



Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Families,

Diversity, Culture and Me week



What a wonderful week we've had in school! We've been celebrating our own culture, religion and ethnicity through a wide variety of activities. Children across the school have looked at why being different is brilliant and how amazing it is to learn about ourselves and others. There has been baking, dancing and jewellery making, as well as sharing our own knowledge about our lives. Thank you to families who were able to enrich our week by sharing stories from their own lives. Thank you to Mrs Olmer, Mrs Paraskeva, Mrs Folkes-Jones and Mrs O'Sullivan - our Diversity Team - for sharing such great activities for our students to undertake. I must give a special mention to our Reception children who shared

a wonderful poem during assembly - I hope they will be able to share this with parents in their upcoming assemblies as it was such a joy to see them retell the story of how the world began.

OFSTED Report

Please keep an eye on your emails as later today, we are able to share our recent OFSTED report with you.

Attendance – for week ending 24th May

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
92.1%	95.8%	94.1%	89%	96.4%	90.4%	96%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95.6%	97.5%	93.7%	92.7%	92%	93.1%	91.7%



Well done to the 3 classes that had attendance at or above 96% in the last week of last half term! 96% is the minimum attendance expected by the Local Authority and we are working with children and families to get our attendance up. Since Covid, it has been identified that there has been a shift in attitude towards schooling. We would like to stress that your children's regular and consistent attendance at school is

even more important now to their education and wellbeing, as poor attendance at primary school level has been shown to have an impact on attainment during GCSE's.

Let's continue to work together to get our children's attendance up – Moments do matter, and Attendance does Count! 😊

#Woodfest-Diversity2024

We are 4 weeks away from our summer spectacular - #Woodfest! We have a couple of dates coming up where we need your help.

Friday 28th June will be a dress down day for all children who are able to bring in a bottle of drink for our bottle tombola or a £1 coin so we can go and buy more bottles and items for our #Woodfest activities. We'll be doing the same again on Wednesday 3rd July - either bring a bottle or £1. Next week, tickets will go on sale - £5 per adult – children 11 and under are free. Please remember to start collecting as much change as you can as #Woodfest is cash only, we do not have card payment facilities.

Sports week & Sports Days – 17th to 21st June

Children may come to school in PE kit all week as there will be a variety of activities going on for the children throughout the week. **They must wear their house colour on their sports day** (class teachers will be letting them know their colour next week).

On Tuesday afternoon (18th June) there is Reception-Year 2 Sports Day. This will start at 1.10pm and parents will be allowed on site through the front office from 1pm. This will run until 2.30pm and parents will have the option to take their children at the end of sports day, as long as they are signed out by their class teacher. Alternatively, children can stay in school and be collected at the usual time of 3.15pm (3.05pm for Reception).

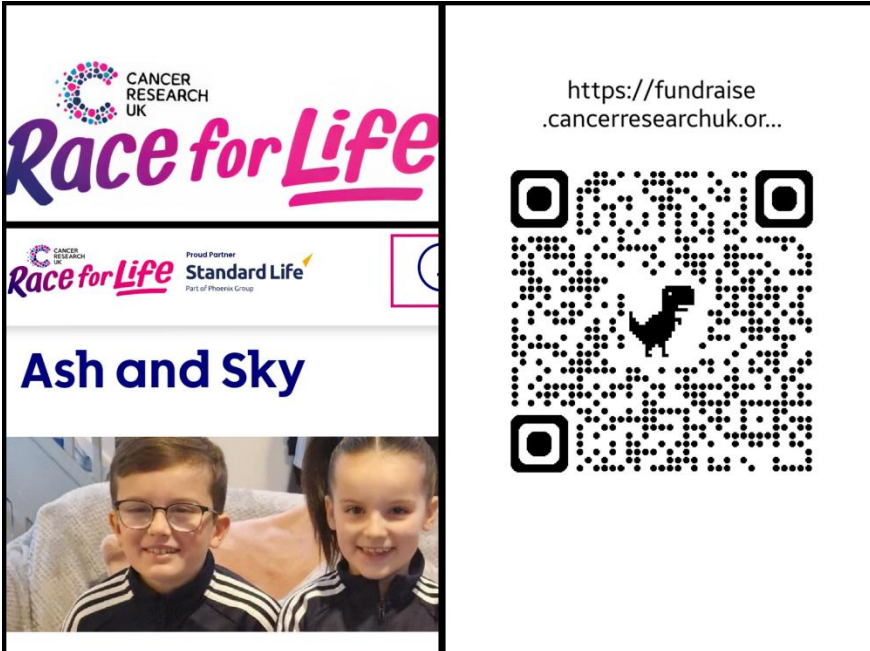
This will be the same on Wednesday afternoon (19th June) for the Years 3-6 sports day.

