



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Families,

Remembrance & Anti-Bullying Week



This week we started assemble with a beautiful poetry book explaining why we wear poppies on the 11th November each year. The school community then took part in the 2 minutes silence at 11am. It was a special moment where we thought about those around our country and the world who take care of us while we are safe at home.

We have also been celebrating Anti-Bullying week at Summerswood. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. This theme is there to empower us all to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt

that bullying causes.

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives.

This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?

Summerswood Support



For those of you who have been part of our community for a little while, you'll know that once you're part of the Summerswood Community, we do our best to look after one another. Currently, we are supporting a school family who is going through a heart-wrenching journey that no family should ever face. One of their two children is battling a cancerous tumour, and as they focus on providing every ounce of love, care, and strength to their daughter, the financial burdens continue to build. Bills, travel costs, and daily expenses add an overwhelming strain on this family, who now need all the

support they can get from their community and friends.

We're asking for help with the essentials so they can continue to care for their daughter as she is cared for at home. 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 are able, please consider contributing to this GoFundMe 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 meaningful difference. 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>

Graduation

Miss Pearson, one of our year 5 teachers, took time out this week (but was back in time for parents evening!) to celebrate officially her graduation from the University of Northampton. Congratulations to Miss Pearson – be sure to congratulate her when you see her around school!



Attendance

Week ending 8th November 2024

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| 92.9% | 89.2% | 97.6% | 92.8% | 97.5% | 95.7% | 93.3% |

| 3Wicks | 4Queen | 4Thunberg | 5Boseman | 5Southgate | 6Malala | 6Obama |
|--------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|--------|
| 98.8% | 93.9% | 93.21% | 94.3% | 94.4% | 99% | 94.7% |

Reporting Absence

Please ensure that you contact us as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school. If leaving a voicemail, please include your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please be as detailed as possible regarding symptoms- for example, instead of "my child has a temperature", "my child has a temperature of 38.5°C". **If we do not hear from you with a reason for absence and are unable to reach you on the day of absence, it will be marked as unauthorised in the register.** Each school day consists of 2 sessions. If 10 unauthorised sessions are reached within any 10 week rolling period, the local Authority may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Lateness

Please can you ensure that your child arrives in school on time and ready to learn every morning. When children are late, this can lead them to feel anxious when entering class. It also means that they are missing out on valuable learning time.

PLEASE HELP US ☺

We are looking for a parent governor to join us to help keep moving the school forward. We're also looking for governors outside of our parent body so if you have a friend or a colleague who is looking to support their local community we'd be very happy to hear from them. We need people who are able to give some time to be able to attend meetings and visit the school during working time to meet with staff and children to ensure we are doing all we can to help the children be successful. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact the governing body through our school email account admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk. Thank you!



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!

Friday 22nd November – please can your child bring in **Christmassy Items** – Christmas chocolate, biscuits, sweets – anything chocolatey and Christmassy will be very welcome! To say thank you, the school is paying for the show 'Cinderella' to be performed

to all the children on this day.

Wednesday 27th November (right before our long weekend!) **Bottles, Bottles, Bottles.** Please can we have any donations of 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 and or 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!



Foodbank Information

We were delighted to welcome the Foodbank to our Parent Coffee morning this week. For those who were unable to attend we wanted to share their flyer and reiterate their message that there is no need to feel embarrassed about asking for help when you need it. You will receive a warm welcome, refreshments and chat with caring volunteers. Please see the information about dates and times you are able to visit them at St Teresa's, Shenley Road. Thanks to Mrs Brown, Ms Slesiona and Mrs O'Sullivan for organising the parent coffee mornings – be sure to come along to our next one on Wednesday 11th December 2024. Look out for Mrs Brown in her sandwich board to remind you!

EMERGENCY FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES FEEDING YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY, WE CAN HELP.

MONDAY 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

St Teresa's, 291 Shenley Road Borehamwood

WD6 1TG

Tel: 0203 5831109

Web: www.borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk

Email: info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk

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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:

Draw/paint

Grab a snack and play

Blast on my favourite song

Play with my BFFS

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Kneller".

