



Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Families,

Science Week



This week we have been celebrating Science Week at Summerswood. The theme this year is Time. Time is key to so many discoveries in science, technology, engineering and maths. Evolution looks at how plants and animals change over a long period of time, the earth's movements show us why we have seasons and different time zones. Please ask your child what science learning they have done this week! Thanks to Miss Kocar, our Year 1 teacher and Science leader, for supporting teachers with activities across the week.

Attendance – for week ending 8th March

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93.4%	87.4%	94.1%	95.6%	97.2%	96.7%	97.9%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
96.4%	97.9%	95%	96.7%	94.5%	97.7%	92.4%



How lovely to see such an improvement in our attendance – well done and thank you to all those parents who have got their children to school every day this week! We know that it can be hard work getting your child in every day, and if you are ever unsure about whether to send your child in if they are complaining of feeling unwell, please have a look at this link from the NHS: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). If you are still unsure, please feel free to call the school office on: (020) 8953 3139, or email our Attendance

Champion on: attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk.

Give.Help.Share - food education workshops



Children in Year 5 were delighted to receive their very own smoothie makers yesterday, as part of a 6-week Workshop run by Give.Help.Share. Children had the chance to taste different foods; chop their own fruit and vegetables; and prepare healthy, budget meals to take home. They had a super time and we are grateful to Give.Help.Share. for coming in!



Travelling Book Fair – Monday 18th till Thursday 21st March



We have a Travelling Book Fair in school that will be open from Monday for families to attend in the school Library. It will be open from Monday to Thursday next week from 3.15pm until 3.45pm.

We are delighted to announce that, for the first time, we are able to take card payments (as well as cash) so please do come along and get a book for your child/ren. For every book that is purchased by our families, the school gets books to the equivalent value from the Book Fair to top up our library and keep our books fresh. You can make your way directly to the Library from the bottom of the ramp on the top playground.

Orienteering

On Tuesday 19th March, children will be taking part in an orienteering session with coaches who are coming in and they will be using the field and other areas. Please ensure that children bring in some trainers/shoes they do not mind getting muddy, as well as a plastic bag to put the dirty shoes in afterwards.

Autism Awareness Day Fundraiser for ADD-vance - Friday 22nd March

Mrs Wilson and a team of children will be selling bracelets that they have been busy making – these will be on sale during school time from Monday 18th March, for £1 each, so please send your child in with some change in a clearly named envelope if they would like to purchase a bracelet.



Children are also able to wear something blue to school on Friday 22nd March in exchange for a £1 donation – and all money raised will go to the ADD-vance charity.



World Mental Health Day

For World Mental Health Day, we asked children, parents and staff to tell us what sparks joy for you, and this is the note for this week (provided by an adult, I would sincerely hope!).

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 123,900 calories on average would need to be consumed by a cyclist over the 3-week Tour de France race.

Dates to Remember

Monday 18th March	Bracelets on sale during this week, £1 each, to raise money for ADD-vance
Tuesday 19th March	Orienteering Day in school – bring in old shoes/trainers & plastic bag
Wednesday 20th March	9am: 3R class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 20th March	Voice in a Million at Wembley
Friday 22nd March	Autism Awareness Day – wear blue in exchange for £1
Monday 25th March	PTA Easter Bonnet Competition Day
Tuesday 26th March	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Wednesday 27th March	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm
Thursday 28th March	INSET DAY – no children in school
Monday 15th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Friday 19th April	Times Table Rock Star Day – more info to be sent by email 8.50-9.20am: Reception parents welcome directly to class 2.30-3pm: Years 1-6 parents welcome – come in via office
Tuesday 30th April	3.30pm: Y6 PGL parent information meeting – in 6Malala class
Wednesday 1st May	9am: 3W class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 22nd May	9am: 2A class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
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
Tuesday 25th June	9.10am: Nursery assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 26th June	9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
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
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Dear Families of Summerswood Primary School,

My Name is Dwight Williams, I am the Watch Commander of Green Watch at the station. As a firefighter dedicated to ensuring the safety of our community, I am excited to introduce a new initiative aimed at enhancing home fire safety.

We are actively seeking to build partnerships with local primary schools like yours to raise awareness about the importance of fire detection in every home. As part of our home fire safety visits, we conduct thorough checks on existing detectors, to ensure they are functioning correctly and appropriately located. To further support the cause, we are offering a complimentary service of fitting brand new, tamperproof battery detectors with a 10-year lifespan.

If you interested in a home fire safety visit, please email me to schedule an appointment: (dwight.williams@hertfordshire.gov.uk). To facilitate the process, we ask that you provide your name, address, and contact telephone number.

Your collaboration is crucial in making our community safer, and together, we can ensure that no home is without proper fire detection. I appreciate your support in this important endeavour.

Kind regards



Dwight Williams

Watch Commander Green Watch | Borehamwood Fire Station | Community Protection
Hertfordshire County Council.

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EASTER SPORTS CAMP



2nd APR - 12th APR

TUES 2nd APR:
EASTER FUN DAY

- ★ Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- ★ Egg and Spoon Race
- ★ Eggcellent Dodgeball
- ★ Big team Rounders

WED 3rd APR:
NINJA WARRIOR DAY

- ★ Camouflage
- ★ Timed Challenges
- ★ Obstacle Courses
- ★ Balance & Agility Training

THUR 4th APR:
TARGET PRACTICE DAY

- ★ Archery
- ★ Nerf wars
- ★ Dodgeball

FRI 5th APR:
PARTY DAY

- ★ Fancy Dress
- ★ Party Games
- ★ Snacks
- ★ Dance Battles + More

MON 8th APR:
OLYMPICS DAY!

- ★ Wacky Races
- ★ Throwing Challenges
- ★ Fun Field Events
- ★ Gymnastics

TUES 9th APR:
EASTER FUN DAY

- ★ Easter Egg Treasure Hunt
- ★ Egg and Spoon Race
- ★ Eggcellent Dodgeball
- ★ Big team Baseball

WED 10th APR:
NINJA WARRIOR DAY

- ★ Camouflage
- ★ Timed Challenges
- ★ Obstacle Courses
- ★ Balance & Agility Training

THUR 11th APR:
TARGET PRACTICE DAY

- ★ Archery
- ★ Nerf wars
- ★ Dodgeball

FRI 12th APR:
PARTY DAY

- ★ Fancy Dress
- ★ Party Games
- ★ Snacks
- ★ Dance Battles + More

Please check your local camp for dates running

Welcome to our Easter Sports Camp Schedule!
Each day you can expect a number of different themed sports, games & activities, as well as even more Easter themed activities!

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Visit www.superstarsportnwl.com, click "Book Now"

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Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Conflicts are regular occurrence within families. It's often a normal part of everyday life. However, conflict that is frequent, intense, and poorly resolved, has a significant negative impact on children's mental health and long-term life chances. This 2-hour workshop explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

Thursday 14 March 9.30am – 11.30am
OR
Wednesday 20 March 7.00pm – 9.00pm

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

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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 19th March 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.



SEN SOFT PLAY @ FURZEFIELD

For SEND Children up to 11 years old

PRE BOOKING REQUIRED

(Reduced capacity: limited to 40 children)



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development@hertsmeremencap.org.uk**



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Tuesday 26th March 7-9pm

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