

Dear Families,

Christmas Shows

This week has been full of Christmas and Chanukah celebrations! Nursery and Reception classes did wonderful sing-alongs for their families. It was wonderful to see the confidence the children showed when performing for everyone to see!



Our Year 1 and Year 2 children put on many wonderful performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action'! Their version of the nativity included some great songs – including my favourite: Funky Camels! Well done to everyone for learning their lines and speaking so loudly for us all to hear.

Years 4, 5 and 6 out on a wonderful performance at All Saint's Church on Shenley Road, Borehamwood. This is something we used to do each year before Covid came along and made things very difficult. It was wonderful seeing the church full of family, friends and members of the local community. The theme of the Carol Concert was 'Peace' and we sang many songs together – it really has put us in the Christmas Spirit!



Chanukah Assembly

This week we also welcomed Rabba Miriam to share the story of Chanukah with our community. Rabba



Miriam told the story about the miracle of oil lasting for 8 days and how candles can pass light from one to another making bigger and brighter light. The children then got to play the game dreidel – please ask your children about this lovely assembly. We're so grateful that Rabba Miriam was able to spend some time in our school. Her congregation use our school for services during weekends across the year and it was lovely to welcome Kehillat Nashira's leader into our school community.

Attendance – for week ending 8th December

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
90%	90.4%	97.7%	84.4%	95%	97.7%	91.8%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
85.6%	96.3%	91.1%	91.7%	91%	100%	90.4%

Well done to 6M with 100% attendance last week – children in 6M may come to school on Monday in non-uniform! **AND this also concludes the Muffin Madness Challenge for this term** – this term, we had 3 classes that were in line to win with the most number of weeks of 100% attendance for the whole class; however, just last week, 6M tipped the scales and **we are delighted announce that 6M are now the winners of the Muffin Madness challenge, with 4 weeks of 100% attendance!** Well done, 6M – you will be eating muffins in class on Monday! Well done to 5B and 1D who were close behind them with 3 weeks each – and rest assured, we will be continuing the Muffin Madness Challenge next term... 😊

Christmas Meals



We had two days of amazing Christmas meals this week! Head Cook, Mrs Sullivan, and her team produced amazing meals for hundreds of us this week! Turkey, Vegetable Wellington, delicious vegetables and crispy potatoes made us all smile! It was lovely being able to wear our Christmas Jumpers as well. Thank you to our kitchen team for the great meal, and to the school staff for serving food so everyone could enjoy their meals.

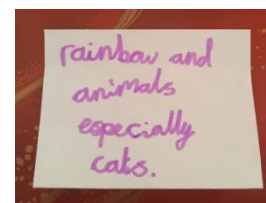
Thank you to our parents for supporting all this week's activities. It's been so busy but our staff team have been wonderful at making sure the children have great activities to remember. Thank you to staff who have arranged the songs, the shows, the sound, the costumes - and oodles of positivity!

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the grey bins outside the main doors of the KS2 building – please would you have a look through it all and reclaim your child's lost items. ALL items of belongings, including coats, gloves, shoes, water bottles and lunch bags, should be labelled clearly with your child's name – check them often as we are aware that names may fade during washing. Please note that we are unable to send out messages about lost property if items are not labelled.

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 – “rainbows and animals especially cats”.



End of the calendar year

We need to say Goodbye to Miss James, our Year 1 teacher, who is leaving Summerswood to start in a new school in January. We wish her all the best in her new school and thank her for her time and support for the children she has worked with at Summerswood. Thanks, Miss James!

This will be our final newsletter before the Christmas break – please remember that Nursery's final day of school is Monday 18th December and the rest of the school finish on Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you all have a positive and happy break, and I look forward to seeing smiling happy faces back in school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Kind regards,

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: Over 210,000 people are employed in the coffee industry in the UK.

Dates to Remember

Monday 18th December	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th December	INSET Day – no children in school
Thursday 4th January 2024	Start of Spring Term 1
Wednesday 17th January	9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in
Wednesday 14h February	9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in
Friday 16th February	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	HALF TERM
Monday 26th February	Start of Spring Term 2
Wednesday 13th March	9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in
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
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
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
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Spring 2024 groups and workshops



All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 25 January to 7 March 9.30am - 11.30am via MS Team

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 30 January 12 March 7pm - 9pm

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 7 Feb – 20 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 7pm - 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Wednesday 17 January 7pm - 9pm

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Reducing Conflict Workshops - Online

Thursday 14 March 9.30 - 11.30 AND Wednesday 20 March 7pm - 9pm

This workshop explores different types of conflict between couples and families. Provides support in understanding the causes and impact of parental and family conflict on children and gives practical steps and strategies.



