



Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Families,

Kindness

During my assembly on Monday we discussed some of the behaviour difficulties we have seen across the school over the past few weeks. Words that keep coming up on our behaviour logs were: pushing, hitting, kicking, unkind, intimidating – words that certainly do not adhere to our school rules – ready, respectful and safe. We spoke about the need to think about the choices we make when we're feeling upset or angry and that hurting others is not okay. I read the children a story called 'Kindness Grows'. It's a book we read together last year that speaks about the damage our words and actions can do to others and the power of kindness and asking others for help.



Attendance

Please ensure that all attendance related enquiries and requests are emailed to attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk – or call 0208 953 3139 and speak to Miss Dowdall.

We have had another week of lots of really great attendance figures but unfortunately, none of the classes quite achieved 100%. We are hoping to see lots of classes achieve this next week!

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96.6%	95.3%	93.6%	96.8%	95.8%	94%	96.3%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95.4%	98.2%	90%	91.3%	98.2%	98.2%	93%

Considerate Driving and Parking

I'm sorry to say but this week we've had several complaints from members of the public and our community about the poor parking and dangerous driving by parents of children who attend Summerswood Primary School. Parking on the pavement on Furzehill Road, blocking driveways and driving very close to pedestrians have all been reported this week. Although I'll protect part of the number plates – all these vehicles have been seen outside the school parking/driving inappropriately: Red Toyota WV57 ***, Red Seat LD68 ***, Navy Range Rover LG59

***, Silver VW WRO8 ***, Black Lexus AF06 ***, Silver Vauxhall FP58 ***, White Mitsubishi BU65 ***, Yellow Nissan Van AE17 ***, Black VW (RO) AR 90 ***. We do have parking wardens patrol the area, so if I could give any advice it would be – leave home 5 minutes earlier to find somewhere appropriate to park that won't cause distress to others. Sadly, there have been incidents between cars and pedestrians in the recent past outside our gates – let's make sure we all stay safe, everyone's life matters on roads.



Staff Dress Down Day

If you're wondering why staff looked more casual than usual today, that's because once a month we have a dress down day where we raise money for different reasons. Each staff member who joins in puts

a pound in the pot and then it's sometimes given to a charity or saved up to support one of our families in need.

No nuts or products containing nuts allowed in school



Please ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts are included in your child's lunchbox or snacks. **Nut allergies can be fatal** so it is very important that this rule is adhered to.

Super Star Sport

We no longer organise wraparound care or after school clubs. Please contact superstar sport directly about these

Book online at www.superstarsportnwl.com
Click "**Book Now**" and find your session!

Food Bags

Please note that if you have signed up to receive a weekly food bag provided by Gratitude, these will be available to collect from the school office on Friday afternoons.

World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October we are supporting World Mental Health Day .This year's theme is " time to prioritise Mental Health in the workplace " We recognise that school is an important workplace for pupils and our supportive community .Our focus for the day will be about exploring ways to make time for ourselves .

Children and staff are invited to wear yellow and or green in exchange for them bringing in a packet of plain digestive biscuits.

We are wearing yellow and green as yellow is a colour that stimulates positivity and happiness .Green is soothing and calming.



Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Thursday 10 th October 2024	World Mental Health Day (Pupils to wear yellow and/or green)
Wednesday 16 th October	Coffee Morning (see poster below)
Thursday 24 th October 2024	School Disco (more information to follow)
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 22 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





AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION



Summerswood Primary School

Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW

Monday - Friday

- ★ Reception - Year 6 welcome
- ★ Snacks provided
- ★ Fun and engaging child care
- ★ Sports and arts and crafts
- ★ Ofsted registered
- ★ Paediatric first aid trained
- ★ Breakfast Club
- ★ Familiar faces

Breakfast Club - 7:30AM - 8:40AM

Cost - £5 - 10% Sibling Discount

After School Provision - 3:15PM - 6PM

Cost - £6.50 until 4:45PM OR

£13 for the full duration - 10% discount for siblings

Start Date: September 2024

WHY DO SUPER STAR SPORT RUN THEIR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS?

Our number one passion is to get as many children active and smiling as possible. We want to make sure your children spend their After school clubs keeping healthy, making friends, staying active and having fun!

Activities include, football, dodgeball, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, archery, hockey

Keeping children fit, active, healthy and smiling in 2024

Book online at www.superstarsportnwl.com
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TALKING FAMILIES



Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm

**5th November
to 10th December 2024**

**NOW
ONLINE**

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children under 12, sharing tips on how to:

- **Manage challenging behaviour with consistency**
- **Encourage positive behaviour**
- **Build your child's self esteem**
- **Set and maintain boundaries**
- **Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children**
- **Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future**

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

**Booking essential
Please quote the course ID:679**

To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk



These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund



Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.



Positive Co-Parenting of Neurodiverse Children 8-week online facilitated group

This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment.

Who should attend?

- Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child
- Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.



These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 8 sessions on the following dates/times:

Date: Tuesday 15, 22 October & 5, 12, 19, 26 November & 3, 10 December

Time: 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Date: Thursday 17, 24 October & 7, 14, 21, 28 November & 5, 12 December

Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699



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