

# 11.10.2024

So it is exactly a year since we were visited by OFSTED, and although we were pleased with the outcomes we haven't just sat back and rested on our laurels. So a year on it seems fitting to share with you some of the things they said, and what we have done since.

OFSTED SAID.....	SILVERDALE HAVE.....
The curriculum is well planned and sequenced in almost all subjects.	Although OFSTED were very positive about our curriculum, both core and foundation subjects, we have continued to review and improve these. Looking at new knowledge for the children to learn, looking for new visits or visitors to help bring the learning to life and continuing to develop links to prior learning
Leaders acknowledge that the mathematics curriculum requires further refinement.	Although there were lots of positives about our Maths curriculum, a year ago we recognised that this needed work. In the past year the curriculum has been replanned to ensure that term-on-term; year-on-year the children are building on their prior learning. Alongside this teachers have and are attending training courses to ensure that they are using the latest pedagogy to support our children.
From the start of Reception, staff closely follow the ambitious phonics programme.	Two years in we are continuing to see the benefits of Bug Club, children continue to come up to KS1 with an approving knowledge of their sounds. The English team are continuing to work on approaches to encourage children to apply their phonic knowledge within their writing.
The trust board takes seriously its responsibilities for equalities. It supports the work of the relatively new local governing board.	The Local Board continues to go from strength to strength with new members joining since the OFSTED visit. We are always looking for parents to support the school, this may be through involvement with the LGB, the PTA, or even as parent helpers within the classrooms.
Persistent absence for some pupils is too high. This means that some disadvantaged pupils miss out on important learning. Leaders must refine and focus their approaches to working with parents to reduce persistent absence rapidly for disadvantaged pupils.	We now have a new Attendance policy in place as well as working closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to support attendance. Since OFSTED we have also appointed a new Attendance Officer in the school. We also run our termly Attendance Prize draw. If you have any ideas to support improving attendance please feel free to share these with us. During the OFSTED inspection this was the area that nearly pulled us into being a Requires Improvement judgement, whilst every other aspect was judged to be at least "Good" if not better.

## SILVERDALE RUNNERS EXCEL AT SLA CROSS COUNTRY

Once again, Silverdale maintained our excellent record at cross country races with a superb performance at the local St Leonards Academy inter-schools competition.



We took a team of 36 children to the races and every single one ran with guts and pride. There were a number of notable individual performances. In the Year 3/4 race, Isla Hopkins-Parry ran superbly to finish first overall in the girls race. She was chased all the way by Robyn Fuller, Nancy White and Poppy Sugden – who finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places respectively – meaning Silverdale had 4 of the top 5 finishers on the day! A mention is also due to Rey Kildea and Amber Grace, our Year 3 representatives, who had to run against a field of mostly Year 4 runners – they did brilliantly and no doubt they will be back next year. In the boys race we just missed out on medals, but still managed to have 4 boys finish inside the top 10, led by Bertie Wright in 5<sup>th</sup> who came very close to chasing down the leading pack. Every single boy finished in the top 20 – an excellent achievement. We await the final team scores at the time of writing – but Silverdale surely dominated the Year 3/4 race and the future looks bright!

Meanwhile, in the Year 5 races, we achieved two medals – with Starla Scott and Albie Mayatt running superbly for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in their respective races. Mentions are also due to Milo Kofoed who finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the boys race and Bella Burrett for her 10<sup>th</sup> place finish in the girls' race.

In the Year 6 race, there was a great battle at the front – with Benji Pocock executing his race plan perfectly and steadily pulling away from his chief opponent to score an excellent first place finish. He was followed by his brother, Arthur Pocock – who secured a very hard fought 5<sup>th</sup> place. Once again, all the boys in this race finished inside the top 20. For the girls, Violet Gibbs managed to run the entire race with a smile on her face and secured a very well deserved 9<sup>th</sup> place. All the runners showed real grit, and we are very proud of every single one of them!

## OUR PTA NEED YOUR HELP!

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, from 5:30-7:30, our fantastic 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 beforehand. If you can help in anyway (including with preparations in the days beforehand), please sign-up using the form 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/aveAKxNm2a>

## BEHAVIOUR ON THE PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

In recent weeks there have been a number of incidents where children have been playing football on the playgrounds before school - in some cases parents and small children have been struck. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that football before and after school is strictly forbidden - it is dangerous and inevitably leads to distress and sometimes injury for bystanders. It also has the unfortunate tendency to rile up some of the children - making for a less than positive start to the school day. The playgrounds are not supervised by Silverdale staff before and after school - so ask that all parents keep a close eye on their children and ensure they abide by this school rule. If your child makes their own way to school, please remind them of the rules on football before school.

