October Half Term 2023 Newsletter

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 1 Co-operation



Campus News

Rowde Campus

It's been a long but fruitful half term. Pupils at Rowde have been working hard in their lessons and looking after the animals and gardens. We have had several new guinea pig arrivals and the pupils have been enjoying reading to them in their English lessons.

Our new Early Years class, Saplings have really settled into the school and several of our older children are now supporting them in lessons.

We have several fun activities planned for Halloween and the build up to Christmas that will be published to parents soon.

It was lovely to welcome parent/carers who were able to join us for our Harvest festivities on the 16th October where pupils in Yrs 7 and 8 performed various Harvest based songs and activities.



Term Dates

Term 1

05/09/23 - 17/10/23

Wed 18th October - TD Day

<u>Term 2</u>

30/10/23 - 20/12/23

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 2 –

Wednesday 20th December @ 13:40

<u>Absence</u>

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.



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Chippenham Campus

Cygnet class have settled in really well this term and are really enjoying their theme of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We like to be busy both indoors and outdoors and last week as part of the Silverwood journey we enjoyed our first learning outside of the classroom trip to our local environment.

We walked all the way to John Coles Park, played in the park and the walked back. We were very tired when we got back to school but really enjoyed this experience.

We also enjoyed trying different tastes and textures as part of Healthy Eating Week and particular enjoyed the mango, water melon and pineapple.





The news in Reception Duckling Class Chippenham...

This term we have been completing our transition into school. We have been exploring our new environments... Our teachers are very proud of how we are learning to trust and cooperate.



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Trowbridge Campus

Trowbridge enjoyed an energetic and fun Silverwood Journey, including obstacle trails and a colour run. We also took part in a very successful Healthy Schools week with lots of opportunities to try all sorts of healthy options. Here is a tasty selection from Penguins Class:

Finally, a small group from Swans and Parrots danced the morning away with other local schools at a workshop at the Civic Centre in Trowbridge.







Silverwood Journey

Silverwood Journey was a huge success across the whole school where we witnessed students demonstrating lots of our school values and having fun together.

We raised a whopping £655.50 between all three campuses and would like to thank each and every one of the students and their families for taking part and helping us raise funds for the school.











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Online safety webinar

Free Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child

Thursday 23 November at 1900hrs (GMT)

<u>https://natterhub.com/online-safety-parent-</u> <u>webinar?utm_source=Online+Safety+Parent+Webinar+-</u> <u>+December+22&utm_campaign=090e35b6c9-</u> <u>EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_PS_AutT_ParentWeb_DecPW&utm_medium=email&utm_term</u> <u>=0_0e463d8d8e-090e35b6c9-256997362</u>

Parents and caregivers of children aged 5-11 years may register directly to watch the webinar.

Reasons to attend

Our aims for the termly sessions are to deliver bitesize online safety guidance that parents and educators can use to protect children from online harms.

Every parent webinar is live, meaning viewers can enjoy fresh content every time - even if they've attended before.



It is a great opportunity for schools and parents to unite over online safety action for primaryaged children.

<u>What's on:</u>



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Rising Stars sports clubs are open to any young person with SEN and/or disability from the ages of 8 to 16 years.

West Rising Stars Trowbridge Sports Centre Wednesdays 4.15pm - 5pm
£3.20 per session Term time only Pre-booking required
ise contact:

Tel: 01722 434770 Email: robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk





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Information:

ParentPay - our online payment service.

You should have received a letter with an activation code for the new online ParentPay system.

Once registered you will be able to pay for items such as lunches & school trips online using your credit / debit card. Please refer to the school website for further information & guidance.



Pupil Services team will be on hand to help you register if you are experiencing difficulties, so please do get in touch if you require some support.

<u>Young Carers -</u> 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.



SeeSaw



SeeSaw is a digital student portfio that gives students an audience for their work. It gives parent/carers a windo into what's going on every day in their childs classroom.

Teachers can add posts to the pupils journal to showcase creative projects they have been working on in the classroom and also communicate directly with parent/carers concerning their child.

Families are notified when there are new posts in their childs journal. They can view posts and add likes and comments.

Sign up An invite is sent to the parent/carer via email from yur childs teacher in order to sign up. If you do not have a link contact your childs teacher. Up to 10 fmily memebrs can connect to one child's journal.

App. There is a SeeSaw App which can be downloaded at the Apple App Store or Google Play, simply search 'SeeSaw'.

Steps to Connect

Look for a printed, email, or text invite and follow instructions!



- Download the **Seesaw app** or go to
- app.seesaw.me on a computer
- Olick 'I'm a Family Member'
- Printed Invites: Scan the QR code Text/Email Invites: Click the link

Follow the prompts to create an account or sign in

How to Use Seesaw



Adjust **Account Settings** and connect to Seesaw Journals for additional children View and engage with all recent posts from all of your children using Seesaw View posts from one child or class (vs. all recent posts in the Home tab)



Ose Messages to Communicate with teachers

Connected family members see only their own child's learning Learn more at web.seesaw.me/privacy

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Pupil permissions

Can we remind parent/carers to complete the consent form for Pupil photo permissions at your nearest opportunity please. Below is a link which will take you directly to it.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y6ViQfoLFUq0yECeBtox_5X8ac4XX1ZKm9STqkU did1UMUs4QkpURzBKS0pNT09PQ0c4TE5ON1dRVC4u

School Dinner Ordering

Can we remind parent/carers to let pupil services know if you require any pre-booked school lunches to be cancelled in advance, for occasions where you are aware of any upcoming appointments due to arise or if your child will be off poorly for the upcoming days ahead.

If you require any support with this please contact a member of the Pupil Services Team via email <u>pupilservices@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk</u> and they will be more than happy to help.

Allergy Information Questionnaire

We are in the process of updating our records to ensure all pupils allergy information is accurate.

Please could I ask that you spend a couple of minutes to complete the online questionnaire you will have received via email.

Alternatively scan the QR code below.





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Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 17th October 2023 Last Day of Term 1
- Wednesday 18th October 2023 <u>TD Day No students in school</u>
- Monday 30th October 2023 First Day back Term 2
- Monday 30th October 2023 Individual school photos (Trowbridge)
- Friday 17th November 2023 Children in Need Day
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 Last day of Term 2

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term $2 - \frac{Wednesday 20^{th} December}{13:40}$. Taxis will collect students from school at this time.

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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