

28th June 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a terrific week we have had. The children thoroughly enjoyed our French day, joining in with gusto wearing some fabulous costumes, enthusiastically participating in class activities all about France and being mesmerised by the theatre productions all of which were in French! We are extremely grateful to Mrs McCarthy, our Modern Foreign Languages leader, who planned such a tremendous day for us all to enjoy.

Yesterday the children had a very successful day visiting their new classes for September. There was a cheerful and positive atmosphere around school as children enjoyed some wonderful new experiences and had lots of fun with their new classmates and teacher. We were really proud of how mature the children were, well done to all!

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming Sports Week and hope that you will be able to join us for many events that parents are invited to. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us too!

Best wishes,

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

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher

Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

The children have been amazing this week even in the very hot weather. We had lots of fun at the start of the week for French day. The children enjoyed a French show of Goldilocks. This was interactive and the children loved learning and using lots of French words.

We have continued to practise for sports day too this week. We practised running on the field making sure we stay straight and in our own lanes!

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It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday at the book look. The progress your children have made this year is fantastic. The children I am sure are very excited for their new adventure in Year 1 and enjoyed a great day meeting their new teacher on Thursday.

Please can all children bring a hat to school. Shade is limited at times, so the wearing of a hat is very important.

Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

In maths we have been looking at money and more specifically notes. We have comparing notes and coins.

In PSHE we have been learning about what is safe and unsafe both outside and in the house. We have also continued to talk about change and have discussed moving into year 2.

In History we have been labelling different features of castle. We have continued to prepare for our trip to Mountfitchet Castle. Did you know that Mountfitchet Castle is the only castle in the country that has been rebuilt on the exact plan of the original castle?

Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

This week we had an amazing day celebrating French Day and thoroughly enjoyed being Year 3 for the day!

On Tuesday we loved creating our own collages in the style of French artist Henri Matisse and completing the treasure hunt. In our English lessons we finished reading Diary of Killer Cat and laughed at the twist ending.

In Maths we have started our new topic looking at position and direction.

Year 3 – Palm and Pine

Year 3 have had a super Science lesson this week, recapping on their previous learning about Light! We discussed how shadows are made and what type of objects make them and then used torches and different opaque objects to create shadows. Well done Year 3!

Year 4 – Elm and Oak

We went on a walk around the fields behind our school to identify leaves by looking at their characteristics. We found lots of Oak and Silver Birch trees.

We loved our activities on French day. We learnt all about the Eiffel tower and learnt how to draw it and then went onto create a new Eiffel Tower monster. We were also very lucky to speak to some Year 8 children from Arnold who answered our questions and help us to get excited about

transition day. Arnold teachers also came to see us this week. We were very brave and completed some assessments to help them organise things for September.

Today, we had PSHE lesson all about the changes we are going to experience as we enter puberty.

Conifer class

Conifer Class have absolutely loved joining in with the French Day activities this week. We have had some superb writing about the Eiffel Tower and enjoyed learning how to say numbers in French!

Staff changes

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Miss Collins, Mrs Chandler, Miss Cornfoot and Mrs Herd at the end of term. We thank them all for the contribution they have made whilst at Silsoe and the children that they have supported, either as class teacher, class teaching assistant or on a 1:1 basis. We wish them all the very best as they move on to pastures new.

Attendance for this week

Acorn	92.3%	Chestnut	97.4%
Hawthorn	96.5%	Willow	91.3%
Maple	95.2%	Sycamore	100%
Palm	92.3%	Pine	99.2%
Elm	98.3%	Oak	95.1%
Conifer	89.1%		

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	Whole Class	Ava
Chestnut	Whole Class	Seth
Hawthorn	Grace	Charlie A
Willow	Elizabeth	Sophie
Maple	Elena	Anais
Sycamore	Ellen	Milly
Palm	Whole Class	Harriet
Pine	Whole Class	Amelia
Elm	Sienna	Whole Class
Oak	Whole Class	Scarlett
Conifer	Mikah	



General Information

Kickboxing Tournament

Last weekend Robyn in Year 4 took part in her first Kickboxing tournament for her club and was very brave to fight 2 black belts! She fought an amazing fight and came away as a runner up and was delighted to have earned her medal. Well done Robyn.

Bobby in Reception and Freddie in Year 3 also took to the mats in the same competition and both fought a girl at the club who is currently 3rd in the British Championships and is competing at the World Championships shortly. Well done both of you.



We are so proud of all 3 of you for being brave enough to get onto the mats and enjoyed you sharing your medals in school this week.

Studio of Performing Arts Show

Last weekend we had a number of students take part in a production for the Studio of Performing Art, here are some of the photos of some of the children. I think you will agree with us they look amazing in their costumes and their smiles show how much fun they are having. Well done everyone we are so proud of you all. The photos we have are of Ellie (Year 4), Evie (Year 1), Scarlett (Year 4), Chloe S (Year 2), Jasmine (Year 2) and Olivia D (Year 1).



