

S.P.S.N.

Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

26/2009/2010 (1st April 2010)



Once again it has been a jam packed term with residential visits for Year 5 and Year 6, visitors to school and many activities that have improved the learning environment for our children. Next term promises to be equally exciting with a focus on the World Cup and Silverhill Health Week in June.

I hope you have a Very Happy Easter and that the Easter Bunny visits your garden!
Just to remind you - we return to school on Monday, 19th April.

Kate Nash, Headteacher

P.T.F.A. - A.G.M.

I would like to thank Mrs Zoe Thomson for taking over the Chair and Mrs Anne Coppen as Vice Chair of the P.T.F.A.

It would be very much appreciated if more parents could offer their support to the P.T.F.A. as many hands make light work.

I would also like to thank Rowena Moore for all her dedication and hard work in making the events organised such a success.

Kate Nash, Headteacher

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - PUPILS

Please see overleaf for important changes to the Leave of Absence Policy. The new policy has recently been approved by the school's governing body and the full policy will be available on the web-site shortly.

TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL 18TH MARCH

We are very pleased to let you know that we came second overall in the tournament. Well done everyone!

WEEKLY QUIZ FINAL QUESTION THIS HALF-TERM

What is the school fax number?

For your chance to win a Westfield voucher please e-mail all 6 answers to –
administrator@silverhill.co.uk

or via the contact form at
www.silverhill.co.uk/contact-us/

or via pupil post to
Mrs Mitchell, Class 2RM

by Thursday, 22nd April

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 19 th April	School re-opens
Monday, 3 rd May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday, 6 th May	Local Elections (closed for polling)
Friday, 28 th May	School closes for half-term holiday
Monday, 7 th June	School re-opens
Friday, 23 rd July	School closes for summer holiday
Monday 6 th September	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th September	School re-opens for pupils



LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PUPILS

In conjunction with all the primary schools in the locality the governors have agreed that absence from school will only be authorised for a maximum of 5 days in the academic year from 1st September 2010.

Leave of absence requests for the following reasons are **not** considered to be **special or exceptional**:

- Availability of cheap holidays and cheap travel arrangements
- Poor weather experienced in holiday periods
- Overlapping with beginning or end of term.

NO leave of absence will be authorised for the period from the start of the school year until the October half-term (1st September to 22nd October 2010).

After the October half-term leave of absence may be granted in **special or exceptional** circumstances only at the Headteacher's discretion.

School will consider:

- How long it is for and how much will it disrupt the child's education
- The overall attendance record of the child
- The nature of the circumstance, such as trauma or death within the immediate family where an immediate holiday may help the child deal better with the situation
- Previous similar requests.

School will not, as a rule, grant leave:

- If a child's attendance record is less than 95%
- If the period coincides with the start of term, or is near to, or coincides with in-school tests, SATS, or other significant events on the school calendar
- If there are patterns of non-attendance or if there is Education Welfare Service (EWS) involvement
- If the school has concerns over a child's welfare and safety.