



# Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our Easter holidays, here are some things that have been happening over the past week.

## Thank You

As I'm sure you are aware I was appointed at our new Headteacher on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. I feel very privileged and excited to be given the opportunity to lead our school and support our children for many years to come.



A huge thank you to all the staff, parents, carers, governors and children for their amazing support since I came to Silver Tree in September and for all your kind words and well wishes since my appointment.

## Acting Deputy Head

We are very pleased to inform you that Mr Wight has accepted the position of Acting Deputy Head Teacher from 1<sup>st</sup> May till 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2017.

We will be advertising the post in the near future and following an interview process, will be appointing a permanent Deputy Head Teacher to take up the post from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We hope you will join us in congratulating Mr Wright in his new role.

## New look website

Our website has a new look! The address is still the same. Please be patient with us while we update the website and add information.



[www.silvertreepriamry.co.uk](http://www.silvertreepriamry.co.uk)

## School Grounds

Over the next few weeks you will notice several changes to our school grounds.

Already we have replaced the tired wood chippings with turf and will soon be adding a flower bed and path through the trees. We have also be able to secure funding for some new signage around school.



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95.3%	98&	90% 	98.4%	95.5%	100% 	95.8%

## Attendance Champions!

Just a reminder that we expect attendance to be above 96% for all pupils.

## Attendance letters

Letters have been sent this week informing parents of their child's attendance from September. We have 67% of our pupils with attendance over 96%. Well done to those children!

## Flower Tubs

You may have noticed that there are new flower tubs as you come in the school gates. These were very kindly donated by the Brandon and Byshottle Parish.



## Judo

The children enjoyed taster sessions of Judo with Destination Judo this week. We hope to offer further taster session of other sports/activities over the coming term as a result of responses from your Parent surveys.



## Girls Football

A huge congratulations to our girls football team who played amazingly yesterday. They played a total of 3 matches and won all games!

The poor children, parents and Ms Caygill braved the torrential downpours and worked fantastically hard to achieve these results! A special mention to Katie in Year 2 to supported the girls throughout.

Well done girls!



## Changes to Uniform

We hope that by informing you now that you have plenty of warning to the changes to the uniform for September.

### From the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2017 our uniform will be :

- ✓ White polo t-shirt – (no yellow polo t-shirts)
- ✓ Preferably Grey trousers or skirts (black is allowed) – **no leggings**
- ✓ Black shoes - **no trainers**

### We will have a compulsory P.E kit which will be:

- ✓ The school logo P.E t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ Trainers or plimsolls



## Important Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Classes	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> May	All	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
W/B: 8 <sup>th</sup> May	6	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	4	Class 4 Trip to Shildon Locomotion
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	6	Class 6 trip to the Hancock Museum
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Choir	A Walk in the Westend Performance - tickets and detail to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	4	Class 4 Assembly (other class assemblies TBC)
<b>May Half Term - School closes Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Reopens Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	6	Year 6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 1.30pm	All	Poetry Recital and Art Exhibition - Details to follow
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2pm	All	Parents Calculation workshop - Details to follow
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	4	Warburtons Workshop in class4
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Sports Day - R and KS1 10am, KS2 1pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July - PM	All	Meet the Teacher Sessions
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July - 1.30pm & 5pm	6	Leavers Production
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July - 2pm	All	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All	End of Year Disco
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Class Swap Day - Children visit new classes and teachers
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	6	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Summer Holidays - Last school day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, School reopens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>		

For term dates for this academic year and next, please check the school website.

Many thanks for all your continued support,  
Mrs Maughan  
Head Teacher

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## Head lice workshop



We had a very disappointing turn out for our parent's workshop before the Easter holidays on how to prevent and effectively treat head lice.

As a school one of the best ways to prevent head lice from spreading is for pupils who have longer hair (past shoulder length) to have their hair tied back. Many thanks to those parents who have continued to co-operate. Please help support us in trying to eradicate head lice from our school.

For more info please contact the school nurse, Paula Scott on 03000 261115