

22.9.23**Principal: Jonathan Morris**

Well the weather has turned but it hasn't dampened the children's attitude to their learning. As always the children are keen to share their learning as we see them around the academy (I appreciate that it's not always as easy to get the same information from them at home!!)

Next week sees the first school trips of the year taking place, with Year 1 visiting ASDA to learn all about fruit and veg, as well as the supply chain and the behind the curtain running of the shop; whilst Year 5 are off to Tenterden on the Evacuation trip connected to their learning about WWII. Fingers crossed for the good weather!

Weekly Attendance Winners are:
EYFS – Year 3 – Cherry Class – 99.3%
KS2 – Elder Class – 98%
Whole School – 95.75%

Weekly Smiley Awards
EYFS – Year 3 – Sycamore Class with over 250 smileys
KS2 – Elderflower Class with over 250 smileys

EYFS 2024

Open Events 2023! Find out more about your child joining our academy in September 2024 at one of our open events. Take a tour, and meet our inspiring teachers, Principal, and students.

To book your place today, visit: <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa> #openday #startingschool

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

This week in TTRS we have 3 new leaders in our league: In 3rd place with 4696 average correct answers is HAZEL class; 2nd place with 6500 average correct answers is BEECH; and in 1st place with a WHOOPING 10,104 average correct answers is HORNBEAM!! Great to see some new winners this week!!

NO SMOKING



As you know we are a no smoking site, this includes vapes. This is in **ALL** areas of the site. Please could we also ask you to refrain from smoking directly outside the school gates. We appreciate that a number of you are having to wait to collect siblings, however, please consider smoking away from the entrance whilst the children and other parents are leaving the site.



SECONDARY OPEN EVENTS

Explore your child's future: Secondary School Open Days

Is your child embarking on their secondary school journey next September? Exciting opportunities await as we invite you to our secondary academy open days, also proudly affiliated with The University of Brighton Academies Trust.

The St Leonards Academy Open Days ([Home - The St Leonards Academy](#))

3 October 2023, 6:00-7:00pm

6, 11, and 13 October 2023, 9:00-10:00am

The Hastings Academy Open Days ([Home - The Hastings Academy](#))

25-29 September 2023, 9:30-10:15am and 10:15-11:00am

5 October 2023, 5:30-8:30pm

Please visit the academy website to book your place!

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PTA UPDATE

All parents and carers are welcome along to our AGM welcome drink and snacks provided at 7pm on Tuesday 17th at The Parish Rooms on Wishing Tree Road. If you feel you can contribute at all with our PTA events, helping to make them happen for our Silverdale community this will be much appreciated, our events help us to support our Silverdale pupils with some lovely things and experiences. From printing, to running a stall or helping build a bonfire! Every little really does help - we look forward to seeing anyone that can come along and support us. Thankyou!

On Saturday 4th November, from 5:30-7:30, our wonderful PTA will be staging the legendary Silverdale Bonfire and Fireworks night. Every penny earned goes back into providing fantastic experiences and facilities for your children at Silverdale. For the event to go ahead and be successful we NEED volunteers to help run the stalls and also to help with setting up on the day and some prep the day before. If you can help in anyway, please sign-up below and we will be in touch. Everything will be provided to make it easy, so please do sign-up if you can!

<https://forms.office.com/e/pVVLc3WE8R>

Bonfire & fireworks night

Saturday 4th November 5.30 till 7.30

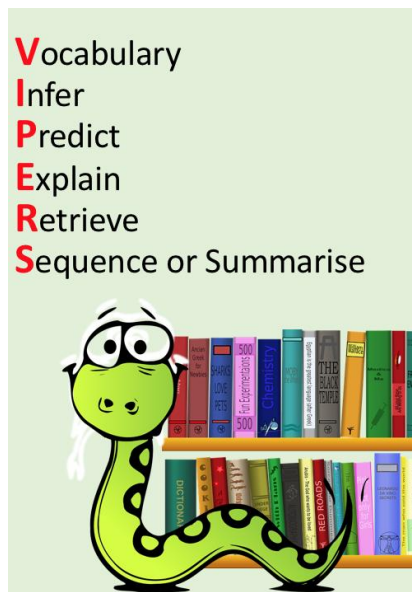
Fireworks are 7pm (weather permitting)

Entry £4 adults £2 children under 5's free

This year includes; DJ Fran from wriggles and giggles, BBQ, Refreshments, Characters, Silverdale PTA sweet stall, candy floss, marshmallows & toffee apples, Stall of witchcraft and wizardry (make a wand and potion) & more



READING AT HOME



Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise

We often talk about the importance of reading at home... it really does make a difference!!

