



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Summerswood, for the Autumn Term. We've loved seeing the children back in school in their smart uniform showing us they are ready for learning! We have also enjoyed welcoming new members of the team to our school. Ms Buckley, our School Business Manager is on the Elmwood gate each morning – be sure to say hello!

We are making sure that we have everything in place early in the school year so the children are 100% ready for learning – smart uniform, smart PE kit. If your child is not wearing the right uniform or if they have jewellery on (we've seen a lot of bracelets!), you may receive a letter telling you what needs to be changed. If you have any financial difficulty purchasing items for school, please speak to a member of our school team – we will do our best to help.

Please remind your children that they are not to be on the school equipment before or after school hours (between 8.30am and 8.50 and 3pm until 3.30pm) or on the field. Any accidents or incidents that happen during this time will be the responsibility of the parent. We do not allow for any balls or games to be played during these times either. Children must be encouraged to enter the school site at 8.40am when the classroom doors open. Thank you for your support.

### **Meet the Teacher**

We have our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings set up for next week: Years 1, 2 and 3 are on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at approximately 3.20pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at approximately 3.20pm. These sessions happen in the classroom - we hope to see many of you there! We'd like to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Norman and Mr Goldney for making sure our school is clean, tidy and ready for learning. If you see them around school – be sure to say thank you for their great care for our school.

### **Sad News**



You may have seen on our social media accounts last week, that a beautiful member of our school community lost his fight against a brain tumour. Luke, who should have started year five this week, was a real superhero, who used his faith and strength to battle his way through some of life's most challenging times. His giggle and cheeky smile will be a lasting memory for his classmates, friends and all those who were privileged to have known him.

With the families gratitude, we have set up a 'GoFundMe' account to support the family give Luke the celebration of life he deserves. If you'd like to donate – here is the link: <https://gofund.me/84f6f3d3>.

As a school community we have planned a special event to celebrate Luke's life and we invite years 1 to 6 to join us. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, children are invited to come to school in clothes that are red or blue (Luke loved Spiderman!) or the brightest colours you have; during the afternoon, we will meet as a school community to do a balloon release to send all our loving wishes to Luke and his family. On this day, we ask for a donation of £1 per pupil, this money will be added to the GoFundMe fundraising to support his family.

You may have seen that staff and students have been tying blue and red ribbons on our school gates in memory of Luke– if you'd like a ribbon, we'll have some available on our school gates next week, please do take the time to add a ribbon to any of our school gates and take a moment to think about or say a prayer for Luke and his family.

Luke's family have shared their gratitude for the love that our community have shown them – not just now but in the past when we were able to send the family on a memory making trip to Disneyland Paris. Thank you for your kind support.

Please note that there is also going to be a special menu on this day. Please see details on the flyer below.

### **Attendance**

Miss Dowdall has joined our office team as our new Attendance Champion. Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must inform us by 9.15am, by calling and leaving a message on our voicemail or emailing [attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk). We can't wait to see which classes will be at 100% this coming term. If you have any questions or worries about attendance, please do call the office and ask to speak to Miss Dowdall.

### **Wrap Around Care**

Superstar Sports have taken over the wrap around care at Summerswood Primary School. They now run our Breakfast Club and After School provision. To access Breakfast Club and to retrieve from After School Club – please walk your child around the school building (from the Furzehill Road entrance) to our Portakabin on the top playground. To access Wrap Around Care please use the website [www.superstarsportnwl.com](http://www.superstarsportnwl.com) – click 'Book Now' and find your session.



### **Reminders**

Please remember to update us re any medical conditions or allergies that your child has, via Arbor. It's very important that we have up to date information regarding any conditions so that we know how best to assist your child if the need arises.

If you drive, please be mindful of where you are parking during drop off and collection times. We have had neighbours of the school advise that driveways are being blocked and that residential roads are being made unsafe.

### **Final Thoughts**

We can't wait to welcome our Reception and Nursery students to school next week. Home visits have been really positive and we look forward to welcoming new and past families to our school community.

Kind regards,

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Sarah Kneller  
Headteacher



<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Meet the Teacher Years 1, 2 and 3 at about 3.20
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Meet the Teacher Years 4, 5 and 6 at about 3.20
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Special Day to celebrate Luke
13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Special Menu day- details below



# ROALD DAHL DAY

## Main

Mrs Twitt's  
Bird Pie & Mash  
**or**

Wormy  
Spaghetti (Ve)  
**with**

Green Trees  
Broccoli  
Snozcummer  
(Cucumber)

## Dessert

James' Giant  
Peach Crumble  
**or**

Bruce  
Bogtrotter's  
Chocolate Cake  
with Chocolate  
Custard

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# Super Star Sport

## AUTUMN TERM CLUBS



We would like to welcome parents/guardians to our Super Star Sport Clubs and Activities at Summerswood primary and we can't wait to get your children involved! All of our clubs are run by enthusiastic, enhanced DBS checked and experienced coaches. Please see below for further details:



### **13 WEEK SUPER PROGRAM**

#### **WEDNESDAY – FOOTBALL CLUB (Year 1,2&3)**

START DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 – END DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.20PM

**JUST £74.75 FOR OUR 13 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.**

#### **FRIDAY – GYMNASTICS CLUB (Year 1,2,3&4)**

START DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 – END DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.20PM

**JUST £69 FOR OUR 12 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.**

#### **FRIDAY – FOOTBALL CLUB (Year 4,5&6)**

START DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 – END DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.20PM

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For any additional information, please email us at [operations@superstarsportnwl.com](mailto:operations@superstarsportnwl.com) where Junior would be happy to answer any questions you may have!

#### **HOW DO I BOOK???**

**Step 1:** Enter the site [www.superstarsportnwl.com](http://www.superstarsportnwl.com)

**Step 2:** Click 'BOOK NOW' on the home page

*After clicking book now, you will be directed to another page on the site.*

**Step 3:** Select your school/nursery location

**Step 4:** Select the block of sessions you would like to book your child onto and click 'info and booking'

**Step 5:** Once here please find the 'book this class'

**Step 6:** Time to sign up your child!!!! (If you have not created a profile with us, there is a short profile creation process)

**Step 7:** Your child attends their Super Star Sport club!!!



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### COURSE DETAILS

**HATFIELD IN PERSON**  
Thu 12/9 - 17/10  
(Ages 7-11)

 [add-vance.org/children-young-people](https://add-vance.org/children-young-people)

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