

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Executive Headteacher – Mr Sean McKeown

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for taking the time to read our October newsletter.

We hope that you will find this informative and that you are looking forward to the October 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

Value for term 2 – Courage

Doing our best, even when we feel scared or worried.

This is a great value to talk about with your child. In school, we will be talking and looking at the value of courage and how we can use this to overcome obstacles.

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 lots of information available on our website

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

Website - www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk



Upcoming Events

November 3

Start of Parents Evenings

November 29

TD day

January 4

TD day

May 3

TD day

June 6

TD day (previously advertised as 22nd July)

Covid-19 and 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

A message from Neptune Aquatic solutions

We have launched a membership that gives reduced ticket prices for our swimming sessions. This normally costs £40 per year however, I would like to give Silverwood Parents this membership for free, therefore it is cheaper to bring their children/families to the pool. It's really simple for them to do, they just need to go to this link- <http://neptuneaquatics.co.uk/free-memberships-for-schools> and it explains how to sign up from there. This is for all pupils across all Silverwood School and I really hope this will get more of your students swimming out of school hours.

Many thanks,

Jacob Smith
Area Manager - Hydrotherapy Pools

W: www.neptuneaquatics.co.uk

Parents Evening



There are 10 minutes appointments available. These will not be face-to-face but held virtually. More information will be sent on our return to school in November.

We are still booking appointments between 4:00pm – 7:00pm so please email admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

Wednesday 3rd November – Chippenham, Trowbridge and Rowde (only Years 9,10 & 11 & Chestnut)

Thursday 4th November – Rowde (only Years 7 & 8, Pine & Willow



Silverwood Sixth-Form

New email address

sixthform@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

Well done Kerry Adamson

The amazing Kerry Adamson who is a Teaching Assistant at Chippenham Sixth-Form did a daredevil skydive and raised an amazing amount of £1705. This is going to the Ronald McDonald House.



Well done Kerry we are proud of you.

New students start

Welcome to several new students that have started with us in Term 1. They have settled in well and made friends quickly.





Join the Super 1s

Free cricket sessions!

Challenge yourself!
All disabilities welcome | Ages 12-25

Every Tuesday at 5pm - 6pm
Sheldon School Indoor Sports Hall, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham, SN14 6HJ
For more information contact Harry Mattingley:
Harry.Mattingley@wiltshirecricket.co.uk
07923 236489 or visit www.lordstaverners.org

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Wiltshire Cricket



Join the Super 1s

Free cricket sessions!

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Every Monday: 5pm - 6pm
Downton Leisure Centre, Wick Lane, Downton, Salisbury SP5 3NF
For more information contact Harry Mattingley:
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THE HUB @ BA15 - BRIDGING THE GAP
T: 01225 920748 W: www.boahub.co.uk
E: boacomunityhub@gmail.com

The Hub, Church Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LS
Charity number: 1160807

SERVICES OFFERED

- ✓ Warm welcome and a listening ear
- ✓ Internet access
- ✓ Debt & budgeting advice
- ✓ Welfare benefits & tax credit advice
- ✓ Accessing information
- ✓ Meeting room available for hire
- ✓ Signposting to organisations & agencies
- ✓ Form filling assistance
- ✓ Work Club
- ✓ Housing advice
- ✓ Foodbank
- ✓ Counselling

BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA



Working in partnership with: Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.

Opening Times: Monday – Friday 10.00-1.00
See separate opening times for groups including Foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club

Churches together **Wiltshire Council** **Supported by**



Helpful service links for our families

Wiltshire parent carer council -
wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk

Carers support Wiltshire –
carersupportwiltshire.co.uk

October-Chippenham

Open Evening – This has been postponed until government guidelines have changed.

School Photographer – Wednesday 3rd November. Please remember to send your child in School uniform



A message from Emma Rossiter – Head of Learning

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival. All who attended enjoyed the service. We had a large number of food items handed in so they will be donated to the Chippenham Food Bank which is run by the Salvation Army.

Many thanks for your support.

Emma

Well done to Chaffinch class Teacher (Paula Rutherford) who welcomed local children's author Neil Griffiths to school as she had won a prize ! The competition was to make the best video of one of his stories. Paula entered and won during lockdown so had to wait a while to get her prize. Neil presented the prize of signed copies of every book he has written.

