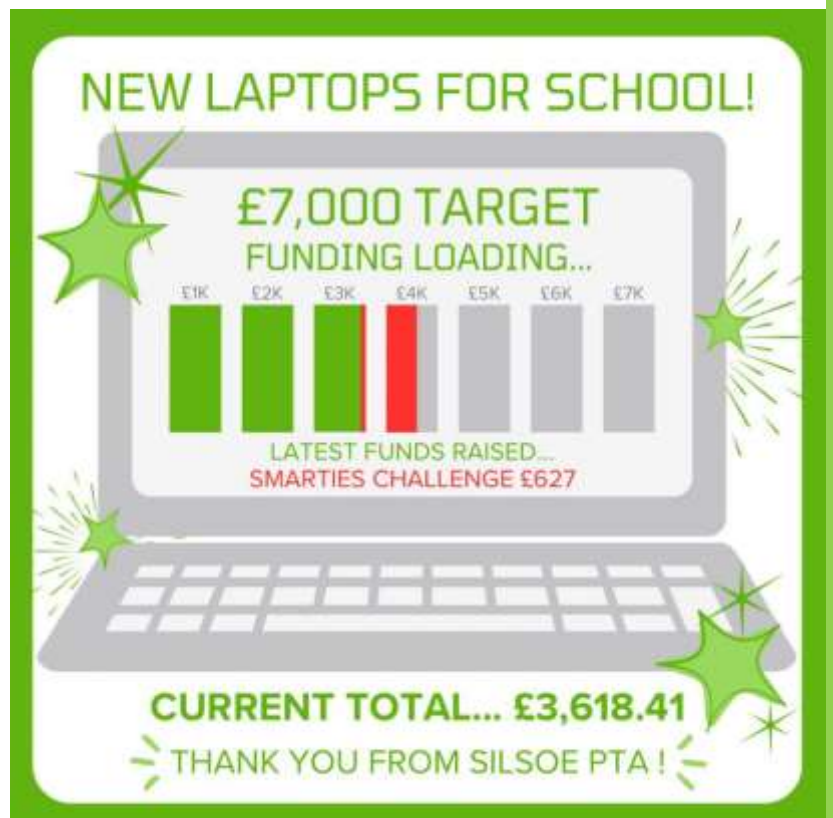
PTA Smarties Competition

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Smarties challenge which has raised £627.

The Winning child was Poppy in Conifer who has been awarded with 10 Dojo points and will be able to bring one of her teddies into school (Date to be arranged with teacher)

Winning class was Willow – The class gets dojo points and Non-uniform day (Date to be confirmed).

Thank you to everyone who took part this is a helping our fundraising towards the laptops we are trying to buy.



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.

Mrs McCarthy

International School Lead

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](#)

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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Photography competition

BRING YOUR PET TO CHURCH



Join us with your pet at our Pet Service in Silsoe Church - a fun-filled event where we celebrate the love & affection that our furry (or not so furry) friends give us.

Bring along your pet, whether it's a dog, cat, rabbit, or even a soft toy such as a dinosaur! All pets are welcome to join us in this celebration of love, so come & spread the joy with us.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 7 July 2024 at 3pm

Do you enjoy taking photos?

Then why not enter the Silsoe Photography Competition?

This year the theme is

NATURE

There are two classes

Under 18 years

18 years & over

Closing date is 30 September

*Keep an eye on
www.3churches.uk
and Facebook for
details.*



Raising funds for Silsoe Church

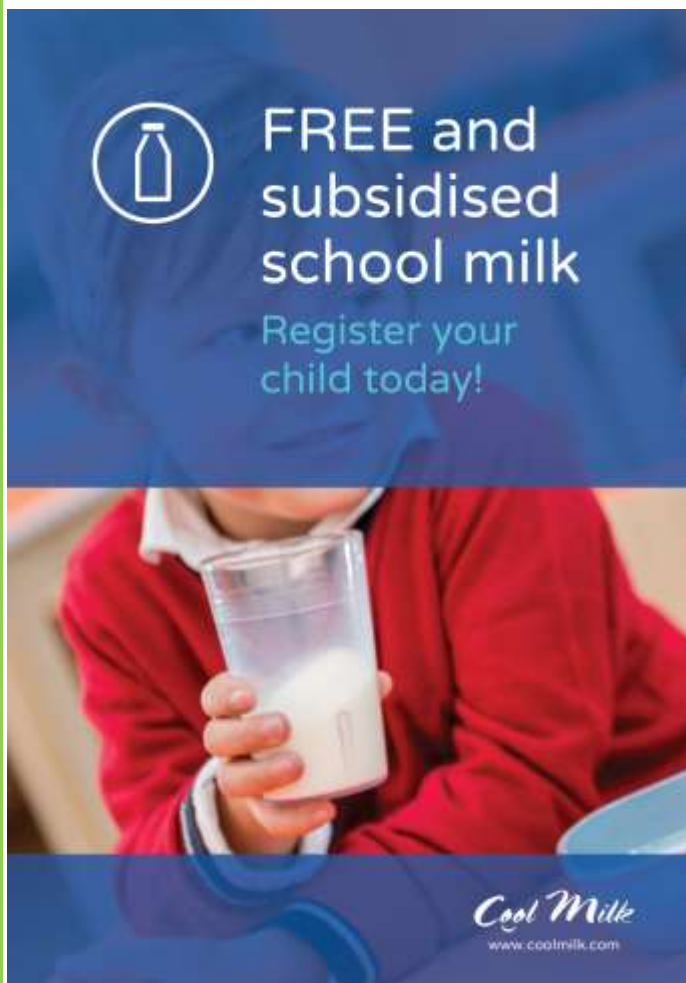
Silsoe Pre school are recruiting


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

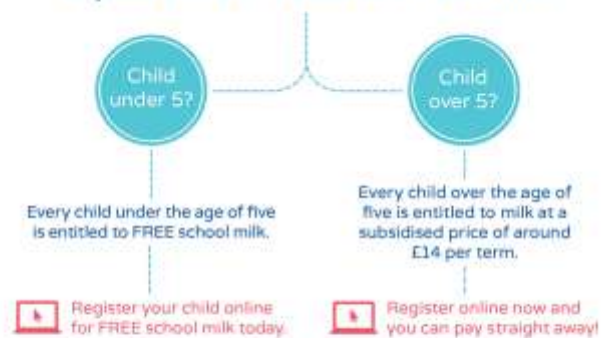
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Medicines in school

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.

24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
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24/06/2024	2pm	Eco Council visiting the Round Cottage Garden
24/06/2024	1.45-12.30pm	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
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
04/07/2024	PM details sent to parents	Singing Superstars concert at Shuttleworth
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
12/07/2024	All day	Dance-A-Thon for Chilli Children
18/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
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
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Voluntary Donations

All Welcome





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Garden Open For Charity



The Round Cottage

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Sunday 7 July
1 - 5pm

Adults £6 Children free



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TEAS



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More information at ngs.org.uk

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