



Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Term dates

Term 3

January 4th - TD day

05/01/2022 – 18/02/2022

Term 4

28/02/2022 – 08/04/2022

Term 5

May 2 – Bank Holiday

May 3rd - TD day

25/04/2022 – 27/05/2022

Term 6

June 6th - TD day

(previously advertised as
22nd July)

07/06/2022 – 22/07/2022

Value for term 3 – Honesty

Telling the truth and being someone people can trust.



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reflect on 2021, I suspect most of us will agree that it has been another challenging year. I am forever overwhelmed by the resilience of our pupils and staff, and yourselves. Equally, it has been extraordinary to see how our pupils, staff, parents and carers have found ways to support each other, to keep safe and ensure we kept things as normal as possible.

We have made good progress this year in amalgamating Silverwood and whilst this is a complex project, I believe that improvements are being made and our children and young people are benefitting from the determination, energy and commitment of an exceptional workforce. We will be holding a Parent Engagement session early in the New Year but in the meantime if you have any comments or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued and valued support this year and to wish you all, a very Happy Christmas with your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mr Sean McKeown

Executive Head teacher

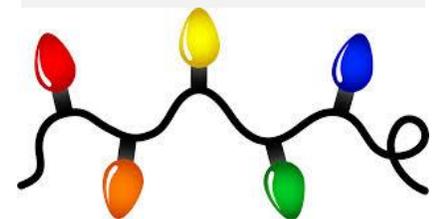
Covid 19

If we have requested that your child has a PCR test they will not be able to return until a copy or photo screenshot of their negative result has been sent to us via email

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; they can only return to school when they have been clear of symptoms for **48** hours.



More News



Rowdeford Apple Juice

The **Rowdeford Apple Juice** is ready to buy in time for Christmas. Prices are £2.50 per bottle or £6 for three.

If you would like to buy some apple juice you can purchase this from all school sites and The Spotty Dog farm shop (Rowdey Cow) in Rowde. <https://www.spottydogfarmshop.co.uk/>

Safeguarding



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

There is also lost of information available on our website

<https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/our-school-articles/category/safeguarding-statement>

Squid Games

Please be aware that there is a new game on Netflix.

This is listed for Children 15yrs and over. This is an intensely graphic and potentially damaging for young people to watch.

According to doctors at the Child Mind Institute, they believe no one should watch the show until late adolescence, as **it's just too violent**. ... "Parents need to know that the level of violence is very intense in Squid Game. Characters are systematically tortured and killed for the sadistic pleasure of a game master



Silverwood Sixth-Form

New email address

sixthform@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

At Silverwood Sixth Form College we have been remembering some significant days such as Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. We particularly enjoyed hearing about the time Cee's husband served and had the opportunity to wear his medals and beret.



We are really enjoying having the opportunity to go back out into our local community to shop and socialise and also to sell items we have made in our Enterprise lessons.



We have learnt a new sport and every Friday afternoon; Harry from Wiltshire Cricket comes to college to teach us table cricket.



Finance Reminder

Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term draws near, please can I remind you to settle any outstanding debt for school meals taken during terms 1 & 2?

If you are unsure as to how much you owe, please email finance@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk who will be happy help.

Cashless payment, direct to the school's bank is preferred, the details of which are as follows;

Account Name: Silverwood School
Sort Code: 30-91-99
Account Number: 47769060

When making an online payment, the following format would be appreciated to enable the Finance team to identify payments - student surname/schmeals.

Finally, a reminder that since the start of this academic year the cost of a school meal is £2.50.

If you have any further concerns about paying for school meals please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Thank you

The Finance Team



Sprinkle some *magic* into a child's life

We have **23** children in the Devizes area who need foster families - could you be one of them?

Call us 0800 169 6321
Text foster to 60002

#FOSTERINGDEVIZES



Helpful service links for our families

Wiltshire parent carer council - wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk

Carers support Wiltshire - carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

Kids Inflatables Christmas Party

15 DEC 2021
5:00PM - 7:00PM
THE CIVIC, TROWBRIDGE

TICKETS £7
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MAYORS CHARITY PARENTS TO REMAIN

WWW.THECIVICTROWBRIDGE.CO.UK



Mayor's Charity Appeal 2021
active trowbridge
eCivic



SANTA AT THE CIVIC

FEATURING A CAST OF ELVES FROM **NUDANCE**

MEET & GREET WITH SANTA
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
TAKE-HOME GOODIES

TICKETS
CHILD - £17.50
ADULT - £2.50

SATURDAY 18TH DEC
THREE SESSIONS
11AM - 12.15PM - 1.30PM

TICKETS FROM WWW.THECIVICTROWBRIDGE.CO.UK

Chippenham

Woodpecker Class



Woodpecker Class have been busy gardening and getting their sensory garden neat and tidy and ready for next spring.

Yellowhammer's Christmas activities:

We have enjoyed listening to the Gruffalo and Gruffalo's child. We made our own Gruffalo's from painted paper cups and felt shapes.



Kingfisher Class



Chaffinch Class



Elves from Chaffinch Class took their sleigh to Langley Nurseries to collect a Christmas tree which was very kindly donated to the Chippenham site. The Elves had a great time looking at all the trees and helping Dave to choose the perfect tree. Thank you very much Langley Nurseries.