Freddie's Gardening update

Freddie in Reception has been working hard to look after the plant he has bought and helping to grow fruit and vegetables for his family, since being inspired by the ECO council. They look amazing Freddie well done and keep us updated on how they taste and grow!



French day was FORMIDABLE!!

Silsoe Lower became a continental extravaganza on Tuesday.

The children were so enthusiastic and ready to learn new things on our day all about France. Reception children and Year 1 both experienced a workshop in French on the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears. Year 1 listened to French for a whole hour and we think they are amazing. Both Year groups put their hands up and joined in and followed all that was going on in French.

Throughout the day, children in their classes completed a French treasure hunt and played the traditional French game boules. Thank you so much to the kind donations of boule sets from parents.

Year 3 had a visit from 6 Year 8 pupils from Arnold Academy who helped them to order ice creams in French. They met Madame Pineau, the French teacher from Arnold, who was very impressed with their language skills and can't wait to teach them.

Other classes learnt about the Eiffel tower and how to draw it. Year 4 went one step further and created their own Eiffel tower monsters. Children learnt all about Henri Matisse and were inspired to create their own masterpieces. Children learnt the colours of the rainbow in French and how to sing Head Shoulders Knees and Toes in French and sang it very quickly too!

In the afternoon, Years 2, 3 and 4 were invited to watch a French play called 'Le Château' (the castle). Two actors took them on a journey as an English knight was sent to France by King HenryVIII to find a beautiful woman to be his wife and make a portrait of her. There was lots of comedy moments and the children listened to lots of French and were able to follow the story.

We are very grateful to the PTA who provided funding for the outside theatre company and workshops which really made our French day very special.

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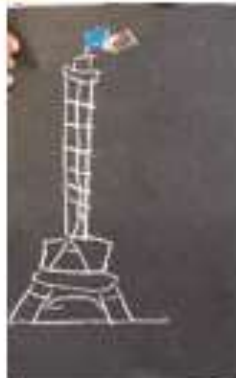
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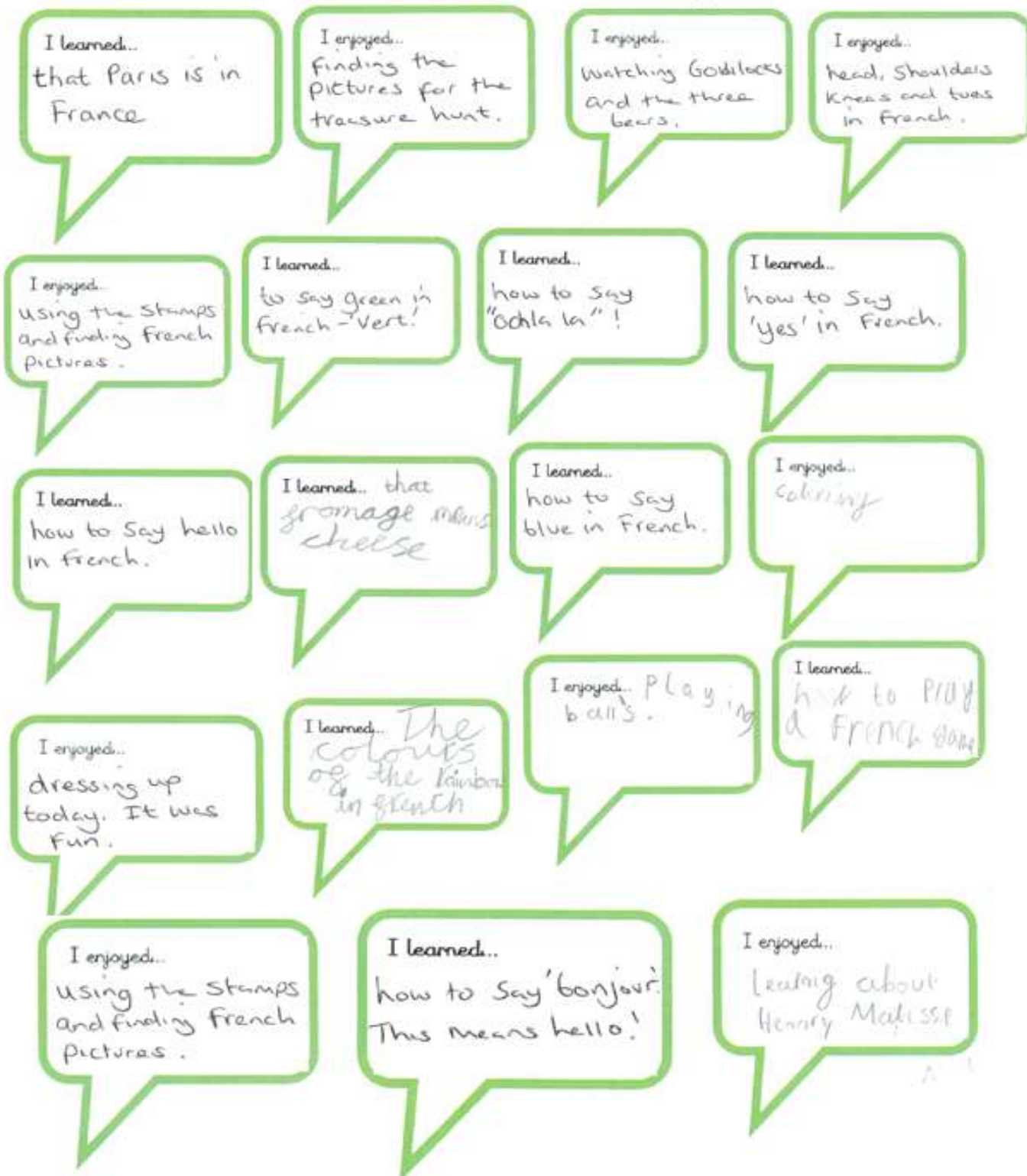
Children put a lot of effort into their costumes. We had Coco Chanel visit the school, we had some painters such as Claude Monet and lots of children had made their own costumes such as a fantastic full sized baguette! Each class teacher chose one winner to receive a prize.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and children for their enthusiasm and support for this day.