Super Star Sport

SPRING TERM CLUBS



We would like to welcome parents/guardians to our Super Star Sport Clubs and Activities at Summerswood primary and we can't wait to get your children involved! All of our clubs are run by enthusiastic, enhanced DBS checked and experienced coaches. Please see below for further details:



11 WEEK SUPER PROGRAM

MONDAY – DODGEBALL LUNCHTIME CLUB (Year 1&2)

START DATE: 8th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 25th MARCH 2024
TIMES 12.00PM – 12.30PM

JUST £52.25 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

MONDAY – DODGEBALL LUNCH TIME CLUB (Year 3&4)

START DATE: 8th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 25th MARCH 2024
TIMES 12.30PM – 1.00PM

JUST £52.25 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

TUESDAY – FOOTBALL CLUB (NURSERY & RECEPTION)

START DATE: 9th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 26th MARCH 2024
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.15PM

JUST £63.23 FOR OUR 11 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY – FOOTBALL CLUB (Year 1,2&3)

START DATE: 10th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 20th MARCH 2024
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.20PM

JUST £57.50 FOR OUR 10 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.



Super Star Sport

THURSDAY – ATHLETICS CLUB (Year 1&2)

START DATE: 18th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 21st MARCH 2024
TIMES 12PM – 12.30PM

JUST £47.50 FOR OUR 10 WEEK SUPER STAR SPORT PROGRAM.

THURSDAY – ATHLETICS CLUB (Year 3&4)

START DATE: 18th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 21st MARCH 2024
TIMES 12.30PM – 1PM

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FRIDAY – GYMNASTICS CLUB (Year 1,2,3&4)

START DATE: 12th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 22nd MARCH 2024
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.20PM

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FRIDAY – FOOTBALL CLUB (Year 4,5&6)

START DATE: 12th JANUARY 2024 – END DATE: 22nd MARCH 2024
TIMES 3.15PM – 4.20PM

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For any additional information, please email us at operations@superstarsportnwl.com where Junior would be happy to answer any questions you may have!

HOW DO I BOOK???

Step 1: Enter the site www.superstarsportnwl.com

Step 2: Click 'BOOK NOW' on the home page

After clicking book now, you will be directed to another page on the site.

Step 3: Select your school/nursery location

Step 4: Select the block of sessions you would like to book your child onto and click 'info and booking'

Step 5: Once here please find the 'book this class'

Step 6: Time to sign up your child!!!! (If you have not created a profile





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MARTIAL ARTS

Summerswood Primary school
Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW

Taught by Ex Professional Great Britian Kick Boxer Gemma Robinson

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- ✦ Footwork
- ✦ Stance
- ✦ Basic punches
- ✦ General boxing conditioning
- ✦ Co-ordination & reaction drills
- ✦ Head movement
- ✦ Core exercises
- ✦ Shadow boxing
- ✦ Padwork

Every Tuesday
3:15PM - 4:15PM

9th January to
26th March

£5.75 per session

For Year 3-6 only

**£63.25
FOR 11
WEEKS!**

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OUR CAMPS

Superb holiday sports camps – offering wonderful, safe and action-packed camps throughout the year.

At The Elms, the focus is Tennis – with drills and skills in the morning and games/match play in the afternoon.

TIMES

9.00am - 4.00pm

SESSIONS

Single days/Full weeks

AGE GROUPS

Red: 5-7 years
Orange: 8-9 years
Green: 9-10 years
Yellow: 11+ years

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING TO CAMP

Comfortable sports clothing, a healthy snack, packed lunch and a drink in a refillable container. On hot days, sun cream should be applied before Camp.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment supplied for each and every child. Children are welcome to use their own racket. However, The Elms cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Early Bird Discount (EB)
Book and pay by the 'EB' date stated, for each Camp, to qualify for the reduced Early Bird price.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

FULL WEEK bookings only
1st child pays full price, subsequent siblings have **20% discount** (telephone bookings only).

WEEKEND TENNIS PLAYERS

The 'EB' rate applies constantly to any child currently booked into the **weekend tennis groups**.

CAMP DATES 2024

New Year:

(EB 15th Dec 2023)

Feb Half Term:

(EB 2nd Feb)

Easter:

(EB 22nd Mar)

Whitsun:

(EB 17th May)

Summer:

(EB 28th Jun)

Oct Half Term:

(EB 11th Oct)

2nd Jan - 5th Jan (4 days)

12th Feb - 16th Feb

Wk 1: 2nd Apr - 5th Apr (4 days)

Wk 2: 8th Apr - 12th Apr

28th May - 31st May (4 days)

Wk 1: 8th Jul - 12th Jul

Wk 2: 15th Jul - 19th Jul

Wk 3: 22nd Jul - 26th Jul

Wk 4: 29th Jul - 2nd Aug

Wk 5: 5th Aug - 9th Aug

Wk 6: 12th Aug - 16th Aug

Wk 7: 19th Aug - 23rd Aug

Wk 8: 27th Aug - 30th Aug (4 days)

Wk 1: 21st Oct - 25th Oct

Wk 2: 28th Oct - 1st Nov

COST

Single day

4 day camps

New Year, Easter (Wk 1), Whitsun & Summer (Wk 8)

5 day camps

EARLY BIRD PRICE

£35

£132

£165

REGULAR PRICE

£40

£152

£190

All prices are inclusive of VAT.

Camps will only proceed if a minimum of 15 children book - parents will be informed of any cancellation, with a minimum notice period of 7 days.

Cancellation Policy: We will require 7 days notice for a full refund and a minimum of 24 hours notice for your booking to be moved to an alternative date/credit on account.



BOOKING HOTLINE: 020 8954 8787
or BOOK ONLINE: theelms.co.uk