We see how children who read frequently at home progress with their learning and make great progress in their learning across the curriculum.

Reading at home does not need to be arduous, 20 minutes a day can make a huge difference. This may be the child reading to you, sharing the reading responsibilities, and on some occasions you reading them a story. When you do read at home please make a short comment in your child's reading record, or for older children they can make their own comments. Key to successful reading is asking your child about the book that they have just read/ heard. Can they recall information, talk about what has happened, consider how the characters might be feeling, or make a prediction as to what will happen next?



YEAR GROUP UPDATES

This week the children in Early Years have thoroughly enjoyed a story called 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?' by Eric Carle. They have been ordering what the brown bear saw and enjoyed learning about colours. The theme around colours led us smoothly onto 'The Colour Monster' which gave many opportunities to discuss emotions linked to colours. This forms the basis of a worry box which we have in each class, encouraging children to discuss their emotions and feelings, especially when school might still feel new and unfamiliar. The number rhymes we have been sharing have also supported counting and rhyming. Cherry Class had Forest School this week and really enjoyed this experience. Next week we will have fun exploring 'Funnybones' by the Ahlbergs.

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Friday is upon us again! Next week is the Year 1 trip to Asda and in preparation, we have been looking at fruit and vegetables and taste testing! This term, the children will be making fruit kebabs so it has been really exciting watching them explore their favourite tastes and textures! Also this week ... English: we have focused on speech sounds we often get mixed up. Maths: greater than, fewer than and we have even started to look at place value! Super smart of us! We have continued to look at online safety. Ask the children how they would keep safe on their devices? and ask the children to give you a rendition of the 'down in the jungle' a song we have been learning in music. Have a lovely weekend, see you Monday.

It has been an exciting and productive week in Year 2 as our young children continue to explore new topics and develop essential skills. They began the week by receiving a special visit from Obb the Alien, who needed their help to learn how to put on a jumper. Through this activity, the children quickly grasped the importance of clear and precise instructions. Wrapping up the week, our young writers had great fun by following instructions to create delicious marmalade sandwiches. Next week, they will put their knowledge to work by writing their own clear and effective instructions. Place value was the topic in maths. They used place value cards and base ten materials to break down numbers into Tens and Ones. In History, the children were tasked with creating persuasive posters inviting skilled craftsmen to participate in the construction of this unsinkable Titanic. In DT, our young engineers delved into the world of mechanisms, focusing on the vital role of levers and linkages in everyday products. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 3 have had another busy week. In English, the children wrote their own alternative ending for Stone Age Boy. They focussed on using good description, adverbs and have started to organise their writing into paragraphs. They are really beginning to develop their stamina for independent writing. In maths we have continued to develop our understanding of place value, even including tenths e.g. 0.1, 0.2, 0.3! We have started to use this to record measures using centimetres, millimetres and metres, and will continue over the next two weeks when measuring capacity and mass. Next week we will begin a new class text: *How To Wash A Woolly Mammoth* which will link to learning about writing instructions. It's a wonderful book and we're sure the children will love it! Our spelling focus next week will be the long 'a' sound made by the letters ei as in eight and weight. Have a good weekend everyone.

Year 4 have had another busy week. In English they have been continuing with their descriptive writing, creating stories about when a storm hit Hastings. We have decided that the weather really wanted to give the children a helping hand. Maybe we should try writing about some beautiful sunny weather to try and bring it back. In maths, the children have continued with their work linked to place value. They have been applying their knowledge from the last couple of weeks to converting units of length and problem solving using money. In PSHE, they have been looking at the UN Convention on the rights of a child and understanding the difference between rights and responsibilities. There were some very grown up and thoughtful conversations held. We have also spent time getting used to Rollama. We are looking forward to using this more frequently in school to support our spelling and grammar tasks. We have also told the children to keep an eye out for the tasks we are setting. As mentioned last week we have a date for your diaries - On Tuesday 10th October, we will be hosting a quick parents meet about the statutory Times Table assessment that your child will complete at the end of the academic year. The meeting will be held at the end of the school day, please meet us on the KS1 playground at 3.20 (or once you have collected your child/children).