Pictured - Oren the Elf in his sleigh



Well done to Joshua in Chaffinch Class, Chippenham campus. A design a Christmas card competition was held by Fortem and Stonewater, Chippenham to find a design to use on their Christmas cards this year. Joshua was selected as the winner and his design will feature on their Christmas cards. Joshua's prize is an arts and craft hamper which will be personally delivered by the company next week.

Rowde



Congratulations to Lilli-Faith, Kassie, Ben, Joshua, Maddie, McKenzie, Lucas, Ollie and Nathan who were recently presented with the Head of Learning Commendation Awards

Wonderful news

Elder Class - (Year 9 Rowde) won the Wiltshire Bee and Honey Day art competition.

Congratulations to them all.



We worked in groups to choose colours and techniques to make light and fire pictures that were similar to the Diwali and Bonfire night celebrations we have been finding out about this week.



Ash Class

In Humanities and English, we have been learning about World War 1. The class have sampled some wartime foods and have been learning what life was like for soldiers in the trenches. They explored the muddy area of Silverwood School Woods to try to imagine what it would have been like in the cold and mud. They are enjoying finding out more through our book 'A Soldier's Friend'

In Art, we have been learning about the artist Matisse, known for sculpting, drawing, painting, printmaking and collage. They have been re-creating some of his famous 'cut-out' style art work.

In Spanish, Ash Class have been learning how to say the names of some buildings and places that can be found in most towns in Spain and elsewhere. They created and labelled their own buildings using cardboard packaging and put them together to make their very own Spanish town!

Happy Christmas - Feliz Navidad From everyone in Ash Class!



Elder Class



Here is Elder class on our trip to St Matthews Church to visit the War Memorial as part of our work on WW1.

Year 10 Drama

For our drama performance, students discussed their feelings about Christmas and we found that actually not everyone likes Christmas. :-)

Sometimes we are missing people or pets who are not with us anymore. Some people don't like all that Christmas paraphernalia like bells or tinsel. Some people have sad memories. Some people worry about Climate Change and how much waste there is at Christmas Time.



Then we thought about how there are things at Christmas that do make us happy: family, friends, presents, chocolate, movies and most of all favourite songs! We all agreed that listening to music is such a wonderful way to soothe our emotions or lift our spirits :-)



PLUS PROGRAMME

At the end of the Christmas Term, the Plus Programme bids farewell to their amazing Co-Coordinator and Teacher, Mr. Martin Marshall. He has dedicated over 4 years of his expertise and leadership to the Programme, guiding the staff and students under his care with empathy and skill.



During his time at Silverwood, he has seen many students grow in confidence, well-being and resilience, in addition to taking away new skills gained from the outdoor learning expertise Martin has provided. The photographs below include students past and present, all of which have benefited from his care and teaching.



It is clearly evident that the students will greatly miss Martin's input into improving their school lives and beyond. Martin has been torn between leaving Silverwood for pastures/woodland closer to home, or staying to support the current cohort of students. He has made the difficult decision to leave and embrace the opportunities a new post provides in another SEND school; the determining factor being the proximity to his home, allowing more time with his family rather than enduring a 2 hour round trip to Silverwood each school day.



His final term has been a blast, with so many activities enjoyed by students every day. From team building to carpentry, mud creatures to ditch building, creating herds of reindeer and furniture for the garden/greenhouse, cooking on campfires and playing a multitude of games in the great outdoors. Martin has thrown his heart and experience into the programme, creating a position that has already proven difficult to fill. In the interim, the current assistants will rise to the challenge until a replacement can be found, with the wonderful Mr. Fletcher continuing to run the Primary Plus.



We wish Martin all the best in his new position. Learning outside the classroom is an ever-expanding field, so there will hopefully be lots of opportunities for sharing expertise and experiences with the LOtC team at Silverwood.

Trowbridge

Christmas Around the World

Trowbridge Campus have been thinking about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Some classes thought about Christmas in the UK and made mince pies and craft angels. Bluebirds, Puffins and Peacocks were thinking about how Christians in India celebrated and made some delicious coconut burfi. Penguins, Toucans and Parrots celebrated an Australian Christmas with ice-cream sundaes and by making sunglasses. Swans, Finches and Owls learnt the story of Babushka and made some Silverwood Style Faberge Eggs and very tasty iced biscuits.



Dance Festival

The Silverwood School Trowbridge Campus Dance Team are back! The West Wiltshire Dance Festival is back for 2022 at the Bath Forum. Our dance team have chosen a dance floor filler to perform to, and we are sure the audience will want to dance along with! We have chosen a 70's classic that was a hit for a Swedish Group who have recently made a comeback. Can you guess the song?



EYFS Book Reviews

The children in the Early Years classes have been developing their love of books this term and the reviews are complete. Some favourites that we are reading a lot are Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Dear Zoo. The favourite book is currently A Squash and a Squeeze!



Parrots Class

Parrots Class at the Silverwood Trowbridge campus have been taught the skills of table cricket by a dedicated and highly skilled teacher from Wiltshire Cricket for the past five weeks. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In addition, they have learnt some useful skills such as bowling, batting and fielding.



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We hope that you will find this informative and that you are looking forward to the Christmas Break.

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

Tel – 01380 850309

Email – Admin@Silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

A Children's Pantomime

Dick Whittington

THE CIVIC TROWBRIDGE

A full 2 hour show of fun for the whole family to enjoy this Christmas!

THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Showtime
4.30pm to
6.30pm

Adults £11.00
Children £7.00

Tickets available from
www.thecivictrowbridge.co.uk