



Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a happy half term break. During Monday's assembly we spoke about Guy Fawkes Night and the reason why we have Fireworks on 5th November. We discussed staying safe on Fireworks night and also when walking around now the nights are darker.



As this new term begins, I've made some changes to our staffing structure whilst we search for a deputy Head teacher to fill the vacant position. Our three phase leaders – Mrs Young, Mr Peters and Mrs Bret  ch   have taken on the roles of acting Assistant Head teachers from now until the end of the Spring Term. They will be supporting the school in Assessment, Behaviour, Curriculum and improving teaching and learning. This is alongside their phase leadership roles. I am looking forward to sharing with you the continued adaptations we are making to ensure learning is the best it can be at Summerswood.

Parents Evenings

We are eager to meet all children's parents/ guardians next week during our 10 minute sessions with each family, For children in year Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, please use the Arbor App to book your session. Nursery – please speak to the class teacher. We want to see all families so please book your session as soon as possible.

ADHD UK – Hertfordshire Half Marathon



Mr Jolley, one of our teaching assistants, and his sister, ran the Hertfordshire Half Marathon last weekend to raise funds for ADHD UK. If you'd like to contribute to their fundraising efforts please donate here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/selenaandmattiehalfmarathon?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fselenaandmattiehalfmarathon&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Well done to Mr Jolley and his sister for doing a brilliant job and raising a great amount of money!

Scaries and Fairies Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our disco before the half term break – you helped us raise more than  900!

Attendance

We had some really great attendance figures in the week before half term. Let's make the second half of half term a great one. Who will be the next class to reach 100% attendance?!

Week ending 25th October 2024

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
97.7%	88.1%	95.2%	99% ★ Nearly there!	88%	94.3%	96%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
94.8%	92.5%	94%	97.6%	95.2%	90%	90.8%

Children in Need



We will be celebrating 'Children In Need' next Friday and the children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes...spotty, dotty or anything that makes them feel happy. If families are able, we're asking for a donation of £1 for the fundraising event - but all children are welcome to wear their own clothes on this day, regardless.

Individual and sibling group School Photographs

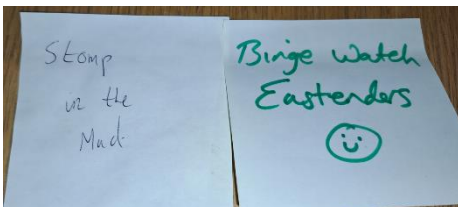
This Thursday, we'll be having individual and sibling group school photographs taken, and we want to see our students in neat and tidy uniform, looking their best! Please ensure your child comes to school looking neat and tidy, ready to smile for the camera. It's a wonderful opportunity to capture this year's memories. If your child's class has PE today – please make sure they wear their polo shirt and school jumper



Summerswood Coffee Morning

Next Wednesday's coffee morning the local foodbank will be coming to talk about what the offer and how they can support families. Please see the poster below for further details.

World Mental Health Day



For world mental health day we asked children, staff and parents how you make time for yourselves. This week's fantastic ideas are "Stomp in the mud" and "Binge Watch Eastenders". Both great ways to take some "me time".

Kind regards,

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Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wednesday 6 th November	Flu jabs- all children in Reception and upwards
Monday 11 th November	Harvest Festival Competition week
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent evening meetings-3.30pm-6pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent evening meetings- 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 14 th November	Individual and sibling group photographs
Friday 15 th November	Judging of Harvest Festival Hampers
Thursday 28 th November 2024	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Friday 29 th November 2024	OCCASIONAL DAY - No pupils in school
Wednesday 11 th December	Coffee Morning (See Poster below)
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery Christmas Sing along 9.15-9.45- families are invited to attend
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception Peter Pan Sing along 9.15—9.45- Families are invited to attend
Thursday 19 th December	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

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





Dear Parents

Sebby's Corner are a local charity supporting families in need. They are delighted to be offering their Festive Grotto support again this year where they partner with a small number of local schools to offer toys and gifts for families who are struggling financially to provide these items for their children at Christmas, Chanukah and Diwali.

