



Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Families,

Ready for Learning

Our assembly on Monday was a discussion around the importance of taking care of our school premises. I shared photos of classrooms not looking ready for learning. We've spoken about the importance of caring for the space we all share and for looking after the equipment that is bought for the children to use. We've had to throw away many many bats this year as children are hitting them on the floor causing them to break or become to misshapen to use – the children then tell us they're bored on the playground with no equipment to play with. We're aiming to all show more care to our equipment and surroundings in school.

Attendance

Week ending 15th November 2024

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
93.3%	83.7%	95.6%	96.4%	98%	96.6%	95.5%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
★ 99.2%	95.7%	97%	96.6%	94.0%	91.3%	97%

Some fantastic percentage figures for this week! A lot of classes are so close to achieving 100% weekly attendance. Let's all continue to work together to make sure that children are at school every day, on time and ready to learn!

Harvest Hampers



We were delighted with the response to the Early Years Leadership activity which was the Harvest Hampers Event. The hampers looked gorgeous and there was particular appreciation for the children's work that had gone into creating the hampers and for the huge amount of food that was donated. Our school collected an amazing 315kg of food for the Borehamwood Foodbank that they shared equates to £875 worth of food. They said that what we have given them will help them feed 70 people for 3 days! That really is a brilliant effort. Thank you to Mrs Brown for leading this project and for such a fantastic success.

Summerswood Support



Thank you to those who have been able to support us raise almost £3000 for a Summerswood family needing to care for their Y6 daughter at home with a cancerous tumour. Please remember that every donation, big or small, will go directly to the family to ensure they can pay bills and allow them the precious gift of time together during this challenging period. If you haven't been able to donate yet and are able to, please consider contributing or sharing on your social media in aid of this Summerswood family. Your kindness will not only relieve some of their financial pressures but also lift their spirits and remind them they are not alone in this fight. Every bit truly counts and will make a difference.

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Thank you for your support, your generosity, and your compassion. Together, we can make this journey a little less heavy for them. ❤️ <https://gofund.me/ef99ce3c>

Coffee Morning Update

Please note that December's coffee morning will now be a coffee and croissant afternoon with date and time to be confirmed shortly. Please look out for a message via Arbor, which will confirm all of the details.



Labelling

Please ensure that all of your child's coats, bags, lunch boxes, water bottles and anything else that they may bring in to school- are clearly labelled with their name and class. If any items do get lost, please check our lost property area, just outside the KS2 building.

Parking



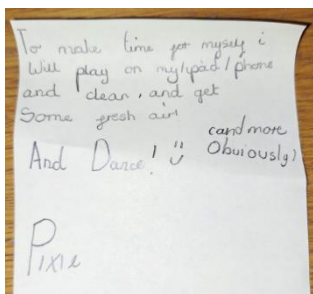
We have had several more phone calls this week about dangerous parking by Summerswood families at drop off and collection times. **Please be respectful of our neighbours and park mindfully and legally at all times.**

Another Graduate!

This week Mr Jolley – our Year 5 Teaching Assistant went to his graduation ceremony from the University College of Football Business. We are really lucky to have such talented staff working at Summerswood. Be sure to Congratulate him if you see him!



World Mental Health Day



For world mental health day we asked children, staff and parents how you make time for yourselves. This week's great ideas are:

Play on my ipad/phone and clean, and get some fresh air and Dance!

Summerswood Christmas Fun!

On Friday 6th December from 3.30 until 5pm we will be having our Christmas Fair. This will take place in the school halls – with more information to come in the next couple of weeks. To make this event a success, we need your help!

Wednesday 27th November (right before our long weekend!) **Bottles, Bottles, Bottles.** Please can we have any bottles – cold drinks, alcohol – this will help with our tombola stall. Children will have extra 10 minutes of playtime on this day as a ‘thank you’ for helping.



Friday 6th December – We'd like all of your **unwanted/unused gifts and teddy bears.** In exchange for this children are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform so they are ready to come straight to our fair after school!

Thank you for your help!

Kind regards,

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Sarah Kneller
Headteacher



Date	Event
Wednesday 27 th November 2024	Please bring in bottle donations
Thursday 28 th November 2024	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Friday 29 th November 2024	OCCASIONAL DAY - No pupils in school
Friday 6 th December 2024	Please bring in unwanted and or unused gifts and teddy bears
Friday 6 th December 2024	Christmas Fair 3.30 until 5pm
Tuesday 10 th December 2024	Y3 to 6 – Christmas Carols by Twilight 4.30pm Front of School Green Area
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Nursery Christmas Sing along 9.15-9.45- families are invited to attend
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	KS1 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Reception Peter Pan Sing along 9.15—9.45- Families are invited to attend
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Reception Rosen Sing along 9.15—9.45- Families are invited to attend
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Friday 20 th December 2024	Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Start of Spring Term 1
Friday 14 th February 2025	School finishes at Normal times for Half Term
Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February 2025	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	Class and Year 6 individual photographs for Autograph books
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4 th April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5 th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26 th May- Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in school
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23 rd July 2024	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY CAMP



December 23rd
Fancy Dress Sports Day

December 27th
*Santa's Workshop &
Sports Extravaganza*

December 30th
Christmas Carnival Games

January 2nd
*New Year's Party &
Sports Showdown*

January 3rd
*Winter Wonderland
Sports & Fun*

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Is the children's arguing getting you down?


Sign up to our sibling rivalry workshop



This 2-hour workshop will provide parents with strategies and tools to effectively foster positive relationships, promote co-operation and manage conflict between children.

 **Thursday 12th December**

 **7.00pm - 9.00pm**

 **Online via MS Teams**

To book your place, call **Louise** on **0204 522 8700**, email **services@familylives.org.uk** or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Reducing Conflict Workshop

This 2-hour workshop explores different types of conflict within family life and provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children.



Tuesday 26 November
9.30am - 11.30am
Online via MS Teams



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DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership

SEND Surgery Wednesday 27th November 2024

Hertsmere Schools Partnership (DSPL6) is offering a 30-minute session with our SEND School Family Workers to answer questions and to offer support and signposting for parents/carers of children with additional needs.

Example Topics for discussion:

- Strategies to help support your child at home
- EHCP queries
- Liaising with schools and other professionals
- Navigating the SEND world

To book a 30-minute session, please go to

Bookings are now open

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-surgery-november-2024-tickets-1090985349549>

When you book, please provide details of the topic that you would like to discuss.
Please be aware there is a high demand for these appointments so please only book on if you are sure you can commit to the time slot.

The SEND Surgeries will be held by
Karen Follows, Family support worker and Cheryl Mence, Head of DSPL

Surgeries will be held via Teams. A Teams link will be sent once your session has been confirmed.

These surgeries are available to all parents/carers of those children/young people who attend education in the DSPL6 Area

More dates will be made available throughout 2025
If you experience any problems booking through Eventbrite, please email

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