



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Families,

**General Election – 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Following this week’s announcement that there will be a General Election on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Summerswood Primary School will be closed to students on this day as we are used as a polling station. Apologies for any inconvenience this will cause.

**#Woodfest - Diversity! – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Please remember to save the date - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This is our annual Summer festival where we come together as a community and watch the children perform with their classes/year group.



**Attendance – for week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May**

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
83.3%	91.2%	97.7%	81.9%	94.1%	90%	95%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
92.4%	92.7%	91.4%	92.1%	89.5%	98.8%	94.8%



Attendance was looking low again last week, and whilst some of this was due to illness, a lot more of it was due to unauthorised holiday. This has a huge impact on the whole school’s attendance, as well as your individual child’s attendance – this late in the academic year, it may be hard for your child’s attendance to improve above the 96% expected by the government. If your child’s attendance is below 90%, they are

classed as Persistently Absent, and this may have an impact on their secondary school education due to the amount of baseline learning that they have missed in primary school.

Let’s work together as a whole school to improve our attendance – every day counts, both for your child and for the school community! 😊

**MENU change**

Please note that there will be a permanent menu change starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> June – on Week 1, Wednesday, HCL will no longer serve the Mince Slice vegetarian option; instead, this will be replaced with a Bean and Vegetable Grill vegetarian option.

**Sunflower Competition**

Summerswood’s annual Sunflower Growing Competition begins during the first week back after half term. Please bring in donations of small and medium flowerpots for the children and staff to use in class.

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller  
Headteacher

**Interesting fact:** 18.58cm is the length of the longest tongue recorded on a dog. The current record-holder is a St Bernard from the US (the line below is about 18.58cm!).



## Colour Run – 21<sup>st</sup> June

We are delighted to welcome Rec-Y6 parents to school on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 at 1.10pm for our Colour Run, our final fun activity to end a week of sporting events and activities organised by Miss McNamara (and a team of helpers).



- arrive at 1.10pm for a 1.20pm start - aiming to finish at 3-3.15pm
- please apply suncream to your child BEFORE they come to school, unless they are old enough to apply it themselves in school
- when children come out to the field, they will be bringing their bags/coats/water bottles out of their class - once they have been through the Colour Run. no-one will be allowed re-entry to the school buildings
- children will be wearing the t-shirts that they have decorated in school - ensure that they are wearing old shorts/ trousers/ trainers
- classes will all go through the Colour Run first, and then parents may run with their child/ren if they wish
- parents to please wear old clothes/ shoes - although the coloured cornflour is not supposed to stain, we can't guarantee this
- if you are taking part, please bring your own eye protection - sunglasses or goggles (children will be provided with eye protection in school)
- please bring chairs/ blankets/ rugs to sit on as parents will be on the playground - children will be sitting on the field
- if your child is going to attend the Hideaway after school on this day, please ensure that they have a change of clothes/shoes so that they can attend
- children may NOT leave with parents until the class teacher has released them at the end of the session
- no exit will be allowed through the school building for those adults/children who have gone through the Colour Run - exit will be from the school gates which will be opened at the usual time

We are looking forward to sharing this fun event with families on 21<sup>st</sup> June and look forward to welcoming you all - please come in via the Furzehill Road entrance.

## Dates to Remember

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3rd June	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
Monday 3rd June	<b>Start of Summerswood's Sunflower Growing competition</b>
Wednesday 12th June - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y6 PGL residential trip</b>
Wednesday 12th June	<b>9am: 2J class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Thursday 13th June	<b>Year 5 trip to British Museum – payment &amp; consents by 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Tuesday 18th June	<b>±1pm: Rec, Y1 &amp; Y2: Sports Day (more info to follow)</b>
Wednesday 19th June	<b>9am: 1A &amp; 1D class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 19th June	<b>±1pm: Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6: Sports Day (more info to follow)</b>
Friday 21st June	<b>1.10pm: Colour Run – all parents/carers welcome (see note in newsletter of 24.5)</b>
Wednesday 26th June	<b>9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Thursday 27th June	<b>Nursery trip to Hertfordshire Zoo</b>
Tuesday 2nd July	<b>9.10am: Nursery assembly – all parents/ carers welcome – DATE CHANGE</b>
Wednesday 3rd July	<b>9am: RP class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Thursday 4th July	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED for General Election – school used as a polling station</b>
Friday 5th July	<b>#WOODFEST 2024</b>
Wednesday 10th July	<b>9am: RR class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome</b>
Tuesday 16th July	<b>2-3pm: Year 6 production</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>
Monday 22nd July	<b>Year 6 Leaver's Dinner – time TBC</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>

Get ready for:

The Students of Summerswood

BBQ – Drinks – Games

Tickets - £5  
11 and under free

Please join us on  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
4.30 – 8pm  
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**Date:**

Tuesday 28th May 2024, 10am - 1pm

**Venue:**

Organ Hall, 37 Bairstow Close,  
Borehamwood WD6 4TB.

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Our programme doesn't just target the behaviour but offers in-depth knowledge on strategies for implementing change within the classroom. £99 per delegate.

### Programme Summary:

- **Understanding ADHD (symptoms, neurobiology and common misconceptions)**
- **Recognising ADHD in the Classroom (identifying symptoms, differences in gender, comorbid conditions)**
- **Strategies for instruction (adapting teaching methods, lesson planning, classroom management techniques)**
- **Behavioural Interventions (positive reinforcement, behaviour modification strategies, collaborative problem solving)**
- **Academic Supports and Accommodations (individualised supports, accommodations, organisational skills)**
- **Social and Emotional Support (fostering social skills, emotional regulation, building self-esteem)**
- **Communication with Parents (building partnerships, providing resources, engaging in the educational process)**

For Primary School Aged Children:



For Secondary & Post-16 Aged Children:



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