

# S.P.S.N.

## Silverhill Primary School Newsletter

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### WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome you all to a new academic year at Silverhill. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and managed to find some sunshine or at least had fun in the wind and the rain! We would like to welcome all our new children and families to school and hope you will be very happy. We would also like to welcome Mrs Puszczynska to Year 1, Ms Lowes to the Lower Juniors and Mrs Haxell in the After School Club. We also have a new lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Davies. We hope they will enjoy working with us at Silverhill.

There is a great deal of information to give out over the first couple of weeks of term and some of it may be confusing, particularly if this is your first experience of 'big' school. Please remember the teachers are here to help and if any of you have any questions or need any advice they will be more than happy to assist. We have several exciting things planned for the year and hope you will enjoy the new experiences with your child and join everyone on our 'Learning Adventure'.

### Parent Information Evening

On Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an opportunity to meet with your year group teachers who will explain about reading, homework and other expectations for the year. A letter will be sent out next week giving more details of timings as many of you have children throughout the school.

### Website/Newsletter

The school website can be viewed at

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

Each Friday the newsletter will be updated and lots of information about the school will be added. If you do not have access to the internet please can you inform Mrs Crofts in the school office and she will make sure you receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

### Open Mornings

Open mornings will start the week beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is an opportunity for you to come and work alongside your child and find out about what they are learning about in class. The classrooms are open from 8.40 - 9.00 a.m. Children can only come into the classroom if they are accompanied by a parent or childminder.

Tuesday	Foundations Stage (after half term) Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday	Year 1
Thursday	Year 3 and 4
Friday	Year 2

### KS2 Music lessons

Music lessons are now up and running for children who are in KS2. If your child would like to play the violin, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, cornet or trombone we are able to offer tuition at school. Playing a musical instrument provides children with a fantastic skill for the future and provides them with opportunities to perform with friends as well as gaining a huge amount of enjoyment. If you are interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument please contact the office and they will put you in touch with the relevant teachers.

### Push Chairs

In order to comply with Health and Safety procedures all pushchairs are to remain outside the school building. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Parent / Grandparent help

A letter will be going home next week to ask for your help in school. We appreciate that many of you work and are unable to assist but if you able to give up any of your time it would be very much appreciated.

### Clubs

The children will be asked next week if they are interested in joining any clubs and these will be starting up in the near future. Information will be put on the website.

### Take 10

Please join in with the Take 10 routine in the morning. It is much more energetic than Tai Chi but is really good at getting the brain engaged. It is an expectation that everyone on the playground joins in!!

### TrimTrail

Please may I remind you that the Trim Trail is only to be used in school time and not in the morning or the end of the day. This is to comply with health and safety regulations.

### Dates

We are finalising dates for the year and will let you have them next week to give you enough time to make arrangements for the various events in school.

### ➤ Eco-Fest

Eco-Fest is back at Markeaton Park on **Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September**, from 11 am to 5 pm on both days. The main theme for 2009 is **climate change**. The aim of the weekend is to provide an entertaining and enjoyable two days for the whole family, whilst at the same time raising awareness of environmental issues. Children's entertainment will include a wind and solar-powered human circus, willow weaving, storytelling, activities put on by 'Waste Not Want Not', and 'Do One Thing for Wildlife'. There will also be a bike 'try out' area, bouncy castle and face painting. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

### P.T.F.A. SUMMER FAYRE

Did you or your child lose a purse at the Summer Fayre? If you did, please contact the school office and be prepared to describe the purse and its contents.

### LOST PROPERTY

We already have some lost property in the box! Please ensure that all clothing is named. Many thanks