

Calshot

A few weeks ago Year 6 went on their residential visit to Calshot. Here are some comments from the children:

Spend a brilliant week at Calshot! Enjoy Archery, Skiing, Climbing and much, much more. There is lovely hot food and warm comfy beds. Calshot is about learning the fun way and working together to complete the tasks. It is a spit of land which is near Southampton and it is on the Solent and is one of the largest outdoor Activity Centres in Hampshire.

**The week you spend at Calshot will be one of the best weeks of your life!**

Mabel McKeown and Lauren Challis

I found Calshot a great experience. I feel I can trust other people and myself more now. I will always remember Calshot. I feel our class has become a greater team now. I would like to thank Mrs Sloan, Mr Reeves and Mrs Creagh for making it a great experience.

Isobel Barker

Harvest Festival

Silchester Primary School choir went to St Mary's Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, to be part of the Harvest service. We sang two songs: 'Lord of the Harvest' and 'Do you know how it feels'. Also Alice Pickup from year 6 read a few lines from the bible. We all enjoyed it and can't wait to do it again next year.

Bethany Evans and Rebecca Leach.

Parents Meeting re Ofsted

We will be holding a meeting for parents at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Parents are invited along to discuss the report and hear how the school intends to address issues raised during the recent Ofsted inspection. An inspector will be in school to conduct our Church School inspection on the same day.

Governor News

Many of you heard a governor speak about the role of governors during the parent information evening. We hope this was helpful.

There have been a number of recent changes to the governing body. We would like to thank Margaret Ellis, Jackie Bhanot and Mandy Hughes for their years of dedication to the governing body and whose term of office came to an end during the last school year. We are pleased to welcome parents Jon Saltmarsh, Alison Stamp, and staff, Christine Sloan and Neil Reeves who join the governors this year.

We would especially like to thank Lucy Watson for her service to the school as Chair of Governors over the past two years and especially for her support during the recent Ofsted cycle. Lucy has stood down as Chair but will remain as Vice Chair to assist our new Chair of Governors, Babs Rodgers. We wish them both well in their new roles.

### School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and will be taking individual photographs and sibling groups of all pupils. If you wish to have a family group photo taken with preschool children, please bring the children into the school hall from 8.30am on that day.



### Behaviour Policy

As there have been a number of queries relating to how the school deals with inappropriate behaviour, I thought it would be helpful to explain how policy works in school. OFSTED recognised that behaviour at Silchester School is good. On very rare occasions we have to deal with incidents where a pupil has behaved inappropriately.

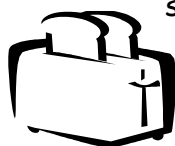
The school behaviour policy is based on the Christian principles of respect and forgiveness. Children who do wrong are spoken to and their actions discussed, including alternative ways they might have handled the situation. All sides are listened to and pupils are encouraged to see the other's point of view and consider their feelings.

The other person is encouraged to forgive when someone is sorry for what they have done. Changing children's understanding and behaviour takes time to achieve, by discouraging previously learnt behaviours and engendering a respect for self and others. They learn from the good example shown by adults at home and at school, and especially from Silchester pupils and this positive approach has long lasting results. Children understand the responsibility for their own behaviour and take responsibility when they have done something wrong. They are also able to help others to do the same.

#### Breakfast Club

The school is considering running a breakfast club between 8.30am and 8.50am each morning dependent on numbers. Bread, milk and fruit juice would be available to purchase. If you are interested could you please let the office know.

Healthy Eating stickers will be given out couple of weeks term for children balanced meal.



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#### Fit club

Included with this newsletter for KS2 children is a flyer for a new after school club which we hope to run. The club is open to Years 3 to 6 only and is available on a first come first served basis.

#### Tag Rugby

A representative from West Berkshire Rugby Club will be coming into school after the half term break to hold coaching sessions for children in Years 3 to 6



### Changes to Worship

Due to staff commitments it has been necessary to swap the Year 4 and 5 Class Worships. Year 4 will now take place on 1<sup>st</sup> December and Year 5 on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Family Worship on 14<sup>th</sup> December will now start at 10.00am to allow time to prepare the children. We are sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

Home School Liason Books/  
Homework Diaries

These books are to provide an opportunity for dialogue between parent and teacher and can be used to convey messages, queries or concerns.

The small chocolates that children received last week were a gift from Mrs Bhanot.

We do not want to spoil the fun, but as a growing number of children have severe food allergies, we request that parents do not send cakes or sweets into school for birthdays. If your child would like to give something to class mates please organise this directly with their parents.