This week in Year 5, we have continued to read 'The lion and the Unicorn'. Lenny has now been evacuated to the countryside and he is not having a very nice time. Last week, the children wrote a diary entry before he was evacuated and this week they have been writing another entry recounting what has happened after. Will he be reunited with his mum? In maths, we have continued with place value and measure. In preparation for our trip next week, we have been learning about evacuees and who was evacuated in WWII. In geography, we have been looking at human features of the UK. For Science, we have been looking at gravity and using newton- meters to measure the mass and the weight of objects. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we are excited for our trip on Tuesday.

This week Year 6 have been delving further into our book Who Let the Gods Out? We have been meeting new characters and learning about the quest that Virgo and Elliot are now on, finding the Chaos Stones before evil Thanatos does! We have also worked really hard writing our formal letters as Elliot trying to persuade the loan company to help him repay (or not repay!) his loan his ill mother got out. We have also had a brain frazzling week in

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maths rounding lots of high numbers all the way up to the millions! This week we've also started our science topic with a double lesson of our new Light unit. We have discovered that light only travels in straight lines and cannot bend and we learned how our fascinating eyes work! We also have had double history, learning about how impactful the Greek king Alexander the Great was and what was so special and unique about the Battle of Marathon. This was a really interesting lesson as we evaluated the key strategies that the Greek Army used in order to win – ask your child which strategy they thought was the best one and why. In Art we also continued our Greek Vase designs ready to make some with clay later on in the term. Next week we look forward to learning about the Greek Gods, if your child can do any research at home about the famous 12 Greek Gods over the weekend that would be amazing, they can bring in what they have found out and it will help with their Greek God report writing tremendously. Have a lovely weekend.



Instagram

KEEP INFORMED

Remember that we also share information and pictures of children's work and events via our Instagram page. (silverdale_academy_official). Find and follow us!

GET ACTIVE



Now the children are back at school many of you are possibly dusting off your running shoes or bikes to make the most of the day, don't forget to join us on Strava.

There are lots of members and we have found that many people are motivated to go that little extra with a little support.

Join us at the links below.

Running - <https://www.strava.com/clubs/silverdaleprimaryrunning>

Cycling - <https://www.strava.com/clubs/silverdaleprimarycycling>



ATTENDANCE:

We continue to use the direct email for our Attendance Officer. If your child is absent, please report this via attendance@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk rather than phoning the office.



CLIMBING FRAMES

Can we again remind you that children should not be playing on the climbing frames at the beginning or the end of the academic day. The playgrounds are not supervised at this time, and if children were to have an accident a first aider may not be readily available.

We do not wish to be killjoys regarding the play equipment, but this is for your children's own safety.

Have a wonderful weekend one and all,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

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Dates for your diary 2023-24

4.10.2023 – Year 6 Parents meeting – Fundraising & organising Year 6 leavers Party 2.00pm (Academy Library)

10.10.2023 - Fundraising & organising Year 6 leavers Party 6.30pm (The Welcome Stranger, Silverhill)

17.10.2023 - PTA AGM 7pm the Parish Rooms (Wishing Tree Road)

20.10.2023 – INSET

3.11.2023 – PTA Mufti (Information to follow)

4.11.2023 – PTA #legendary Silverdale Bonfire and Fireworks (Times TBC)

9.11.2023 - All years - Influenza Nasal Spray programme – Information to follow.

21.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 10.00am

28.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 2.00pm

6.12.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 4.00pm

2.1.2024 – INSET

9.2.2024 - INSET

28.3.2024 – INSET

22.7.2024 – INSET

23.7.2024 - INSET

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OUT OF ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES

Explore your child's future: Secondary School Open Days

The University of Brighton Academies Trust is very proud of its excellent secondary academies in Hastings and St Leonards. Come along to one of our open events and discover what makes our schools an amazing choice for Year 7s in September 2024!



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ACADEMY**



**THE
ST LEONARDS
ACADEMY**

Open Event Dates:

Mon 25th September
Tues 26th September
Wed 27th September
Thurs 28th September
Fri 29th September
Tues 3rd October
Thurs 5th October
Tues 10th October
Tues 17th October



Open Event Dates:

Tues 3rd October
Fri 6th October
Wed 11th October
Fri 13th October



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more about life at our secondary
academies, how to apply and/or
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