To apply to visit the Festive Grotto please complete the short form below. It will ask for some information about your children and some details about why you require the support. ***The unique code for our school is*** SUMM01 . **On the form, please choose the option "I am a family – my school have sent me a code."**

<https://sebbyscornerxmas24.paperform.co/>

Please note that your application details are completely confidential and will not be shared with anyone, including the school or your child's teachers.

If you are successful you will be sent an email from Sebby's Corner confirming your acceptance into the Festive Grotto Scheme and a link to book your appointment. You will need to book an appointment to choose your toys and gifts from their hub in Barnet, EN5 4DJ – appointments must be prebooked as you can't just turn up on the day.

If you have any questions, please email Sebby's Corner directly info@sebbyscorner.co.uk with the subject "Festive support".

Many thanks



HARVEST HAMPER COMPETITION

**TO RAISE DONATIONS FOR
BOREHAMWOOD FOODBANK**

**The children will decorate Harvest Hampers
as a class and parents & carers are asked to
donate food to fill them.**

The competition will run over the week starting
11th November and judges from
**Tesco, Morrisons and Borehamwood
Foodbank** will be coming in on **Friday 15th
November** to judge the best hampers for each
Key Stage and awarding prizes!

FOOD ITEMS WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON:

- Rice (500g or 1kg bags) • Tinned Carrots • Crisps •
- Tinned Rice Pudding • Tinned Hotdogs • Tinned Meatballs •
- Tinned Meat • Tinned Fruit • Tinned Custard • Coffee •
- Cooking Sauces Jars • Tinned Fish • 1ltr Juice Cartons •
- Jams • Peanut Butter • Honey • UHT Milk (1ltr) •
- Porridge • Biscuits • Spaghetti Hoops •
- Teabags • Tinned Tomatoes • Cereals •
- Tinned Peas • Tinned Sweetcorn •
- Tinned Potatoes • Savoury Biscuits





Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries

For parents and carers of Reception children - has your child visited the library to take part in the My First Library Adventure? Here's how to take part:

Visit a Hertfordshire Library twice by 30 November 2024 with their special 'My First Library Adventure' bookmark. They were given one at school. Or you can ask for one at the library.

	<p>Complete your Library Adventure to enter the Prize Draw</p> <p>Win a visit from author/illustrator Chloe Savage for your class at school!</p> <p>Plus 50 lucky winners get a personalised signed Chloe Savage book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Each time you complete a step of your adventure ask staff to stamp your bookmark★ It's easy to get a My First Library card - ask your grown up to bring proof of their name & address. Already have a library card? Bring it into the library to take part!★ Spend time at the library discovering all the exciting books to borrow - there are 1000s to choose from★ Take your completed bookmark to the enquiry desk by 30.11.24 to enter the prize draw <p>Find out more about the My First Library card & Hertfordshire Libraries at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/myfirst</p>	<p>Visit 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• your child shows us their library membership card or• your child joins the library. (For new members we will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address e.g. an energy bill, council tax bill or rent agreement)• they choose and borrow 1 or more books• then they ask library staff for the first 2 'paw stamps' on their bookmark <p>At home: have fun sharing the book(s) together</p> <p>Visit 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• return the book(s) to the library• tell staff about your favourite book,• collect 2 more paw print stamps on your bookmark• enter the prize draw. We have signed copies of 'The search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish by Chloe Savage to win
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Children love to choose their own books, and it's **free to join** and borrow books from the library – just remember to bring them back on time or renew them if you want them for longer. You can find the opening times of all the Hertfordshire Libraries at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

In your local library you can discover:

- picture books – to enjoy together
- beginning to read books - to encourage your child as they learn to read
- information books – to spark their interest in learning about the world
- eBooks and eAudiobooks (including picture books) online and via the BorrowBox app – www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks

So come on an Adventure and explore a Hertfordshire Library!



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