In addition, a further reminder that the climbing frame on the KS2 playground is not to be used before or after school either. When we use it at school there is always a designated adult keeping a close eye on the children and first aid is easily available if needed - neither of these are the case before and after school. A particular reminder that under no circumstances should younger children be using it - the equipment is designed for our junior age children and is not safe for use by EYFS and KS1 children. We ask parents to consider the example it sets to our older children, many of whom walk home by themselves, if they see younger children using the climbing frame with the permission of their parents - despite frequent reminders not to do so.



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## PARKING



This morning there were traffic wardens on Oban and Perth Road, and what a difference it made to the flow of traffic. We often mention this but please be aware that the zigzag lines are not only there to support the flow of traffic, but also for your child's safety, and to enable them and yourselves to cross the road without being in danger.

## 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](mailto:attendance@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk) rather than phoning the office.

The attendance prize draw is back again this term. To be in with a chance to win all the children need to do is come to school. All children with +97% attendance at the end of term 1 will be placed in to the draw with a chance to win!

Remember – You've got to be in, to win!

## PTA UPDATE

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All profits will go back into the school to provide extra experiences, equipment and more for all of our Silverdale pupils.

Fundraising from events to date have provided the following for your children

The smiley shop; Trips; School based external workshops; Christmas performances; Classroom equipment; Christmas crackers for Christmas Dinner; Parasols for lunchtime; Year 6 yearbooks; Supporting Time to Dance; Year 6 post SATS rewards; Forest school support and The Music Hub which continues to provide an amazing space for wonderful musical opportunities

## AGM

This will be taking place on the 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm at Silverdale, a chance to come along and meet your friendly team of volunteers who all put their time into making the events work, everyone welcome even if you can just do one small task for one event this is a great help for our events to continue, complementary drinks & snacks provided.



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## CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

We have signed up for ASDA rewards – Cashpot for Schools. So if you shop at ASDA and have downloaded their app please take a couple of minutes to choose us as your school of choice – Every Little Helps!

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- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

Some restrictions. Minimum spend £20. Excludes any Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. 18+ only. App & Opt in required. 50% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Primary funded primary schools. Must register with Parenikind charity: 10308612. For 18276 at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards Tools at asda.com/rewards/terms. 30.07.22

Have a great weekend one and all,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team



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PRIMARY  
ACADEMY

**PARENTS  
PLEASE READ**

# **YEAR 6 LEAVERS INFORMATION 2025**

**For next years year 6's leavers party to go ahead we need your help!  
Parents of year 6 are invited to a meeting to talk and share ideas on  
organising and fundraising, any contacts you may know who can  
maybe provide their help.**

**If you're interested please come along to the meeting detailed below.**

**WHEN : TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER**

**WHERE : THE WELCOME STRANGER, 55 Sedlescombe Rd N TN37 7DA**

**TIME : 7-8PM**

**Please feel welcome to join our WhatsApp group chat  
via scanning the QR code or link.**



**<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DFSN2odpIVU2tjGvzOgsPT>**



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# Dates for your diary 2022 – 23

- 24.10.2024 – PTA Halloween Cake Sale (End of the school day)  
25.10.2024 – INSET DAY  
4.11.2024 – INSET DAY  
5.11.2024 – First day back for children following half term  
7.11.2024 & 11.11.2024 – EYFS Vision & Measurement Programme (more info to follow)  
8.11.2024 – Bottle & Chocolate donation MUFTI Day for the #legendary PTA Bonfire & Fireworks night  
9.11.2024 – #legendary PTA Bonfire & Fireworks night  
W/c 11.11.2024 – Parent Consultations (Times and booking details to follow)  
EYFS – 11.11.2024 & 13.11.2024  
YEAR 1 – 11.11.2024 & 13.11.2024  
YEAR 2 – 11.11.2024 & 12.11.2024  
YEAR 3 – 11.11.2024 & 12.11.2024  
YEAR 4 - 11.11.2024 & 14.11.2024  
YEAR 5 – 11.11.2024 & 13.11.2024  
YEAR 6 – 11.11.2024 & 12.11.2024  
14.11.2024 – Holly Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
15.11.2024 – Cedar Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
21.11.2024 – Elm Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
22.11.2024 – Magnolia Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
28.11.2024 – Rowan Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
29.11.2024 – Juniper Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
5.12.2024 – Pine Class Assembly – 9.05am start  
5.12.2024 – Beech Class Assembly – 9.05am start (Change of date due to clash with Panto)  
6.12.2024 – PANTO to the children  
12.12.2024 – Whitebeam Class Assembly – 9.05am start



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