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Coffee Mornings

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

9-10am in The Room of Requirement (old ICT room) accessible from main playground

Wed 16th Oct – PE Lead Mrs McNamara will be speaking

Wed 13th Nov – Borehamwood Food Bank talk and Class Harvest Hamper Competition information

Wed 11th Dec – Mental Health and Wellbeing Talk





CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY CAMP



CHRISTMAS
TREASURE
HUNT

WINTER
OLYMPIC
GAMES

CHRISTMAS
PARTY DAY &
FANCY DRESS

SANTA'S
WORKSHOP:
ARTS &
CRAFT



Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Road, WD6 2DW

23rd, 27th & 30th Dec
2nd & 3rd Jan

8:45AM - 3:30PM

Early drop off: £3

Half day: 8:45AM - 1PM
or 12PM - 3:30PM

To Book:    NO NUT
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For more information: Call 07719 056 542

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HALF DAY

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PER DAY

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CHILDREN
CAN JOIN US
FOR A HALF
DAY

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Herts Inclusive Theatre presents

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROJECT

October 2024 - February 2025

Wednesday Night Project is a weekly group run by Herts Inclusive Theatre for 10-18 year-olds. At these weekly sessions, participants develop their skills in drama, dance and design, working towards a final performance. These sessions are FREE to attend.

Wednesdays 6pm-8pm at Hertswood Academy,
Cowley Hill, Borehamwood, WD6 5LG.

Spaces still
available

For more information, or to
book your place, contact
ali@hit-theatre.org.uk



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DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership SEND Parent Information & Support Group

Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?

Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Each session consists of an informal chat with other parents/ carers and the chance to speak to our SEND Family Support Workers.

We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.

We will be in Borehamwood for our support group.

Please come along for a coffee and chat!

Tuesday 19th November 2024

10 Leeming Road, Borehamwood, WD6 4DU

9.15am – 10:45am

Please email SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk for more information and to register your interest – but no need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided.

HAPpy code enclosed – Plan for winter fun with FREE HAPpy holiday activities.

Dear parent or carer,

Half term may not long have finished, but the winter holidays will creep up fast.

Our winter HAPpy programme is designed to help support you and your family to access free fun activities and food during the holiday period. With lots of exciting activities on offer, this winter programme will be an opportunity not to be missed.

Planning ahead can help to make the festive period easier and making the most of your FREE HAPpy Camps eligibility*, can help things run smoother over the break.

Here's what you can be doing now to prepare:

- **Make sure you've made a note of your unique booking code HNZ#6H.**
- Bookmark the bookings page so that you have it ready for when bookings go live from midday on Friday 29th November – it can be found at <https://bit.ly/BookHAPpy1W24>
- Start thinking about any particular needs your child may have, so you can let the camp providers know when booking (this can include behavioural challenges or SEND needs, whether formally diagnosed or not). Our easy to complete form enables you to tell us as much as you can about your child so our providers can ensure they have a safe and enjoyable time wherever possible at camp.

Further reminders will be sent about your code and the HAPpy winter delivery again before bookings open.

Kind regards,

*our child is eligible if they receive benefits related free school meals

The School Office.

How can you help children with their body confidence?

We get asked that question a lot during our **free** healthy lifestyle programme, Beezee Families. And because we work with so many families like yours, we understand the challenges of body positivity. So, as a parent or carer, what can you do to help?



- **Become a role model** – look in the mirror with your child and say three positive things about your bodies.
- **Health matters** – promote nutrition, exercise and good sleep.
- **Celebrate diversity** – teach your children about different body types, abilities and cultures.
- **Personal qualities** – value kindness, intelligence and creativity.

- **Express themselves** – encourage your children to use art, music, sport or play for self-expression.
- **Misleading media** – help your children see beyond unrealistic images of body and beauty.

Want more free health and wellbeing tips?
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*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY

A Free Range Experience



Camping at Church Farm

At Church Farm Ardeley we have very large camping fields which offer a wonderful opportunity for larger groups of families to book school class camping trips as well as individual family stays.

Accommodation includes the hire of bell tents and cabins (with or without 'glamping' options), as well as multiple woods and fields to pitch your own tents. All large groups are allocated roped private areas so that they can all camp together.

We offer a variety of options to enhance your stay: camp fire packs, BBQ hire, straw bales, and delicious food that can be ordered in advance from our website or purchased from our on-site farm shop. There is also a pub and restaurant (The Jolly Waggoner) as well as our café for the all-important teas, coffees and bacon rolls.

Camping at the farm also includes free farm passes (usually £6.95pp per day) for the duration of your stay. Get to know the animals, explore our woodland play area, follow the farm trail, and find out about growing and horticulture in our polytunnels and kitchen garden. And there are plenty of beautiful family walks in the peaceful, rolling Hertfordshire countryside.

Additional bookable activities include Egg Collecting, Goat Walking, Fairy Trail, Animal Feeding and (from Feb-April) Lamb Bottle Feeding.



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Meet father christmas church farm Ardeley

Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes
Christmas Activity Pack * Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas
Father Christmas in his outside grotto
(includes a quality toy)
Meet the Elves

Write a letter to Father Christmas
Write a wish for the Wish Tree
Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities

Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet
Father Christmas include treat & toy
Harvest your Own Christmas Tree
Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride
Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

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A Free Range Experience