



Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Families,

Appreciation and Recognition

In this week's assembly we spoke about the word 'appreciation' and I asked the children to think about who helps them on a daily basis – getting them out of bed, giving them clean clothes to wear, making breakfast – they were able to share a lot of names of people who support them. We then reflected on how often we say 'thank you' for these moments of kindness that families do to show they care. I challenged the children to say 'thank you' to their families more regularly. I hope this is something that happens more often! We also discussed our class Recognition Boards. They are a space in the classroom where adults in school can show the children how we appreciate them – great work, answering a question, kindness – appreciation can be shown for many different reasons. Be sure to ask your child if they made it on to the recognition board each day and if they did – for what reason. Showing genuine appreciation is always welcome!



Attendance

Please remember to send **evidence of any medical appointments** to attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk this can be a photo of an appointment card, a copy of a letter or prescription or a screen shot of text confirmation.



We completely understand that children pick up illnesses and we do not expect them to attend if they are too unwell to do so. However, if they have a mild cough, cold/ headache, with no high temperature (over 38°C) they can attend and then be monitored by staff here. We can then inform you if symptoms worsen. Often with mild illnesses such as these, children feel fine to stay in school for the day once they are here.

I have included a poster regarding when you should keep your child off school- with timeframes etc., below. Link to further information from the NHS Website: [is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If your child does need to stay of off school, please be specific regarding symptoms when leaving a voicemail or speaking with the Office team. Thank you.

Attendance- Week ending 4th October

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
96.3%	91.1%	93.6%	97.6%	88%	98.5%	97.7%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
96.4%	94.8%	98%	95.9%	95%	94%	98%

Unfortunately no classes have quite hit the 100% mark this week, but again- we have some very close figures! We hope to see lots of classes achieving this in the weeks leading up to half term

Congratulations – Year 6 Ambassadors!

Our Year Six students had the opportunity to apply for the role of Ambassador. Ambassadors are the role models in our school. They are charged with following the school rules consistently and going above and beyond by supporting class teacher's and classes across the school during the school week. They also have the role of showing visitors around our school. The interviews took place the week before last and Mrs Young and I were really impressed with all the candidates letters of application and the interviews that took place. Congratulations to the following children: Vashnavi, Christian, Bevis, Porsha, Jessica, Poppy, Emine, Emily, Tilly, Pixie, Helen, Sarah and Tuba. This group of students know that they must uphold the values of our school throughout their final year of primary school.



Worries or Concerns?



If you have a worry or a concern about anything at school, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher. If your worry continues, then each phase has a leader who will be able to look into this. For children in Nursery or Reception – please speak to Mrs Breteche. For years one, two and three – Mr Peters is the phase leader and in years four, five and six it's Mrs Young. If after these two points of contact you're still in need of support, a member of the Senior Leadership team will be able to help. If you'd like to make contact with a phase leader, please speak

to the school office or email admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk. Please remember – if we don't know about a difficulty, we won't be able to help resolve it.

Coffee Mornings

In next week's coffee morning Miss MacNamara will be talking about PE. We look forward to seeing lots of families there. Please see the poster below for more details.

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher



Date	Event
Wednesday 16 th October	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Fairies and Scaries Disco KS1 (Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3) 4-5pm
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Fairies and Scaries Disco KS2 (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) 5.15-6.30pm
Friday 25 th October 2024	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 13 th November	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 14 th November	Individual and sibling group photographs
Thursday 28 th November 2024	INSET DAY – No pupils in school
Friday 29 th November 2024	OCCASIONAL DAY - No pupils in school
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 11 th September	Coffee Morning (See Poster below)
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 22nd April 2025	Last Day of Term for Nursery
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Last Day of Term- School finishes at 1.30pm
Friday 4th April 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in School
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 5th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 23rd May 2025	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET DAY- No pupils in school
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Term for Nursery
Wednesday 23rd 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

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership

SEND Surgery Wednesday 16th October 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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-surgery-october-2024-tickets-1040651786507>

Bookings will open on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 9am

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.

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 2024
If you experience any problems booking through Eventbrite, please email
SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk





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 listen to an experienced speaker on topics that may affect your child and family. We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.

Our next meeting will be in Potters Bar

Thursday 10th October 2024

Elm Court, 363 Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, EN6 3BP

9.15am – 10.45am

Please join us for coffee and a chat!

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.





ADD-vance

The ADHD and Autism Trust



SUPPORT GROUPS

FREE ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR HERTS PARENTS/CARERS

ABOUT THE GROUPS

ADD-vance runs regular support groups which provide an opportunity for you to meet other local parents and discuss individual concerns with two specialist ADD-vance coaches. We welcome parents and carers who have a formal diagnosis for their child, as well as those who do not have a formal diagnosis but would like to learn more about neurodiversity.

TIME AND PLACE

Sleep Support Group

Fri 8/11 - 1.30-2.30 pm

PDA Support Group

Tue 12/11 - 1.30-2.30 pm

Parents/Carers of 16 to 24 yrs Support Group

Tue 19/11 - 7.30-8.30 pm

General Primary Aged Children Support Group

Tue 26/11 - 1.30-2.30 pm

General Secondary Aged Children Support Group

Tue 3/12 - 1.30-2.30 pm

PDA Support Group

Tue 10/12 - 1.30-2.30 pm

ALL ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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🌐 <http://www.add-vance.org/>

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Help for School Holidays

£5 Promise

On this page, you will find low-cost activities and community meals available to you and your family during the school holidays running from **Friday 25 October - Monday 4 November**. This page focuses specifically on provisions for school-aged children in St Albans City and District and Hertsmere.

We will do our best to ensure that everything listed here will cost **no more than £5 per person**. We also include events that teenagers can attend without an adult, if the cost for the adult is greater than £5.

Further afield

Scrolling to the bottom of the page, you'll find activities further afield, as well as nationwide offers, downloadable fun to have at home, discounts and savings, and more!

Want to add an activity?

If you know of an activity taking place that is not listed here, please email the details to communitystories@communities1st.org.uk



Link to Activities in Borehamwood: [Help for School Holidays | Communities 1st](#)

SPOOKTACULAR Soft Play

Wednesday 30th October at 9am - 3pm!

- Come in fancy dress and win prizes
- Spooky decorations and music
- Squash and sweets available

WEDNESDAY
30th
OCTOBER

*Full terms and conditions apply.

The Venue Leisure Centre

Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1JY.

T: 020 8386 9886

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