



## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING DATES

**Thursday 15th September** -  
An Inspector Calls,  
Wimbledon theatre trip - Yr  
11, leaving school at 11:30,  
returning at approx 19:00

**Thursday 15th September** -  
Peri Music evening 19.00-  
20.00 in the Main Hall - a  
meet and greet event for  
parents to talk to Peri music  
staff

**Friday 23rd September**-  
Years 7 and Year 10 pupil  
photographs, plus other new  
starters and staff.

**Monday 28th September**-  
Geography trip, Year 9

### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Our thoughts today have turned to the great loss of our Queen Elizabeth II and we have been able to support the children through this very sad time for the Royal family and for the nation as a whole. As many of you will know we recently had the honour of our new building being opened by HRH The Princess Royal, so we have been particularly touched and affected by the news.

Throughout the day we have ensured that all children have understood the news, shared the potential implications regarding the period of mourning that we have now entered, and most importantly we have paid respect to the Queen's memory. At 11am the whole school held a minute's silence, and each lesson throughout the day has contained a tribute to her life and work.

This very sad event has added to the key message that we have been sharing with staff and children this week. This has been a very pivotal moment for our school, and now we enter a moment of change for the country.

My key message this week during assemblies to the whole school has been that this is a very exciting time where we are building on the traditions and successes of the school up until this point, and starting to turn towards a different direction.

With that pivot comes a great deal of change. Parents will have already noted that we are changing a number of our systems, and we urge that you switch to ClassCharts as per the letter sent earlier this week by Mr Braddick so that you are receiving key communications from us and are able to explore your child's progress.

We will not necessarily get it right the first time. Some of the changes we are making will need to be evaluated and adapted as we learn from experience. It can take an average of 66 days for a new behaviour to become automatic so it is natural that the change will take a while to embed. We will do our best to support you through the changes and to help remind all of us of the new habits we want to form.

What is important is that the changes we are making are for the right reasons.

We have a special school community, and I have been delighted to start my first week as Headteacher here.

Mrs Dean



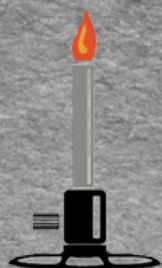


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# News articles

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## Science Club



Year 7 & 8 Science club which will be on next Wednesday from 3-4pm in room 49 and covering Bunsen burners and getting the temperature of water right. Students should sign up before hand.

## Cycling to School

We have seen a number of students arriving by bicycle this week not wearing a helmet. Please can we request that all students wear helmets when riding a bike into school.

4 Reasons **WHY** you should wear a helmet on your bike or scooter:

### 1. Head and Brain protection

Having a helmet on, gives your head and brain protection if you are unlucky enough to get involved in an accident. In studies, a helmet on your head has been shown to reduce face and neck injuries by up to 33 percent. For head injuries, the figure rises to 50 percent.

### 2. Helmets Make Cyclists More Visible

Drivers in cars can easily see you during the day. Bright coloured helmets worn by cyclists help drivers see you from a longer distance. At night, a cyclist is nearly invisible. Helmets have built in reflectors. If your helmet does not have any of these options, you can always run a few strips of reflective tape around the helmet.

### 3. Wear a Cycling Helmet for Protection from the weather

A helmet helps your hair stay in place when conditions are windy. The helmet also keeps your hair and head warm and dry if it is raining. In summer, cyclists get added face cover from the sun's UV rays when they wear a helmet.

### 4. Set a good example to other cyclists, especially the young ones.

**LAST THOUGHT:** It is important for cyclists to always remember that wearing a cycling helmet is not a guarantee against head injuries. Your cycling style and following road rules are the best line of defence against crashes. Let's promote safe riding and do remember to take care of one another when riding on the road..



## Summer Reading Challenge



### Summer Reading Challenge

Archer

**4,190**

Barrow

**2,220**

Sarum

**3,020**

Solstice

**3,490**

1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000

### Final Results

Archer wins the challenge, with the most reading sessions and the most minutes read. Congratulations!



## STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE, EXCEEDING

**FIVE GREAT REASONS  
TO MAKE THE  
STONEHENGE SCHOOL  
YOUR 1ST CHOICE**

**OPEN EVENING  
MONDAY 3RD  
OCTOBER  
4.30—6.30 pm**

**STOP PRESS** — Building will commence on a further new block accommodating music, Drama, PE, special educational needs and an assembly hall late summer 2022.

To visit us or arrange a tour please contact us.

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- High quality teaching from subject specialist staff who care about your child.
- High standards of discipline, behaviour and care.
- A traditional curriculum and a strong reputation for results.
- A safe and friendly school where your child will be known by name.
- Easy to reach from all parts of Wiltshire with good links to public transport.



### Ofsted 2017 ...

- "The school continues to be good."
- "Pupils are great ambassadors for the school."
- "Students make strong progress in English and Maths."
- "Students behave extremely well in lessons and contribute to the school's ambitious and aspirational culture."
- "Pupils are very well cared for. Ensuring that pupils are safe and well looked after is at the heart of everything the school does."
- "The school has a clear sense of direction and ambition."



### For the attention of all parents

**Will your child be transferring  
to a secondary school in  
September 2023?**

**You must apply for a secondary school place**

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or  
complete an application form, available at  
all Wiltshire Council offices.

**The deadline for applications is  
12 midnight, 31 October 2022**

All forms must be returned to the school admissions  
team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide  
to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.