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Silver Tree Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

The importance of READING

The greatest gift we can give every child is the ability to read. It opens the door to so many opportunities! With this in mind, we are working hard to develop a culture of reading for every child in Silver Tree Primary School.

School library— We still welcome any good quality books you may have. There are so many new shelves to fill! We also have some great ideas to take the school library to another level—I will be in touch soon with some really exciting news!

Reading at home—Every child in our school needs to practise their reading at home. Those who are still learning need to practise their new skills regularly to ensure they improve. Reading is improved with practise, there is simply no other way to get better! In school we devote a great deal of time to ensure every child can practise this important skill—please support your child by listening to them read as often as possible and signing their reading record. Teachers are checking reading records regularly to ensure every child is practicing. If you need support to do this—do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

There will be a **Scholastic Book Fair** from the 8 to the 15th of November. Mr. Durham, our Reading Lead, will be sending more information about this in the coming weeks.

Do you have spare time to support a child to learn to read? We are trying to develop a **Reading Team**, who will come into school weekly to listen to children read, help children to change their reading books and keep our new library shipshape! If you are interested in being part of the team, please let the school office know and Mrs. Grainger will be in contact!



WELCOME BACK MRS BROWN

You may have noticed a face you recognise in the school office. We are happy to tell you that Mrs. Brown has returned to our school to work in our school office. We are pleased to be back at full strength! Thank you to Mrs. Pearson for managing our busy office so well during this time.

PLASTIC BOTTLES

Thank you to everyone who has sent the plastic bottles into school for our art project. Reception class are starting the process this week so all will be revealed soon!

NURSERY SESSIONS

Currently, we have spaces available in our beautiful Nursery. Please let family and friends know if they have children who are nearly three years old—we are happy to arrange a visit to see the amazing indoor and outdoor provision and meet our friendly staff. If you use our Nursery and would like to access additional sessions, these are also available. The cost is £12 per session and there is an additional charge for lunch. Please do not hesitate to make contact with our school office if you need more than your allocated 15 hours.

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan coffee afternoon. It was not as well-attended as we hoped, despite this I am incredibly proud to say we raised £116.67 for Macmillan.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PARENTAL GOVERNOR AT SILVER TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Are you parent who is interested in becoming a governor at our wonderful school? This voluntary role is incredibly important in the running of the school. There is a 'Full Governing Body' meeting once every term to attend and various committees you can get involved in.

If you are interested, please pop in to the school office and we will arrange for you to meet the Vice Chair, Faye Richardson.

If there is more than two interested people, there will be a ballot for all parents to vote in to see who our parent governors will be.

Starting School

Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2024.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online, if you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place in Year 3 in a junior school for an older child.

Applications open 5 September 2023 and close midnight 15 January 2024.

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 24th October	EYFS Harvest Celebration in the school hall. It will start at 2pm—please make your way to the school hall in time to see our youngest children celebrate Harvest.
Wednesday 25th October	Open Evening in our Early Years Unit for prospective families (3.30—5pm)
Thursday 26th October	All children from Year 1 to 6 will be celebrating the Harvest in our school hall. The assembly will start at 9.30am—refreshments will be available in the hall from 9am.
Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November	Half Term Week (don't forget to continue to practise your reading!)
Tuesday 7th November	Parent Afternoon (opportunity to chat to your child's teacher in the school hall, look at learning and ask any questions you may have). Booking details will follow.
Wednesday 8th—15th November	Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall after school
Wednesday 15th November	DRESS UP LIKE A ROCKSTAR FOR THE DAY! To celebrate everyone's efforts to improve their times table knowledge, every child can dress as a Rockstar for the day!

PARKING AND DRIVING ON SITE

If you are driving on to site to drop off at Breakfast Club—please can you be extra vigilant. Families are walking towards the dining hall doors and cannot always be seen when you are parked in a bay.

The barrier continues to be down at our busiest times.
Thank you for driving safely on our school grounds.

Harvest Food Collection



For our Harvest assembly, we are collecting food donations for our school 'food bags'. If we get a large collection, we will send any extra to the local food bank. Thank you!



FREE CHILDREN'S SPORTS CLUB

MONDAY'S

MULTISPORTS
@ THE SIR BOBBY
ROBSON CENTRE
(HALL)

AGES 4-11

WEDNESDAY'S

FOOTBALL CLUB
@ MEADOWFIELD SPORT
CENTRE 3G

AGES 4-11

THURSDAY'S

FOOTBALL CLUB @ THE
SIR BOBBY ROBSON
CENTRE (HALL)

AGES 4-7

FRIDAY'S

INDOOR FOOTBALL
@ MEADOWFIELD
SPORTS CENTRE
(HALL)

AGES 4-11

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WEEK 2 Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November (Durham Schools)

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