



Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Families,

SATs Week

The week commencing 13th May is the Key Stage 2 National Assessment week. Children in Year 6 will be taking tests in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths. We know that assessments are only a small part of school life, but we look forward to seeing the children really show their best. We will all be very quiet across the mornings to make sure we don't disturb them while they are concentrating during their timed tests. Good Luck, Year 6!



Attendance – for week ending 3rd May

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
93.2%	94%	93.5%	88.8%	95%	91.3%	96.1%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
95%	92.7%	92.1%	96.7%	92.7%	96.8%	84.8%



Attendance was very low last week and we have a lot of families currently on holiday, which affects whole school attendance and is reported to County.

As per our Attendance Policy ([Policies | Summerswood Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://secure-primariesite.net)), holidays during term time are not authorised unless possibly for an exceptional event, and children seldom catch up with all the learning that they miss during their absence. All absence requests must be emailed to Mrs Firby on her direct email: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk. Families who take unauthorised holiday are at high risk of receiving a Penalty Notice fine from County in the weeks following their holiday – at the moment, this fine is £60 per child, per parent, but recent news indicates that this fine may be increasing to £80 per child, per parent from September 2024. Failure to pay the fine may lead to prosecution and a criminal record. PLEASE book your holidays during school holiday time - we are aware that costs of holidays increase during the holiday periods; however, your child's education is very important to us, and we hope that you agree 😊.

Your School Photograph is ready!

If you ordered a class photo from Vancols, then these were handed out in class earlier this week. We are expecting Vancols Photographers back in the Autumn term take individual child and sibling photos, so if your child missed out on the class photos, there will be an opportunity for photos next term.

Celebrate my Culture and Me – 23rd May

Summerswood will be having a Culture Day on Thursday 23rd May to celebrate cultures from around the world. We are so excited for children to come to school in clothes that represent themselves and their culture. Children will have the opportunity to share a little bit about themselves, their culture and traditions. We look forward to seeing you all dressed up!

We are asking for a donation of £1 from children, which will support us with resources for our activity week: 'Celebrating diversity at Summerswood'.

School Packed Lunches

Herts Catering Limited, who manage our amazing kitchen, are changing how they serve the school packed lunches to children. From Monday, children who have ordered a “blue” lunch will no longer

receive their lunch in a yellow plastic lunch tub, but will join the queue to be served at the kitchen hatch, along with children who have ordered a hot school meal.

Contacting School

If you have a query relating to your child's learning, or would like to notify their class teacher about something that has happened, please email the class directly – class email addresses can be found using this link to our website, and then by clicking on the relevant Year group: [Class Pages | Summerswood Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#).

For anything to do with an absence or appointment, please use the attendance email: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk. You are also welcome to call and leave a message on our answer machine under the Absence line option.

For all other enquiries, please feel free to email the main school office: admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk, or call on the main number: 020 8953 3139.

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 11th May 1997
- Deep Blue became the first supercomputer to defeat a world-champion player at a game of chess.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 22nd May	9am: 2A class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 23rd May	Celebrate my Culture and Me day – non-uniform for £1 (see above)
Thursday 23rd May	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Friday 24th May	INSET Day – no children in school
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	Start of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 12th June - Friday 14th June	Y6 PGL residential trip
Wednesday 12th June	9am: 2J class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 19th June	9am: 1A & 1D class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 26th June	9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 27th June	Nursery trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Tuesday 2nd July	9.10am: Nursery assembly – all parents/ carers welcome – DATE CHANGE
Wednesday 3rd July	9am: RP class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024
Wednesday 10th July	9am: RR class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Tuesday 16th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
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	Year 6 Leaver's Dinner – time TBC
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



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DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership SEND Parent Information & Support Group

Are you the parent / carer of a child / young person with SEND?

Come along to our monthly parent / carer support groups in Potters Bar and Borehamwood. Each session consists of an informal chat with other parents/ carers and the chance to speak to our SEND Family Support Workers.

We run the groups in 2 locations – please feel free to attend either or both.

Next week we are in Borehamwood for our support group.

Please come along for a coffee and chat!

Tuesday 14th May 2024

10 Leeming Road, Borehamwood, WD6 4DU

9.15am – 10:45am

Please email SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk for more information and to register your interest – but no need to book in advance – feel free to just turn up on the day. Refreshments will be provided.





DSPL6 & Hertsmere Schools' Partnership

SEND Surgery Wednesday 15th May 2024

Hertsmere Schools Partnership (DSPL6) is offering a 30-minute session with our SEND School Family Workers to answer questions and to offer support and signposting for parents/carers of children with additional needs.

Example Topics for discussion:

- Strategies to help support your child at home
- EHCP queries
- Liaising with schools and other professionals
- Navigating the SEND world

To book a 30-minute session, please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dspl6-and-hertsmere-schools-partnership-send-surgery-tickets-896283858147?aff=oddtcreator>

Bookings will open on Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 9am

When you book, please provide details of the topic that you would like to discuss.

Please be aware there is a high demand for these appointments so please only book on if you are sure you can commit to the time slot.

The SEND Surgeries will be held by

Helen Godfrey (SEND School Family Worker) and Cheryl Mence (DSPL6 Manager)

Surgeries will be held via Teams. A Teams link will be sent once your session has been confirmed.

These surgeries are available to all parents/carers of those children/young people who attend education in the DSPL6 Area

The final surgery of the academic year will be held on the 26th June.

If you experience any problems booking through Eventbrite, please email SendHSP@mountgrace.herts.sch.uk





Thank you for participating in the 2024 Barnet Elizabethans RFC Schools Tag rugby festival

How you can play more rugby after today?



Barnet Elizabethan RFC are offering 2 Free Non-Contact Tag rugby Sessions

Sunday May 19th & May 26th @ 11am

BERFC BYNG Road, EN5 4NP

Open to U8 to U11 - Boys and girls welcome

Please register for attendance at the free tag sessions

<https://forms.gle/zT3HJNYuAwpiBqmH8>



Scan here to register for free tag session



Join the club next season and play rugby weekly on Sundays from September to April

Free try out sessions in September, no experience necessary

Check out our web site <https://www.berfc.co.uk/>



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