



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Families,

**Transition Week**

In assembly on Monday we spoke about how we grow and change across the years, and how we are getting ready for a change in our classes as we end this academic year and get ready for September. We hope our Year 6 children enjoyed their visit to their new secondary schools on Thursday. While many of them were getting to know their new schools, children from Nursery to Y5 all spent time with their new class teachers. A letter was sent to families yesterday with this information, including teaching staff who are moving on. We also have two members of our office team who are leaving our team at the end of the year – Mrs Simpson, our Business Manager, and Mrs Firby, our Attendance Champion. We will be making the most of them before the end of the year.



**#Woodfest #Diversity 2024**



THANK YOU for putting up with the weather that tried to dampen our fun. It was so special to see you all arrive with your raincoats, umbrellas and wellyboots! The children made us smile and I hope you enjoyed the activities and entertainment. **We weren't able to have our inflatables on the day, so they have been booked in during the school day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.** Every class will have a time slot to go on the activity run and slide. **We're asking for a donation of £1 for each child to help us pay for this extra fun activity. You can pay for this on the School Gateway App.** On the day, we are pleased that we 'broke even'. We didn't manage to make as much money due to the weather – but we hope you still enjoyed the evening. Thank you to our staff and PTA for supporting this great event.

**Attendance – for week ending 5<sup>th</sup> July**

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
88.4%	94.5%	96.3%	97.7%	96.1%	93.8%	97.4%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
93.3%	97.5%	97.1%	93.2%	91.8%	100%	96.3%



Well done to 6M with 100% attendance again for last week – children in 6M may come to school on Monday in non-uniform. We will be monitoring attendance right up till Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July for our Muffin Madness event, so let's keep working on our whole class and individual attendance for this last week!

School reports and attendance data will be coming out at the end of next week – please see the Attendance Newsletter next week for more information about

how important school attendance is for your child's ability to progress into a job/career after they leave school. Poor primary school attendance can have an impact that far ahead, so let's keep going right to the end of term – we can do it...!

*As you will have read above, I will be leaving Summerswood at the end of this term and want to say what a pleasure it has been working with all our children and families for the past 15 years! I wish our Year 6's all of the best as they move on to a new phase of life at secondary school; and I wish our remaining children all of the best as they continue their journey through primary school. PLEASE do keep working on our school attendance with our new Attendance Champion in the new academic year! Best wishes, Mrs Tracey Firby 😊*

## Football Fun!

We think that many families will be watching England play in the Euro finals on Sunday evening. School will be open as normal on Monday, but we will keep our registers open until 9.30am before marking children as 'late'. This may help some avid viewers get a little extra sleep if needed! Come on England!

If you do take advantage of a lie-in, note that the side entrance gates will close at the normal time of 8.50am, so please come in via the Furzeshill Road entrance.

## Retirement Celebration

Mr McKeever, who has been teaching for around 38 years, retires at the end of this academic year. The staff team held an afternoon tea to celebrate this great achievement. Congratulations on your retirement, Mr McKeever! Your years of teaching have made a significant impact on countless students, shaping their futures and inspiring them to achieve their best. Enjoy this well-deserved time of rest and new experiences!



## Mental Health Support – children and families



Parents/Carers are invited to join Benjamin, Sahil and Mrs O'Sullivan for an informative coffee morning at 9am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. You will hear all about how Benjamin and his team support our children and parents in and out of school. He and Sahil will also answer any questions and discuss any interest you may have in the offered support that your child or you may benefit from.

This event is being held in our ICT suite – please go directly there from the playground, it is the last door to the left of the Y1 classrooms.

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller  
**Headteacher**

**Interesting fact:** 25,000 taste buds are on a cow's tongue! They have nearly three times as many as humans.

### Dates to Remember

Tuesday 16th July	<b>2-3pm: Year 6 production</b>
Tuesday 16th July	<b>Year 4 Activity Day – in school and off-site</b>
Wednesday 17th July	<b>9am: Nursery Graduation in Hall – Nursery parents welcome</b>
Wednesday 17th July	<b>9am: Y5 &amp; Y6 cinema trip</b>
Wednesday 17th July	<b>9am: Year Mental Health Support Coffee morning – go directly to ICT suite</b>
Wednesday 17th July	<b>2-3pm: Year 6 production</b>
Wednesday 17th July	<b>5-6pm: Year 6 production</b>
Thursday 18th July	<b>Reception trip to London Zoo</b>
Monday 22nd July	<b>Last day of term for Nursery Children only</b>
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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>