



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Families,

**Time to say goodbye...**

As we complete our final full week of the school year, it's time to say goodbye to a number of staff who have worked within our school community. **Miss Moalin** and **Miss Ryou** are both returning home to Canada. **Mrs Shields** is moving on to a new school after covering a maternity role. **Mr Schumann** is flying back to the other side of the planet to his home in Australia. **Mrs Akahoho** and **Mr McKeever** have both worked at our school for 6 years. Mrs Akahoho is leaving to work in another school and Mr McKeever is retiring after 38 years as a teacher! Wow! **Mrs Olmer** has been at our school for more than 10 years as a regular supply teacher. She's brought joy and positivity and we'll miss her Religious Education input and wish her the very best. We're also saying goodbye to two members of our office team – **Mrs Simpson** who has worked as part of our office team for 8 years, and **Mrs Firby** who has worked at the school for 15 years. We're grateful for their dedication, hard work and kindness to the children, staff and families who have passed through our school during their tenure. We wish them all the very best of luck.



**Welcome & changes**



As we begin the new school year in September, we are welcoming new members of staff to our team whose names were in our 'new staff for September' letter. Mr Peters will be joining us as a phase leader for Years 1, 2 and 3. Miss Pearson, Miss Sheridan and Mr Malan will also be joining us as class teachers. We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Sherlock – known to us previously as Miss Froy. Mrs Sherlock will be covering a maternity role for us in the Autumn term. Mrs Buckley will be taking over the School Business Manager role, and Miss Dowdell will be the Attendance Administrator. We look forward to welcoming them to our team officially in September.

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend our community's gratitude to our Deputy Head Teacher, Mr McConville, for his 7 years of dedicated service. We are pleased that he will be stepping into a class teacher position from September, and we are glad that he will continue to be a valued member of our school community.

**Attendance – for week ending 12<sup>th</sup> July**

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
90%	84.8%	92.4%	87.5%	97%	98.7%	93.5%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95.5%	98%	89.3%	91.7%	95.5%	96.1%	94%



Muffin Madness Winners: well done to 6M with the most number of weeks of 100% attendance – children in 6M will be enjoying a large muffin each on Monday to celebrate. In other news, we have noticed a very large number of families going away early on holiday – please be reminded that Summerswood Primary School has adopted the 'Penalty Notices' policy in line with Hertfordshire County Council procedures and follows its guidelines in implementing them. ***This means that, if the number of unauthorised absence sessions reaches 15 or more (one day is two sessions) in the current and/or***

**previous term, parents are at risk of receiving a fine of up to £120, per parent, for each individual child from the Local Education Authority, who may issue parents with a Penalty Notice under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, for failure to secure their child's regular attendance at school.**

Hertfordshire County will be changing this policy over the summer holiday break, so look out for changes in our Attendance Policy next term.

### **Inflatable Fun Day!**

We're hoping the weather will be rain free on Monday as we've booked in the inflatables that weren't able to be used during #Woodfest. We hope to have an assault course, a slide and a bungee run. We've added a donation of £1 per pupil to help us with the cost of these items – please access School Gateway to make your payment if you are able to. Children may come to school in PE kit on Monday.

### **Reception Trip**



On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Reception visited London Zoo. It was a lovely hot day and we got to see lots of great animals, including the lions and tigers, giraffes, flamingos and zebras. We got to have a picnic lunch under the shade of the trees, and then went to see the butterflies and penguins. Attached are a couple of the photos of our amazing day.



### **Lunches – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Please note that there will be no hot lunches in school on Tuesday, our last day of term. Children will be able to choose from a Ham roll packed lunch or a Cheese roll packed lunch in school, or they may bring a home packed lunch.

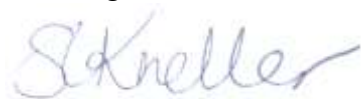
### **Lost Property**

We seem to have gathered a huge amount of lost property in the grey bins outside the KS2 building – please have a look for any missing clothing/items, as anything left next week will be disposed of over the holidays. Uniform is expensive, so please ensure that all your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name.

### **Summer Holidays**

We wish all our families a lovely restful summer break, and look forward to welcoming families (old and new) back to school at the beginning of September!

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller  
**Headteacher**

**Interesting fact:**  
27 bones can be found in each of our hands.

Dates to Remember

Monday 22nd July	<b>Last day of term for Nursery Children only</b>
Monday 22nd July	<b>5.30-6.30pm: Year 6 Leaver's Dinner</b>
Tuesday 23rd July	<b>9am: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Y6 parents welcome, sign in at office</b>
Tuesday 23rd July	<b>Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>

**Term Dates for 2024-2025**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	<b>INSET DAY – No pupils in school</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Start of Autumn Term 1</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November (incl.)	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Start of Autumn Term 2</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY – No pupils in school</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY - No pupils in school</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last day of Term for Nursery</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	<b>INSET DAY – No pupils in school</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Start of Spring Term 1</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (incl.)	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Last day of Term for Nursery</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Last day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET DAY – No pupils in School</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May (incl.)	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY – No pupils in school</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Last day of Term for Nursery</b>
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