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WHAT ARE WE UP TO?

This week in our Pathway to Success lessons, children have been learning how and when to ask an adult for help. We have been practicing noticing when we need support and reminding children that it's always okay to ask for help. These lessons help build confidence, safety, and independence. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to speak up when they need help or have questions.

-Mrs Young



NOTE FROM THE ACTING HEAD TEACHERS

It's been another busy and uplifting week in school.

Our senior leadership team is continuing its work on reviewing our behaviour policy, and we look forward to welcoming parents to the upcoming workshop.

We also had excellent engagement in our NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies, which Mrs Folkes-Jones and I were delighted to deliver. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to keep our school a happy and safe place for every child..

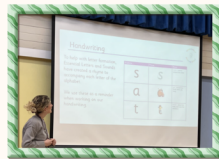
-Miss Mitchell

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Writing

Thank you to all the Reception parents who took the time to attend the writing workshop on Wednesday morning. It was lovely to see so many of you there and we appreciate your support in helping your children to develop their writing skills. We hope the session gave you some useful ideas and the confidence to support your child in writing at home

- Mrs Breteche & Mrs Docherty



93.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE

CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
RP	92.7%	1A	91.7%	3R	94.7%	5S	97.7%
RR	97.2%	1D	96.4%	3W	98.2%	5B	97.2%
		2A	95.1%	4T	95%	6O	96%
		2J	97%	4Q	96.1%	6M	94.2%

Summerswood Super Stars!



We hope to include pictures of our Super Stars so please make sure your photo permissions are up to date with our Admin team!

A huge congratulations to this week's Super Stars!
Well done, we are so proud of you!

We all enjoyed a lovely hot chocolate to celebrate their achievements. I wonder what achievements will be made next week.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Bringing items into school

Children should not bring personal items into school, including pencil cases, toys or fidget tools. When a specific resource is needed to support a child's learning or wellbeing, and this has been agreed with the SENCO or class teacher, staff will ensure that the appropriate items are provided and managed in school. Keeping personal belongings at home helps prevent them from being lost or damaged and supports a calm, focused learning environment for everyone.

Uniform Expectations

Our school community takes great pride in looking smart and ready to learn, and we appreciate your support in maintaining our uniform expectations.

Children should come to school in blue school jumpers or cardigans (no logo required), white polo shirts T-shirts, and black or grey trousers, skirts or dresses.

For PE, pupils should wear their plain white t-shirts and appropriate blue or black jumper with plain, black or grey bottoms. PE days are not an opportunity for non-school uniform. If a child arrives in incorrect uniform, a gentle reminder will be sent home. To help everyone stay focused and safe, unsuitable jewellery should not be worn, as it can distract from a positive learning environment.

Role Play in Year 1!

1A loved using their new role play area as part of their learning about the history of the railways. They have created a train and train station in their classroom and had lots of fun selling tickets, deciding where they wanted to travel, and driving the train. Lots of fabulous language was used, and we are very proud of them

-Ms Benedick



No jewellery

SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE STARTED!

Clubs started back this week, and Cookery Club had lots of fun learning new skills and getting creative in the kitchen. The children were enthusiastic as they made their own pizzas, carefully choosing toppings and enjoying the process from start to finish.

Check out the variety of clubs on offer! - Note sign up is now closed.



SCHOOL CLUBS ARE BACK!
Starting Monday 12th January

There's something for everyone!
Come along, have fun, learn new skills and try something new!

- Netball
- Choir
- Arts & Crafts
- Chess Club
- Board Games
- Board Games
- Cookery
- LEGO Club
- Performing Arts
- Newsletter Club

When are clubs on?
 Lunchtime Clubs
 After School Clubs: 3:15 - 4:15
 Collection: Main Playground

How do I sign up?
 Sign up on School Gateway
 All details are on School Gateway
 Places are limited - sign up early!

Don't miss out!

STAFF UPDATES

We have a few staff changes to share as we head towards the end of this half term.

Mr Malan, who will soon be a fully qualified teacher, will be leaving us to spend time with family in South Africa and continue the next exciting chapter of his teaching career. It's been a pleasure supporting him on this journey, and we wish him every success.

On Monday, we also say goodbye to Mrs Buckley, one of our brilliant business managers, who has supported staff across the school with dedication and care. She's now following her passion for music and working more closely with children again, and we send her off with all our best wishes.

We're delighted to have welcomed Mrs Osmenaj and Mrs Reynolds, who have joined our KS2 team as teaching assistants and have already become part of the Summerswood family.

We will also be welcoming Mr Abbas, a highly experienced EYFS practitioner who will be teaching in our nursery alongside Mrs Hilling and supporting across the school. Please join us in giving all our new staff a very warm welcome!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3
4	5 Inset Day - No children in school	6 Start of Spring Term	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 9:00 - 9:45 Reception Writing Workshop	15 burger day	16	17
18	19	20 Year 2 - Neil Armstrong History Workshop	21 9:00 SS School Assembly	22 3:15 Friends of Summerswood PTA Year 4 Cake Sale and Preloved Uniform Sale	23	24
25	26	27	28 9:00 SB Class Assembly	29 3:30 PGL meeting - 6M Classroom	30	31