April 28th 2023 Newsletter

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 5 Respect



Campus News

Chippenham Campus

As part of our Wiltshire Healthy Schools
Accreditation we have been fortunate
enough to have established links with
Phunky Foods, a company which have
received funds from the public health
team to deliver sessions in special needs
schools. They deliver free of charge
healthy eating workshops for children and
parents with the aim of improving eating



habits as well as engaging children in exploring wider varieties of food.

We are very excited to be starting the first of these sessions at our Chippenham Campus this week with pupils from Sparrow and Bullfinch class. These twelve sessions per Campus will carry on into the new school year. Happy healthier living, everyone!

Term Dates

Term 5

17/04/23 - 26/05/23

Term 6

Mon 5th June – TD Day

06/06/23 - 25/07/23

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 6 –

Friday 25th July @ 13:40

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you inform the school before 9.30am. You will need to let us know the reason and the expected return date.

If your child is **unwell** with sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy is that they can only return to school when they have been clear of symptoms for **48** hours.



Trowbridge Campus

Trowbridge Campus would like to welcome Michelle Ferguson who will be teaching in Finches and Hummingbirds classes and Megan Ransome who will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Swifts.

Toucans Class have taken a lot of interest in our local community. We used google earth to look at all the different roads and the children requested to look at where they live. Some could even talk about the number on their house! We then created our own maps of Trowbridge including all the places we have visited or know of. We are now enjoying going on a local walk to the park.









Rowde Campus

Spring at Rowde

We have all been enjoying the better weather this term. Spring is definitely here and the pupils, adults and all the animals are enjoying exploring the grounds. Pupils have been pond dipping as part of their Science curriculum and have reported catching lots of frogs and toads.

The lambs and the new piglets are enjoying the good weather and eating the nice spring grass.

Year 11 pupils are fully into their transition activities and enjoying their travel training and preparation for the Prom (12th July), whilst also squeezing in time to finish off the last bit of their coursework for their Year 11 qualifications.







We are getting ever closer to the opening of the new building, this is exciting for students and staff as we continue to watch the building develop.



We would like to share with you all some amazing art work completed by Poppy Symonds in Lime class on our Rowde Campus of our new King Charles III. This is an amazing portrait, congratulations to Poppy.





Information:

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or addiction problem.



Children can engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

Silverwood can support young carers. If you, or a family member, needs support please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

PIONEERS WANTED!

Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living (WiltsCIL) are looking to work alongside Young People 12 – 25 years, with lived experiences of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, whether diagnosed or not, to find out what is important to them, as they grow up and move on into Adulthood.

We are looking to have experiences from Young people with and Without EHCP'S to focus on their Health needs, Education needs, Employment, family and friendships and anything that is important to them as they move through secondary school and into the adult world.

We are seeking young people who wish to make a difference and share, in whatever way is best for them, about the NOW and the Next phases in their lives.



We are asking schools to set up a time, where we can meet with a small number of young people, in their setting to capture this information.

For those who may struggle with a group setting, we are happy to meet 1:1, either in school, or in a place of their choosing, (ie home).

Please contact Sharon or Rachael on getinvolved@wiltshirecil.org.uk



Reminders:

School Dinner Ordering:

If your child eats a school dinner, you <u>MUST</u> book their meal choice on our ParentPay portal_-<u>www.parentpay.com</u>. This can be done weekly or for the whole term. If you child qualifies for a free school meal, you must still book your meal choices via Parent Pay.

The deadline for ordering is midnight each Wednesday for the following week.



Eynon Catering are our catering suppliers at the Chippenham and Trowbridge Campuses and we are required to place our food orders with them every Thursday. We are unable to do this accurately if parent/carers have not ordered the meal choices for their child via ParentPay.

Please note, any child meal that has been booked via ParentPay will be provided each day. Those that have not booked their meal will be supplied with a meal but this may not be the child's first choice, it will depend on what food is available. To

avoid this happening, please book your child's meal choices on Parent Pay.

If you require any support with this please contact a member of the Pupil Services Team on 01380 850309 and they will be more than happy to help.

At Silverwood School we are very proud of the way that our pupils behave and use the school values and expectations to support the School's positive learning culture.



The School's and staff believe strongly in the ethos that "All behaviour is communication". We would like to take the opportunity to share with you the School's Inclusion Support (Behaviour) Policy

https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/uploads/1/3/6/5/136583151/behaviour_for_learning_policy_2023a.pdf

Please click on the link or alternately visit our website where it can be found in the Policies section. If you have any queries of feedback regarding the policy please contact Terri Chard.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 1st May May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May 2023 Additional Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- Friday 26th May 2023 Last day of Term 5
- Monday 5th June 2023 **Teachers Training Day school closed to students**
- Tuesday 6th June 2023 First day back after half term holiday, start of Term 6
- Friday 30th June 2023 Prize giving ceremony
- Wednesday 12th July 2023 Prom
- Tuesday 25th July 2023 Last day of Term 6

Student Photo Permissions

Please note that this newsletter is circulated to 400+ student parent/carer families fortnightly. If you would like to change your child's photograph permissions and remove them from appearing in any photographs in the Silverwood School newsletter please email admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We hope that you will find this informative.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the newsletter or about school, you should contact your child's site or use the 'contact us' form found on the school website.

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