

Newsletter – WC 23rd January 2023

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Stars of the Week

A massive St John's well done to all our Silverdale Stars this week.

Starlings – Seb - Working really well with reception class on numbers. A super grown up boy!

Curlews – Ffiadh – for doing super independent writing.

Bitterns - Ollie – For showing such enthusiasm at Leighton Moss

Harriers - Jude – For writing an amazing science-fiction story.

Valentines Disco/Bay Search and Rescue coffee morning

Love is in the air! We will be holding a **Valentine's Disco on February 10th February**. Details to follow.

For now, please can you email

Katie Lambert on katiejanelambert@gmail.com if you can help on the night.

School Council are holding a coffee morning on the same day. 10am in the hall. They need helpers too. Please email Miss Sanderson if you are interested.

Cakes will be needed!

Table Top Sale

The Harriers boys want to clear out the PE shed, so we can sort out the PE curriculum resources. They will be holding a table top sale of the left over car boot sale items on Monday, after school. Lorraine will be helping the boys. They have been very enthusiastic this week sorting out what is needed, and what is not. Great work boys and thank you.

Behaviour Workshop

This will be held on Wednesday evening in Harriers class. We will be looking at how is the behaviour policy implemented at Silverdale St John's CE Primary School. This workshop will be chance to look at policies and share ideas. Miss Sanderson is keen to hear your thoughts as the behavior policy comes up for review.

Strike Update

Thank you for your patience, whilst we have navigated our way through the NEU announcement of strike action. We can confirm that school will be open as usual on the first strike day on 01.02.23 and all of the other three subsequent strike days. If anything changes with this situation, we will update parents as soon as possible.

Thank you

Thanks to The Royal Silverdale Hotel. They raised £50.50 last Sunday evening as part of their quiz night. We are their chosen organization to raise money for, for the next 3 quiz nights. Yippee!

Starlings entrance

We changed the starlings exterior entrance/exit in September, as we felt it important that parents could communicate safely with their child's keyworker - Mrs Berry or Mrs Milligan. The side door saves parents coming into school when all the other children are arriving. The back door off the playground can get very busy! It's also better for those children that are a little bit more reluctant in the first few weeks of school. Handover is safer and easier, and not quite so overwhelming. That said, we don't expect parents to go all the way around the front of school. We are happy for parents and carers to cut through Curlews and Starlings outside area to get to the side door. That way, parents aren't making a long diversion around the front. If you have any thoughts on this, please do get in touch with Miss Sanderson

Friday Thought

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

—Acts 4:31





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If your child is ill, please ring every day to inform the office that they are not attending school. Also, please can you be specific when leaving a message on the answer phone. It's really helpful if we can have some details in order to keep a track on illnesses in school. We are monitoring any attendance that is under 90% and will work with parents to try and improve this. We are very conscious that lots of illnesses have been circulating recently and most absence is unavoidable. Finally, please try and make sure your child is in the playground by 08:45 wherever possible this will help with their learning.

We have taken on board some of the comments on the 'playground improvement' questionnaire and would like to apologise if staff haven't always been out on the playground in time. We realised there was a discrepancy with timings for breakfast club children coming into class too early, which resulted in teachers being late to greet classes. We endeavor to be there just before 08:45, so parents can pass on messages. A whistle will be blown at 08:45 for children to line up. Thank you for your patience with this.

Movie Night

This was a great success. Thanks to Vicky and the team for organizing. The children enjoyed Sing 2 – ate a lot of popcorn and enjoyed drinks and hotdogs.

Church News

Reverend Mary is on sabbatical for 5 weeks. Her husband will be taking services at St John's in the time being. Sunday at 09:00 for 40 minutes. A time of informal worship for all. Stay for Bacon Butties after the service.



School grounds questionnaire

Thanks to all of you who have completed the questionnaire regarding our school grounds so far. It's really important that we hear your views. The deadline to complete the questionnaire (sent by scopay on 24.01.23) is **Friday 3rd February**. We are inviting children to share their views too.

To give you an update, a bid went to the Diocese on 12th December, where we described the urgent need for a new surface for the playground. To be clear we have funds allocated but need diocesan funding to 'top us up'. Laurel Truscott has been supporting school with ideas for a 'masterplan' – including the playground, field and early years. It is an exciting time for school. Once we have the 'big picture', we are sure we will be asking parents and community to support us in the finer details.

The week ahead...

- 30.01.23 – Emma to lead Worship
- 31.01.23 – SS out PM – maths course
- 01.02.23 – SS maths visit Curlews
- 01.02.23 – School nurse to visit Harriers club follow up from Health Needs Assessment.
- 01.02.23 – Behaviour workshop 16:00-17:00
- 02.02.23 – SS maths visit Bitterns
- 02.02.23 – SS maths visit Harriers



Further afield...

Music Technology Taster sessions are back! This Saturday 28 Jan, come along to Morecambe Library to learn the basics of GarageBand and BandLab & find out how to get started making music on your computer at home. To book your free place and find out more visit: https://moremusic.org.uk/whats-on/music-technology-taster-session/?fbclid=IwAR2Jh13equQUEgI6KL_6M589a6J8uanclLeobxeJl1pNSIql3PfTWwF0t0

Lunches

New Menu

Week 1 WC 30.01.23

