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Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

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As the 2009 academic year draws to a close I thought I would reflect on the progress and achievements made by the school. So much has happened it would be impossible to recall everything but I have tried to pick out the highlights of the year. The new academic year started with the opening of the newly refurbished block and canopy. The environment has certainly provided the children with every opportunity to learn in a fun and purposeful environment.

The Ofsted visit in November highlighted all the exciting things that are taking place at Silverhill and have recognised our skills based curriculum as outstanding. We will continue to explore exciting opportunities for the children that will engage them in learning and develop their skills and intellect to the full.

The pond is finally complete! A good number of people and organisations have contributed to the construction of the pond chiefly JCB, Maidenhead Aquatics, Mickleover Forum and the Probation Service. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to these organisations as without their advice and financial support the project would not have been possible. The pond is an extremely valuable resource and I hope will provide the pupils of Silverhill with hours of enjoyment as well as a first hand learning experience. The PTFA have continued to work tirelessly raising funds for the school to support the development of the Grounds for Change Project. The culmination of this has been the installation of the Trim Trail. The children really enjoyed choosing pieces of apparatus and are thoroughly enjoying playing on the equipment. I would like to thank all the members of the PTFA for their incredible efforts in organising such a range of functions as every event takes a huge amount of planning and commitment of time. The staff and pupils truly appreciate the additional resources that are purchased for the school through their fund raising.

Mrs Freeston and Miss Gallagher have had the opportunity to visit our link schools in India. Pupils and staff have certainly benefited from the exchange of visits and the curriculum has been enriched and adapted to make the most of this personal global contact. We look forward to continuing to learn from each other and strengthen the links with our schools.

We consider ourselves to be so fortunate to have such strong parental support at Silverhill. I would particularly like to thank all the parents who come into school to help the children with their learning on a regular basis. It really is very much appreciated as is the day to day support you give your children in all that they undertake.

On rather a sombre note - it is expected for the Swine Flu virus to become stronger and more prevalent as the children return to school and I ask you to exercise extreme caution in September. The virus appears to be affecting school age children disproportionately to the rest of the population. Therefore, I would ask if any member of your family is taken ill with Swine Flu please keep your children away from school in order to minimise the spread of the virus.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and teaching assistants for their dedication in providing the children of the school with such high quality learning experiences, the governors for their continued support and assistance in helping the school to run effectively and all the support staff for their commitment and hard work which ensures the school runs smoothly.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and stay well despite the Swine Flu pandemic.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 – 2010**

W/B = Week Beginning

2009

Thursday, 3 rd September)	
Friday, 4 th September)	INSET days – school closed to pupils
Monday, 7 th September		School re-opens for pupils
Thursday, 17 th September		Governors' Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, 24 th September		(Possible) Governors' Meeting 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 7 th October		Textile collection
Saturday, 10 th October		Open Morning 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon
Friday, 23 rd October		School closes for half-term holiday

Monday, 2 nd November		School re-opens
W/B 16 th November		Anti Bullying Week
Thursday, 19 th November		Workshop and café for parents and pupils

W/B/ 7 th December		Christmas Productions
W/B 14 th December		Christmas Parties / Discos
Friday, 18 th December		School closes for Christmas holiday

2010

Monday, 4 th January		School re-opens
18 th – 22 nd January		Year 6 Residential journey to Lea Green

Friday, 12 th February		School closes for half-term holiday
Monday, 22 nd February		School re-opens

3 rd – 5 th March		Year 5 Residential journey to YHA, Ilam Hall
Thursday, 11 th March		School Photographer
W/B 15 th March		National Science Week

Thursday, 1 st April		School closes for Easter holiday
Monday, 19 th April		School re-opens
28 th – 30 th April		Y4 Residential journey to Lockerbrook Activity Centre

12 th & 13 th May		Y3 Residential journey to YHA, Castleton
Friday, 28 th May		School closes for half-term holiday

Monday, 7 th June		School re-opens
W/B 21 st June		National School Sports Week

SPORTS DAYS - PROVISIONAL – TO BE CONFIRMED

Monday, 21 st June		KS2 (Junior Dept) Sports Day
Tuesday, 22 nd June		KS2 Sports Day Assembly (a.m.)
Wednesday, 23 rd June		KS1 (Infant Dept) Sports Day – a.m. only KS1 Sports Day Assembly – p.m.

Friday, 23 rd July		School closes for Summer holiday
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