

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

January 2010

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our recent Stars of the Week:

Ojay Herbert	Charlotte Leach	Alex Hunt
Thomas Hodgson	Holly Whiteway	Jessica Reading
David Rawlings	Tom Bryce	Kyle Stevens
Ellie Adams	Kimberley Cabot	Tom Newnham
James Taylor	Jasmine Reynolds	Sarah Lock
Megan Evans	Bryony Green	Hannah Owens
Angel Hawkins	Sam Beales	

Open Afternoon

Following the success of our previous open afternoons, we will be holding another this term. You will have the opportunity to come into the classroom with children, to look at your children's work, displays and informally chat with the teacher if you wish. Open afternoon this term will be on **Wednesday 3rd February** between 3.30 -4.30pm.

School Communications

Thank you to all parents for keeping the office informed of changes to your contact details. The facility to text parents during the recent school closures has been a very efficient and successful way of keeping parents informed. We have received many positive comments from parents and this has reduced the amount of time and cost incurred by having to phone individuals following a last minute change. Many parents also receive our newsletters by email and this can be another way of getting messages through to parents. We hope to develop this facility still further during this year so that all newsletters are sent via email to reduce the amount of paperwork generated by the school.

Lateness

A number of children are regularly late for school. Can I please remind parents that school gates open at 8.40am and the doors at 8.50am. Children are expected to be **in class by registration at 9.00am prompt so aim to get them here for 8.50am**. Any children arriving in class after 9.00am will be marked as late. Please ensure that you leave home in time to allow for traffic delays, level crossings etc. and remember that punctuality is a skill for life.

For those who are persistently late, a letter will be sent home offering help from our Parent Support Advisor and a meeting arranged with the headteacher. The next step, if there is insufficient progress, will be a referral to Hampshire Education Welfare Officer and a letter sent home to inform parents of this action._

Breadsticks

Just a reminder, breadsticks are on sale to children during the morning break. The price will increase to **30p** after the half term holidays.

School Clubs

The following activities are now running in school:

Yr 6 Booster sessions Monday and Friday mornings

Netball (Yr4-6) - Monday 3.30 - 4.30 - Mrs Campbell

Football (Yr3-6) - Monday 3.30 - 4.30 - Learning Through Sport

Windband - Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 - Mrs Barrett

KS2 Choir - Thursday 3.30 - 4.15 - Miss Clarke and Mr Reeves

Maths Club (Yr1-3) - Thursday 3.30 - 4.15 - Miss Martin

Gardening Club - Thursday Lunchtime - Mrs Bartlett

Knitting Club - Tuesday Lunchtime - Mrs Elliott, Mrs Evans, Mrs Kartar,

PTA Pamper Evening - Friday 5th February

Silchester PTA are organising an evening of pampering on Friday 5th February. A leaflet should accompany this newsletter or contact your class representative.

Thank you to all of you who have returned parent questionnaires. It isn't too late if you had forgotten, you may pop it in the box at the office.

School Holiday dates for 2010

We have had a few requests for school holiday dates this year. These are available on the internet at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/schoolholidays> in a printable format, as are next years dates.

School Holidays for 2010 are:

13th - 21st February	Half term
2nd - 18th April	Easter
29th May - 6th June	Whitsun
24th July - 3rd September	Summer Break
23rd October - 31st October	Half term
18th December - 3rd January	Christmas

Diary for the Spring term and INSET days accompany this newsletter