



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back from Miss Kneller

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

It has been a lovely start to the new school year for our children in Years 1–6. The classrooms are already full of energy and learning, and it has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces back in school.

Our Early Years team have also been busy completing home visits, and these are going really well. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Nursery and Reception children into school next week and beginning their Summerswood journey with us.

As a school, we are always looking at how we can do things even better. We recognise that we need to strengthen the support we provide so that every child leaves Summerswood with the knowledge, skills, confidence and independence they need to be successful at secondary school and beyond.

We have therefore reviewed how our leadership team works and made some important changes.

We now have two Assistant Headteacher roles supporting our school.

Mrs Pamela Young, our Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour for Learning and Diversity, has been acting in an Assistant Headteacher capacity for the past couple of years. She is now able to focus fully on this role and will no longer have a class-based teaching commitment. This means she will be working across the school for four days each week, supporting staff to continue improving teaching, learning, behaviour and the experiences our children have in the classroom.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Adina Golding, who joins us as our Interim Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion for the Autumn Term. Mrs Golding will be working closely with our teachers to support them in making adaptations to learning so that we can ensure that every child is given the opportunity to access their learning, make progress and shine. She will also be speaking with families to ensure children with additional needs are fully supported.

These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child at Summerswood receives the support and challenge they need to reach their full potential.

Our theme for this year is 'Let Your Light Shine'.

We want every child to recognise their strengths, believe in themselves and understand that they have the potential to achieve great things. Our job as a school is to provide the teaching, encouragement, challenge and support that helps them to do this. Working in partnership with you as parents and carers is a really important part of that.

We would therefore love as many of you as possible to join us for our Meet the Teacher meetings. These will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher in their classroom, hear about the year ahead and find out more about how you can support your child.

Meet the Teacher

Years 1 & 2: Monday 14th September – 3.30pm

Years 3 & 4: Tuesday 15th September – 3.30pm

Years 5 & 6: Wednesday 16th September – 3.30pm

Each meeting will last no more than 30 minutes.

We really hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. When school and home work together, our children benefit enormously.

We are excited about the year ahead and all that our children can achieve. There will be challenges, of course, but there will also be so many opportunities for our children to learn, grow and discover what they are capable of.

Let's make this the year when every child at Summerswood lets their light shine!

Miss Kneller
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 14th September -

Reception children in for their first full day.

Year 1 & 2 Meet the Teacher-
3:30pm

Tuesday 15th September-

Year 3 & 4 Meet the Teacher-
3:30pm

Wednesday 16th September

Year 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher-
3:30pm

Thursday 24th September

EYFS Meet the Teachers - 3:30pm

Friday 25th September

FOSW Quiz Night 7pm

Tuesday 29th September

Year 1 & 2 Maths Workshop
Morning for Parents

Wednesday 30th September

year 3 & 4 Maths Workshop
morning for parents

Thursday 1st October

year 5 & 6 Maths Workshop
morning for parents.

Help Us Grow Our Multilingual Book Collection.



Help Us Grow Our Multilingual Book Collection. With over 30 different languages spoken in our school community, we are proud to have created a special book corner celebrating books from around the world.

We would love to grow our collection and represent as many of our school languages as possible. If you have any children's books, bilingual books, comics or magazines in languages other than English that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations.

Help us celebrate the many languages, cultures and stories that make our school community so special. Any donations to be given to the office, Mrs Young or your child's class teacher.
Thank you.



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What happens at an NHS Health Check?

The check takes around 20 minutes and looks at your risk of developing conditions such as:

- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Type 2 diabetes
- Kidney disease
- Dementia

During your appointment, a healthcare professional will:

- Ask about your lifestyle and diet
- Measure your height, weight and blood pressure
- Check your cholesterol levels
- Sometimes carry out a blood sugar test

Using these results, you'll be given a **cardiovascular disease risk score**, which shows your likelihood of developing heart or circulation problems over the next 10 years.

You'll also receive **personalised advice** and support to help you reduce your risk and **improve your long-term health**.

Who can have an NHS Health Check?

You're eligible if you:

- Are aged 40-74
- Are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire
- Do not already have heart disease, stroke, diabetes or kidney disease

How often can I have one?

You should be invited for an NHS Health Check every 5 years.

If you think you're eligible but haven't had an invitation in the last five years, contact your GP practice to book your appointment.

It's **free, quick**, and could make a **big difference** to your **future health**.

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