Paula has previous experience of making videos when she completed a video for Scaredy Bear with some pupils from Bullfinch class.



The Forest School area was developed several months ago and it is now flourishing with flowers and vegetables. The Pupils have really enjoyed their visits and the learning opportunities it has provided.

October-Rowde

Head of Learning Commendation Award

Congratulations to AJ, Carla, Noah, Geriche, Ava, Jonathan and Lucas who were recently presented with the Head of Learning Commendation Awards



Silverwood Sponsored Journey

Our annual sponsored event took place at the Rowde campus on Friday 1st October. The Silverwood Journey this year was a Sponsored Journey of 60km (the distance between the three main Silverwood campuses). The journey was run/walked/wheeled around an obstacle/mud course with a colour run adding in for good measure. Each year group completed their allocated distance with some year groups completing almost 80km in total. It was a fantastic day where pupils showed amazing co-operation, courage and perseverance. Both pupils and staff had a great time overcoming the challenging obstacles and the deep mud on the course.

We are really proud to say that so far the event has raised over £1500 from the Justgiving page - https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/silverwoodsponsoredjourney2021?utm_term=GGvK5v32g and from contributions collected by pupils. We would like to say thank you to each and everyone one of you whom have support us. The money will be split between the RNIB, who help support people with sight loss in the UK, and Friends of Silverwood School who help to support the school.

Well done everyone!!!

Tim Melrose
Outdoor Learning Development Coordinator- Rowde Campus



We have been getting ready for our harvest festival performance and have used giant vegetables to create some harvest art to accompany our song 'Conkers'. We have also been finding out about the human body in Science and enjoyed making our own vegetable 'human' bodies whilst finding out about our 5 senses.

Alex Coomber - Elder Class Year 9 Tutor

Willow around the World

Willow Class have been reading Around the World in 80 Days. We have been finding out about the countries that Phileas Fogg visited – Africa, India, China and America.

The class have tried African Drumming and singing in Chinese, dancing a Chinese Lion Dance and American Line Dancing, we even had our own Samba Band.

In Cooking and Nutrition we have made vegetable curry, sweet and sour chicken and Boston baked beans.

We have also been thinking about the different types of transport that you can use to travel around the world and in DT the class have enjoyed being in the DT room making gliders with Mr P.



Life skills day 13th October 2021

In KS3, pupils worked hard around the school to earn some money to spend on activities such as the cinema, bikes and trikes, and internet café. Pupils completed tasks which included weeding, raking, moving tyres, outdoor jobs, and classroom chores. They also enjoyed spending their hard earnt money in the tuck shop. Pupils used coins throughout the day to make it realistic. They learned how to record what they had earned and what they spent. They also worked out how much money they had left and what they could afford. Lots of discussions were had around different coins, working out change and keeping our money safe. Lots of skills to help us as adults.



KS4 were very excited to go on trips, this allowed them to practice their Life Skills in real world settings. Maple class spent the day in the Life Skills flat completing household chores such as ironing and vacuuming. Yew class caught the bus to Chippenham and practiced ordering items in a cafe. Oak class caught the bus to Bath and went bowling. They even saw the film set of the new Wonka film!! Cherry class visited Morrison's in Devizes, where they chose what to buy for lunch before coming back to school to cook it themselves, and Lime class travelled to Devizes, where they spotted Safe Space signs in shops before enjoying a picnic. Fantastic life skills day all!

October-Trowbridge

This term Toucans, Parrots, Owls, Bluebirds and Swans have taken part in Multi-Sensory Art Days and have very much enjoyed the fun activities. Some of the art made is on display around the school



On the 4th October Owls and Bluebirds Class took part in the start of the Motor Activity Training Programme led by Rachel Bown (SSCo). They were joined by Selwyn Widger (School Games Organiser) and 11 Health and Social care students from Kingdown School. The next session will be on 15th November 2021.



Some of Toucans Class had a great time taking part in a Dance Workshop at the Civic Centre Trowbridge on 13th October 2021.



Owls Class will be attending the Pound Arts Centre in Corsham on the 19th October to take part in a sensory experience provided by The Frozen Light Theatre.



On the 20th October 8 classes will take part in performances from Music in Hospitals who will join us at the Trowbridge Campus