

Silverwood School

Rowde Campus



Head of School, Rowde Campus – Mr M Loveridge

25 February 2021

Term 4 - Resilience

The value that we will focus on this term is **Resilience**. Below are a few ideas for you to use at home:



- Display the Resilience Poster at home and use it as a talking point.
- Play games, such as jenga, snakes and ladders or Pooh Sticks. This will give opportunities to experience winning and losing, and coping when things go wrong.
- Admit to a "mistake a day" and talk about what you learned.
- Research by Carol Dweck shows that praising people for their effort rather than outcomes helps build resilience and ensure learning. For more information about this visit: <http://mindsetonline.com>
- Learn a new skill together that will be difficult and where everyone will have to keep trying again and again. We'd love to know your ideas for this!
- If your child is striving to do something, resist the temptation to help too soon. Can they keep trying until they get it right? This helps to build resilience and independence.

We would love to hear about activities that students do at home that are linked to our values. Please encourage your young person to tell their tutor, or send an email to our office for the attention of Miss Rossiter.

Head Teacher Commendation Award

Congratulations to **Kassie** in **Rowan**, **Matthew** in **Oak**, **Evie** and **Tyrese** in **Elm** classes, who were recently presented with the Head Teacher's Commendation Award for their outstanding work.



Full re-opening of schools

Earlier this week the Government announced the full return of schools from the 8th March. As I am sure you appreciate, the media only reflect the headlines and we are reading the full guidance carefully to see what this means for us as a school; please be assured that the senior leadership team have already started to organise how we can make the return to school safe for everyone. As soon as I am able, I will update you with further information. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

The government are introducing on-going testing for all students in secondary school to support the safe return of schools. We are currently deciding how best to facilitate this and we may need volunteers who are available to support testing within the school. If you have a day or two that you could spare to support us with this please contact the school via the usual channels.

Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day 2021 is **Friday 19th March**, we will have a non-uniform day in school and students can dress up if they wish, we will set up a just giving page for anyone who would like to donate to the comic relief charities.

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World Book Day 4th March

World Book Day will be slightly different this year but still a wonderful experience for all our students. This year The Big Pants Theatre Company are doing an online performance called Suddenly! It includes a range of traditional tales and is great fun.



Each class will be able to watch from their classroom with many lovely activities to be completed throughout the day following the performance; this can also be accessed from home, so that all students can be involved. There will be no cost and no dressing up but a fun day celebrating English.

School Uniform Survey

If you have not completed the survey to choose a colour for the new Silverwood School Uniform there is still time as the survey closes on Sunday 7th March - [Silverwood School Uniform Colour Survey](#)

Covid Testing

Students returning to school will need permission from parents/carers for them to be tested. If your child has not been in school during lockdown and you have NOT given permission for them to be tested, please complete the form emailed or contact the school to give verbal permission. (also attached)



Contact Mobile Number

With testing to begin for all students it is important we have your most recent mobile telephone number, if you have changed this and not informed us please email or phone the school to update.

Wiltshire Council Short Break Scheme

Wiltshire Council provides short breaks to children and young people who have special educational needs and/or a disability. Designed in consultation with parents and carers, the scheme aims to meet the individual needs and interests of children and young people who require additional support to either access or engage in leisure activities or 'short breaks'. For more information click on the link http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Short_breaks

If you need help applying or completing the forms please contact the school office and ask for the Family School Support worker – Shirley Gale.



Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Survey

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council ran their Return to School survey in September 2020; your responses were really helpful. As we are now some weeks into the latest lockdown, the WPCC would like to follow up on this survey and ask you to complete their newest survey. They would like to know about how things are going. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPCC-Lockdown3-Feb2021>

To say thank you for taking the time to complete the survey you will be entered in to their free prize draw with a chance of winning a £50 voucher; simply complete the survey for more details. The survey closes **at 5pm on Sunday 28 February 2021** and the lucky winner will be notified by Saturday 6 March 2021. All responses are anonymous

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Congratulations

Well done to Immy in year 10 who took part in the Resilience Challenge over half term and walked every day, she logged 27km and raised well over £200 for youth action trust. This is an amazing achievement Immy; especially as walking isn't one of your favourite activities.



- Bacs details: Account number: 47769060 - Sort code: 309199

Letters Sent Home

The letters listed below have been sent home since our last newsletter; please contact the school office if you have not received the letters that are relevant to your child.

- Values Poster - Resilience - all years
- Permission to Covid test students – all years – please return ONLY if you have not done so previously
- School uniform survey – all years
- Options evening information – year 9

Dates for your Diary 2020-21

March

Thur 4th World Book Day
TBC Prospective Parent Virtual Tour
Wed 10th Key Stage 4 Options Evening
(via Zoom)
Wed 17th New Intake September 2021
Parent Tour @ 4.00pm
Fri 19th Red Nose Day – Non-Uniform

April

Thurs 1st End of term 4 (12:40 finish)
Mon 19th Start of Term 5

May

Mon 3rd Bank Holiday
Fri 14th Pyjamarama Day – more info to follow
Fri 28th End of Term 5
Mon 31st Bank Holiday

June

Mon 7th Start of Term 6

July

Fri 23rd End of Term 6

Best wishes

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