The Children's feedback from French day



Round Cottage visit

Some of the Eco Council were fortunate to visit **The Round Cottage** this week ahead of the open garden being hosted by the owners on **7th July**. The children were given to a tour of all the amazing plants and flowers and given advice on how to grow vegetables. They also took a trip around the 'Rain Forest', listening to some of the sounds and looking at the plants as well as feeding the incredible fish in the pond. We were also treated to lovely juice and home-made

biscuits! Peter also potted a marigold for each of the children to take home. We would like to say a big thank you to Jane and Peter for their hospitality and time. The children were so enthusiastic about the visit and have continued to talk about it and how they would like to grow different plants and that they would like to take their parents to see the garden.

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](#)

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/>

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

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www.3churches.uk
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details.*



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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](#)

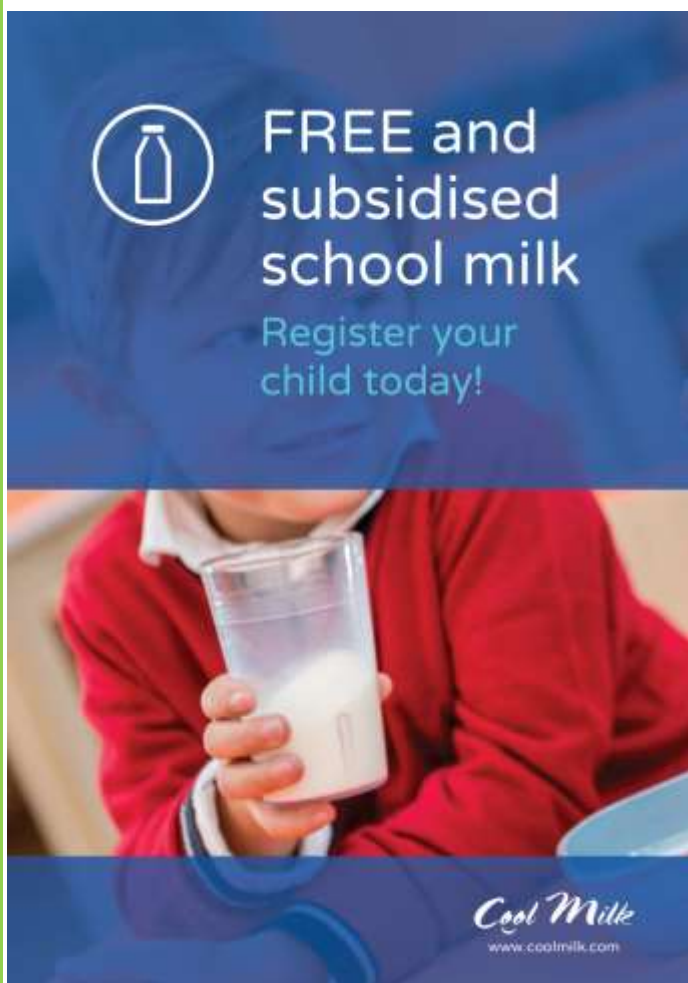
Silsoe Pre school are recruiting


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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Diary Dates

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

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*



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All coaches DBS checked and First Aid trained

Dates

Monday 29th July

Tuesday 30th July

Wednesday 31st July

Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, August

Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th August

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