

Dear parents,

Learning

Keeping the Momentum Going

As we approach the excitement of Christmas, it is more important than ever that children stay on top of their learning. Regular reading at home, practising spellings, and keeping times tables sharp all make a significant difference at this busy time of year. We were also delighted to welcome author **Georgia Fanshawe**, who visited Sycamore and Willow Class to talk about her new book *The Curse of the Silvan Oaks*. The children were brilliant—engaged, thoughtful, and full of questions—and it was wonderful to see so many choosing to purchase a copy afterwards.

Caring

Understanding and Supporting One Another

We continue to be impressed by the high standard of behaviour across the school. This week, the whole school spent time discussing what bullying is and why it is important to recognise the different forms it can take. As a school we make no assumptions, so ensuring that children know what to do if they feel they are being bullied—or if they see it happening—is essential. We encourage parents to continue these conversations at home so that together we can support every child in feeling safe and confident.

Achieving

Running Towards Success

This week, a team of KS2 children took part in the Cross Country event at Castle Combe, and they were absolutely fantastic. Their determination, teamwork, and positivity were clear to see, and we are incredibly proud of how they represented the school. Events like this highlight the importance of sport and fitness, not only for physical health but also for confidence, resilience, and enjoyment.

Celebrating a Colourful Art Week

Last week's Art Week was a real highlight of the term. Children explored a range of mediums to create expressive self-portraits and produced beautiful pieces inspired by a happy memory. The Sherston Arts Committee led a series of brilliant workshops, and the outcomes were proudly displayed at the British School Rooms over the weekend. A huge thank you to the Art Committee and all the parent volunteers for their time and enthusiasm, and to our fantastic staff for their hard work in making the week such a success.

Together

Friends of Sherston School Secrets Room

We're so excited that the FSS will be hosting the Secrets Room again this year. A number of communications will be coming your way in regards to all of the Christmas events. Please do volunteer, even if you can only give an hour of your time, it makes a huge difference. The green box at the front of the school is ready for your Secret's Room donations.

Dogs on School Grounds

We love seeing your dogs at drop-off and pick-up, and they are welcome on the school grounds. However, they must remain outside the playground gates. Please keep a close eye on your dog at all times and ensure that any mess is picked up promptly. This helps keep our grounds clean and enjoyable for everyone—thank you for your support.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Towers