

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

June 2009

Winchester Cathedral



June 17th saw Year 6 in the glorious surroundings of Winchester Cathedral for the annual leavers' service. The service was attended by a mighty throng of both children and adults and was conducted in an atmosphere of warmth and informality that let the children relax and really enjoy the experience of being in such grand surroundings. Prior to the service, children were invited to learn about and produce some religious icons, (now on display in the school hall). The school banner, proudly held aloft by Ffion Donoghue and Abigail

Seaborn, joined the procession through the cathedral, marking the beginning and end of the service. The Year 6 children as a whole are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour throughout, and indeed had this commented upon several times by the staff at the cathedral. A thoroughly involving experience was had by all and thanks must be given to Mrs Johnson for her organisational and camera skills. Thanks also to accompanying parents Mrs Seaborn and Mr and Mrs Donoghue. Finally, a special word of thanks to Mr Saltmarsh, who also accompanied the class, in his capacity as School Governor.

Catering Standards

Congratulations to our kitchen staff, Mrs Hockley, Mrs Purnell and Mrs Jamieson on achieving an "Excellent" rating following a recent HCC Catering Service audit. The kitchen was audited on good working practices, health and safety, hygiene and nutritional standards, and achieved "excellent" grading across all areas.

Year 1

In year 1 we have spent the last three weeks looking at fiction texts in our literacy work. We've sorted books into themes, thought about our favourite stories and even made our own stories up using real characters (teddies, playmobil, dinosaurs and farm animals!)

To develop this, we made models of the settings where our stories took place, such as a forest, a beach and even a boxing ring! We have also made character puppets, based on the profiles we wrote.

Now we are moving on to poetry. If you would like to hear lots of great poems, come along to our class worship on 10th July.

Attendance and punctuality

You may have heard in the news that there have been a lot of changes to Ofsted inspections recently. Silchester School is due for a scheduled Ofsted inspection over the next few months. As part of the inspection process the inspectors will be looking at our attendance and lateness statistics. Last year we achieved 96% on attendance, and the majority of our children arrive at school in good time. However we have a small number of children who are consistently late. This is an area where you as parents can help the school achieve its goals by ensuring your children arrive at school in good time.

School Production - King of Pride Rock

Years 5 and 6 are currently working on their end of year production, "King of Pride Rock". Tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 6th July, a letter will follow next week with further details.



Recycling

Our recycling in school has been going very well with food waste and paper towels now being composted. We have managed to reduce our waste collection bins saving the school over £400 per year in disposal charges.

Classes 2009/10

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Karon Nickerson to join us in September. The children will have the opportunity to move to their new classes on Friday 3rd July when year 6 children visit their secondary school. The class structure from September will be as follows:

Year 6 Mr Green
Year 5 Mr Reeves
Year 4 Mrs Nickerson
Year 3 Mrs Atherton
Year 2 Miss Martin
Year 1 Miss Clarke/Mrs Heawood
Year R Mrs Rose

Miss McIntyre and Mrs Smith will cover classes during teachers planning time. Miss Clarke has decided to reduce her time in school to extend her music tuition.

Romans



In year 4 we have been learning about The Romans and we have been having a debate where we pretend to be Romans and choose whether we should invade Britain or not. We made mosaics out of poster paint and we also made one out of magazines. In Literacy we are writing arguments for and against The Romans invading Britain. *Elise and Lucy*

School Uniform reminder

A reminder to parents about school dress code taken from information sent to new parents. "Hair that is long enough to stand on the shoulders must be tied back. Please use simple hair accessories eg no glitter or novelty items." The school does not allow jewellery except for small stud earrings that can be removed by the child for PE lessons.

Life of Christ

Yesterday the pupils from years 5 and 6 went on a field visit to Wintershall Estate to watch an open air theatre production telling the story of The Life of Christ. Fortunately the sun shone and we were able to find some shade when it became too warm. The acting was very good and there were even live animals included, the sheep were very cute!

Forthcoming events

Fri 3 rd July	Ladybirds Worship 9.10am
Tues 7 th July	Rounders Rally at Silchester School 1pm
Thurs 9 th July	Sports Day from 10am
Fri 10 th July	Year 1 Worship 9.10am
Tues 14 th July	School Production - "King of Pride Rock" 7pm
Thurs 16 th July	Village of the Year Presentation 9.30am
Mon 20 th July	Certificate Assembly 9.10am
Tues 21 st July	Leavers Service 9.45pm
Wed 22 nd July	INSET day

We hope you like our new school gates, which have been paid for through a School Travel Plan grant!