MENU change

Please note that there will be a permanent menu change starting from 10th June – on Week 1, Thursday, HCL will no longer serve the Cheesy Spring Vegetable Bake vegetarian option; this is due to lack of uptake by the children. There will only be 3 menu options on this day.

Fundraiser ☺

Two of our children, Ashley and Skylar, are going to be doing a Mud Run to raise money for Cancer Research UK – please scan the QR code if you would like to donate to this worthy cause that is so close to many of our hearts. And good luck to Ash and Sky, we are proud of you!





CANCER RESEARCH UK

Race for Life

Proud Partner Standard Life
Part of Phoenix Group

Ash and Sky

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org>



Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Summerswood Sports Week



• There will be lots of activities to get involved in throughout the week:

- Sports Days
- Dance Workshops
- Dodgeball
- Climbing Wall
- Colour Run
- Orienteering



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 12th June - Friday 14th June	Y6 PGL residential trip
Wednesday 12th June	9am: 2J class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 13th June	Year 5 trip to British Museum
Monday 17th June – Friday 21st June	Sports Week – children may come to school in PE kit all week – see above for info about Sports Day
Tuesday 18th June	±1pm: Rec, Y1 & Y2: Sports Day (see newsletter of 7.6 for info)
Wednesday 19th June	9am: 1A & 1D class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 19th June	±1pm: Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: Sports Day (see newsletter of 7.6 for info)
Friday 21st June	1.10pm: Colour Run – all parents/carers welcome (see note in newsletter of 24.5)
Wednesday 26th June	9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 26th June	Year 3 trip to Verulamium Museum
Thursday 27th June	Nursery trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Friday 28th June	Dress Down day for Woodfest – in exchange for bringing a bottle of drink or £1
Tuesday 2nd July	9.10am: Nursery assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 3rd July	Dress Down day for Woodfest – in exchange for bringing a bottle of drink or £1
Wednesday 3rd July	9am: RP class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 4th July	SCHOOL CLOSED for General Election – school used as a polling station
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024 – 4.30-8pm, tickets £5 for over 11's
Wednesday 10th July	9am: RR class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Friday 12th July	Year 1 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 16th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
Tuesday 16th July	Year 4 Activity Day – in school and off-site
Wednesday 17th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
Wednesday 17th July	5-6pm: Year 6 production
Thursday 18th July	Reception trip to London Zoo
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term for Nursery Children only
Monday 22nd July	5.30-6.30pm: Year 6 Leaver's Dinner
Tuesday 23rd July	9am: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Y6 parents welcome, sign in at office
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Interesting fact: 7th June 1984
 - "Crimewatch" was first
 broadcast in the UK. By the
 time it ended in 2017, it had
 helped the police with nearly
 5,000 cases.

Get ready for:

The Students of Summerswood

BBQ – Drinks – Games

Tickets - £5

11 and under free

Please join us on

Friday 5th July 2024

4.30 – 8pm

for...



#Woodfest

Diversity



Music Tuition At Summerswood School

Dear Parent

We are delighted to introduce our piano and guitar tuition at Summerswood School with Life Music. Lessons will be during the school day.



Our tuition:

- Lessons take place during the school day, on the school premises, following a structured approach to learning whilst tailoring each lesson to the needs of the student. We support any students that wish to study for music examinations, both Rock School and classical grades and tutor them accordingly.
- We support many students gain a place at their chosen secondary school through the music criterion.
- We encourage all students to perform, holding regular concerts/assemblies throughout the year.
- We provide a total of 33 lessons throughout the year, 11 per term although this may vary each term.
- We provide an annual report of student progress and teachers can be contacted at any time for any queries or updates.
- Children should have access to an instrument outside of school so that they can practise.



£ Our fees:

- Fees are charged on a pro-rata basis at a very competitive rate. **Fees are collected termly, in advance.**
- **Once children start it is assumed they will continue and we require half a terms notice for cancellation of lessons or payment of half a terms fees in lieu of such notice.**
- **Fees are payable on receipt of our invoice although we can make alternative arrangements. Please contact us for details.** Lessons missed through pupil absence are forfeited. Any lessons missed through absence of the teacher will either be refunded or made up for at a later date.

If you and your child are interested, please **fully complete** the slip below and return it to us, via email or text is fine, so that we can contact you directly over the summer with further details about the lessons and payment.

Alternatively, you can contact us via our website, www.lifemusicuk.com.

Please do not send payment with your reply.

Please note that it is not always possible to provide your chosen lesson so please specify a preference.

Instrument _____

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Address _____ Email _____

_____ Tel _____

	Please Tick Box	11 lessons (term) September 2024
Individual 30 minutes		£247.50
Individual 20 minutes		£165
Individual 15 minutes / Paired 30 minutes		£127.75

Signed (Parent/Guardian) _____

Summerswood September 2024