

# 15.11.2024

What an amazing weekend we had last week with the truly #legendary PTA Bonfire and fireworks. We truly think that it was our busiest yet with an estimated 2500 people in attendance! We want to send a huge thank-you to the PTA and all the helpers that ensured that the event went ahead and was such a success; and of course, thank you to everyone who came along and made the night so memorable. We have a number of ideas to take the event forward next year, and the date is already in the diary!

It's been quiet the media-frenzied week at Silverdale this week with interviews taking place with Mrs Duckett and a number of children in regards to the Bloomsbury Lit-Up project.

Over the last 2 academic years, Silverdale has taken part in the Lit-up project in conjunction with Bloomsbury and The National Literacy Trust. So far it has been a dynamic cultural initiative that brings the literary legacy of the Bloomsbury Group to our vibrant seaside town. The project has featured a series of events and workshops, all designed to engage children in the world of literature and storytelling. Through a series of author visits and 100's of free books, children have been exposed to a wide range of genres and writers. The main aim of the project has been to foster a love of reading not only in our children at Silverdale but across the town as a whole.

You can listen into the first interview just after Bryan Ferry at around 1:07:20 [Sarah Gorrell - 13/11/2024 - BBC Sounds](#) and be sure to keep your eyes peeled on Meridian news for the visual experience

On Tuesday we took part in Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-bullying week. Through the week children have been thinking and learning about how their actions may impact on others, and how together we can work to eradicate any forms of bullying.



## GUIDE DOG



One of the parents of a child at our school is currently training with a guide dog, and will be coming onto the school grounds from this week. We just wanted to make you aware as although the dog is extremely cute he will be working and learning which can be quite stressful for him and his handler. We ask that you please avoid trying pet him without speaking to the owner/handler as this can be quite upsetting and distracting for them both. If you want to say hello, please talk to the handler first so he knows what's going on because he may not see you.

If you are interested in the journey a guide dog takes check out the following YouTube channel [Guide Dogs - YouTube](#)

## CHRISTMAS DATES



We have now set dates for our Christmas celebrations, please be sure to check out dates at the bottom of our newsletter. Times to be confirmed ASAP, we will also let you know how to secure your tickets for the events in the near future.

## 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.

## WRAP UP WARM

The temperature is definitely taking a step closer to winter, and yet we continue to have children arriving at school without suitable clothing. Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for the winter weather. If it warms up they can always remove their coats at play and lunch times.



## NEW PARENTS OPEN EVENT

The first of our New Parents meetings is taking place next week on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November (10.00 – 11.00am), followed by another session on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (2.00 – 3.00pm) and then the final session on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets can be booked via the following link [Select tickets – Silverdale Primary Academy: Open Events 2024/25 – Silverdale Primary Academy](#).

We have released more tickets for these events as the first two were fully booked.

## WARMING UP THE HOMELESS ([Donate Supplies](#) | [Warming Up The Homeless](#))

**"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention"**

Last week two children (Alfie and Savannah) from Silverdale approached me and asked if this year we could support "Warming up the Homeless".

We know around this time some people have a clear out and hoping it will help some people that need these donations; if you would like to donate any of the following please send them into the school office where we will collate, and then arrange to be picked up by Warming up the homeless for them to distribute.



Warming up the homeless are in need of –

Sleeping bags; Tents

### **Clothing and personal essentials;**

New socks- men/women; New underwear – men/women; Shoes/boots; Deodorant; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Women's sanitary; Shower gels; Hand warmers

### **Food**

UHT milk; Tinned meat; Baked beans/ spaghetti/ hoops; Tinned creamed rice; Rice/pasta; Instant mash; Cereal.

## PTA UPDATE

A huge thankyou to everyone who supported our PTA Bonfire & Fireworks night whether that be helping or attending, together we raised an amazing £7104 for the Silverdale Pupils. This will go towards the Christmas panto, Christmas crackers, year group funding, year 6 leavers books and the wonderful smiley shop!

We will be looking at a few changes for next year (Sat Nov 8th) with more space and lighting for everyone.

A big thankyou to MTC Ore cadets for helping all day and evening  
And 3rd Scouts Group for all their help and providing their delicious s'mores area.  
They pass their thanks to everyone as they raised £500 for the scouts group.



Our next event will be our friendship disco in term 3/4 (date and time tbc)

We are looking for a team of parents who would be interested in organising a car boot sale on the school grounds next year, if you feel it is something you can be involved in please email us on [silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com)

Have a great weekend.

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team



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# Dates for your diary 2022 – 23

- 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
- 16.12.2024 – Year 2 Christmas Performance (AM & PM shows – Times TBC)
- 17.12.2024 – EYFS Nativity Performance (AM & PM shows – Times TBC)
- 18.12.2024 – Year 1 Christmas Performance (AM & PM shows – Times TBC)
- 19.12.2024 – Key Stage Carol Concert (PM show – Time TBC)



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