

# Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

## Value for term 1 Co-operation

Working together & helping each other



Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the academic year, I am pleased to be able to share with you our end of term newsletter.

I would like to start by thanking everyone for your support throughout the year. The summer term is always an unusual one; a term in which we say goodbye to some pupils and some staff, and where we begin to look forward to the new academic year. However, as you can see from this newsletter, across Silverwood, there has been much to celebrate. We have held a wide range of events showcasing our pupils' talents and successes and we have been able to take pupils out once again on trips and visits. I am sure you will agree that our pupils should be enormously proud of all they have achieved this year.

This year we have witnessed exceptional progress from so many of our children and young people, which is a great privilege to be part of. Moreover, to work alongside such a committed, enthusiastic and talented group of staff is an absolute pleasure. We are all looking forward to next year and will be striving to go from strength to strength to ensure all pupils receive the best possible quality of education and committing ourselves to our vision 'Building Community, Inspiring Learning'.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break with your family and friends.

Best wishes

Sean

Mr Sean McKeown - Executive Head teacher

## Term Dates

### Term 1

05/09/22 - 19/10/22

September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – TD Day

### Term 2

01/11/22 – 16/12/22

October 31<sup>st</sup> – TD Day

November 28<sup>th</sup> – TD Day

### Term 3

04/01/22-10/02/22

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – TD Day

**Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term – Friday 16<sup>nd</sup> Dec time TBC taxis will collect students from school at this time**

## 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.









## Safeguarding

Snapchat has added a new feature called 'Meet Up'. It means people can view where other users are and get directions to their location, without users being notified.

Keep your child safe when using Snapchat. For example, they should:

- > Only be friends in Snapchat with people they know and trust offline
- > Set their Snap Map settings to 'Ghost Mode' so their location isn't visible to other users



Terri Chard is the safeguarding lead for Silverwood School. If you have any concerns for our pupils please contact her at [terrichard@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:terrichard@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk) – emails will be monitored over the summer holidays.

There is also information available on our website: <https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/our-school-articles/category/safeguarding-statement>

There is also a website & telephone number for MASH – Multi agency safeguarding hub, that you can use to make your own concerns to over the holidays -

01793436699

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20043/child\\_protection/43/multi\\_agency\\_safeguarding\\_hub/3](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20043/child_protection/43/multi_agency_safeguarding_hub/3)

## Summer Holidays

As we approach the end of another busy year, I thought I'd take the opportunity to update you on some of our **FREE** specialist **SEND** safeguarding resources and programmes which are available for you to access ready for next academic year.



## PANTS Makaton

You may already be aware of our Talk PANTS teaching resources for 4 -11yr olds. We have recently created new videos and prompt cards to help support children who communicate using Makaton to understand the PANTS rules. Click here to access the resources:

[PANTS resources for schools and teachers | NSPCC Learning](#)

You can also find a PANTS video for d/Deaf children here.

## Speak Out Stay Safe SEND Programme



Our 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' safeguarding programme for SEND pupils consists of a series of 6 sessions delivered by school staff at your setting. It is most suitable for use with pupils aged 9 -12yrs but can be easily adapted for use with older pupils as well as for pupils with a range of additional needs.

The programme aims to help children learn about their own emotions and feelings, recognise signs of abuse and develop awareness of healthy and unhealthy relationships whilst building confidence and self-esteem. It teaches children that their school is a safe place and helps them identify trusted adults they can talk to about their worries.

We provide an online staff introduction session with one of our trained schools co-ordinators, teaching videos, full lesson plans and resources including Power Point slides, printable resources, an inflatable Buddy character & sticker pack.

You can find out more and request the programme here:

[Speak out Stay safe programme | NSPCC Learning](#)



## Love Life

This series of 3 films with teacher guidance, supporting resources and activities is aimed at young people aged 11 to 25 to help them learn strategies for staying safe as they grow up and gain independence.

The films provide an excellent starting point to enable adults to start conversations with young people about feelings, privacy and boundaries, friendship, different kinds of love and online safety.

You can access the Love Life films here:

[Love Life: resources for young people with learning disabilities | NSPCC Learning](#)

[NSPCC SEND Resources](#) –

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/?utm\\_source=Internal%20comms%20&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=BM6865\\*&utm\\_content=Home or out alone+Internal Comms+Jun22&ac=](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/?utm_source=Internal%20comms%20&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=BM6865*&utm_content=Home%20or%20out%20alone+Internal%20Comms+Jun22&ac=)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

## **Dates for your diary**

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Teacher Training Day – No students in school*

Term 1 – Starts Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – students return

Term 1 – Ends Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Term 2 – Starts 1<sup>st</sup> November

*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Teacher Training Day – No students in school*

Term 2 – Ends Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 6 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Time TBC.  
Taxis will collect students from school at this time.

## **Pupil news**

Congratulations to our Apple class for being the England (West) Winners of the BBC Newsround Young Reporters competition!

A link for the winning film can be found below, on our school website under 'our news' section & is on our Facebook page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAXV3y5PaJE>



Our students have had the great opportunity to take part in a workshop led by an Aardman animator.

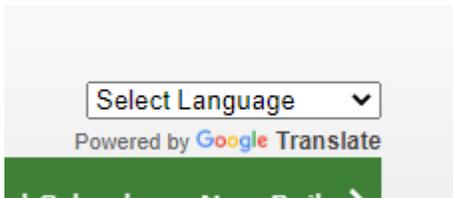
Jim led an engaging session & taught everyone how to make their very own Shaun the Sheep characters out of clay. This was a really fun & exciting opportunity, & those involved really enjoyed Jim's workshop.

A big Thank you to Jim for leading this brilliant session!



## Useful Information

We now have a Google Translate button on our website, enabling families who have English as their second language to have some pages on there, translated into a huge variety of different languages. The tab looks like this



New email address for the sixth form: [sixthform@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

## Supporting your child's Medication Needs in School

We are able to administer essential medication to your child in school. As far as possible we ask you to ensure any regular medication is administered at home, however, we fully understand that some children will need to receive their medication during the school day.

In order to help us to do this as safely as possible, we will need the following to be sent in to school via an adult:

- Correctly filled out Medication Consent Form
- Medication in original packaging as purchased or as dispensed by the pharmacy
- A copy of your child's Asthma / Allergy / Seizure Action Plan where appropriate.



Dear Parents/Carers

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.

Website - [www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

Telephone - 01380 850309

Email - [admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)