



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Families,

**Peace**

Monday's assembly was all about the word Peace. The children helped me write a poem about the word Peace using their thoughts and ideas around the meaning of the word. I am looking forward to seeing many families in school over the next week for the Nursery and Reception Sing-alongs, Y1 and Y2 Productions of 'Lights, Camel, Action', and the Y4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert at All Saints Church. Let's all think about how we can bring a little more peace to our homes, our community and the world.



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

Next week we will also be having our Christmas Dinners for children across the school (see the menu below)! On Wednesday, Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be having their meal and can come to school in a Christmas Jumper or some happy home clothes (Nursery can join in the dressing up but don't have a school meal with us). On Thursday, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having their meal and can wear a Christmas Jumper or some happy home clothes too! There is no charge for this dress up day.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THIS LUNCH INFORMATION**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Rec, Y1 & Y2** - meat or vegetarian Christmas lunch OR home packed lunch – NO SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** – school packed lunch (ham or cheese roll) OR home packed lunch – NO HOT MEAL

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** - meat or vegetarian Christmas lunch OR home packed lunch – NO SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

**Rec, Y1 & Y2** – school packed lunch (ham or cheese roll) OR home packed lunch – NO HOT MEAL

**Attendance – for week ending 30<sup>th</sup> November**

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
92.3%	93.8%	96.3%	96.9%	92.1%	95.8%	86.2%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
94.2%	91.7%	87.9%	96.7%	89.3%	96.5%	88.8%

Attendance was down last week and we are hoping to see an improvement this week – remember that if your child has been sick, has diarrhoea or a temperature, they should not come to school (even if they want to ☺). We are looking forward to seeing which class is going to win the Muffin Madness prize – Mrs Firby will buy muffins for the class with the most number of weeks of 100% attendance this term, and children will get to eat these muffins in school! ☺

**Welcome to the world!**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Breteche – our Nursery teacher and Early Years Leader – welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. Welcome to the Summerswood family, Amelie Grace! We can't wait to meet you in person in the new year. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Breteche and big brother Louie!



## **Christmas Fair – TOMORROW 12-3pm**

We can't wait to see you all for food and fun at the PTA's Christmas Fair at Summerswood TOMORROW Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Please come to the Furzehill Road entrance – entry is free – but please bring cash and small change (we don't have card payment facilities). There will be hot and cold drinks and exciting activities to engage the children and their families. Thank you for support!



## **Sports out of school!**

Congratulations to this Y3 superstar who was the Player of the Month at the Elite FA academy for the under 8 Eagles. Well done!

Thank you for sharing your pictures with us – please keep sending them in to [admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@summerswood.herts.sch.uk) so we can share your positive experiences outside school.



## **Coffee Morning**

We only had a select few parents at our most recent coffee morning – but we'd like to remind you to add the next date to your calendar, 17<sup>th</sup> January – please come to the school entrance and pop in for a coffee and a chat. We also hope to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and the 13<sup>th</sup> March! Mrs Brown, our Reception teacher, along with Ms Slesiona, a Lunch Time Leader and Teaching Assistant, are really keen for as many parents to come and enjoy another way to interact with school. We hope to see you!

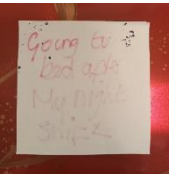
## **Early Years Sing-Alongs**

Nursery: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am

Reception: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am

We are delighted to invite parents to come to our Sing-Alongs - please drop your child to class and then come and sign in at the school office. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper or t-shirt on their sing-along day.

## **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 – “Going to bed after my night shift”.

Please note that ALL after school sports/ Art clubs have finished for the term.

And I would like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Chanukah to all of our families that celebrate!

Kind regards,


Sarah Kneller  
Headteacher

**Interesting fact:** There's a new record for the most expensive guitar ever sold at auction. An acoustic guitar played by the frontman of rock band Nirvana was recently sold for a staggering \$6 million in the US! Kurt Cobain's guitar was used on the group's "Unplugged" album, which reached No.1 in 1994.

## Dates to Remember

<b>Saturday 9th December</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR: 12-3pm</b>
Monday 11th December	<b>9.15-9.45am: KS1 Christmas production (under 5's may attend)</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>9.10-9.30am: Nursery's Christmas Sing-along</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>2.30-3pm: KS1 Christmas production (NO under 5's allowed)</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>9am: Reception's Christmas Sing-along</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>Rec &amp; KS1: Christmas Lunch – these children may wear Christmas Jumpers</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>5-6pm: Yrs 4, 5 &amp; 6 going to All Saints Choir Concert</b>
Thursday 14th December	<b>KS2: Christmas Lunch – these children may wear Christmas Jumpers</b>
Thursday 14th December	<b>Nursery: Christmas party in class</b>
Monday 18th December	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Tuesday 19th December	<b>Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Wednesday 20th December	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Thursday 4th January 2024	<b>Start of Spring Term 1</b>
Wednesday 17th January	<b>9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in</b>
Wednesday 14h February	<b>9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in</b>
Friday 16th February	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 26th February	<b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>
Wednesday 13th March	<b>9-10am: Coffee Morning – ALL parents/ carers welcome to pop in</b>
Tuesday 26th March	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>
Wednesday 27th March	<b>Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>
Thursday 28th March	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>
Monday 15th April	<b>Start of Summer Term 1</b>
Monday 6th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 23rd May	<b>School finishes at normal times for Half Term</b>
Friday 24th May	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3rd June	<b>Start of Summer Term 2</b>
Friday 5th July	<b>#WOODFEST 2024</b>
Monday 22nd July	<b>Last day of term - for Nursery Children only</b>

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**Christmas Turkey and  
Chipolata Sausage  
Trimmings of Sage and  
Onion Stuffing and Gravy**

OR

**Festive Veggie Wellington  
(v) Trimmings of Sage  
and Onion Stuffing and  
Vegetarian Gravy**

With Roast Potatoes  
and a Choice of  
Seasonal Vegetables

**A Choice of  
Christmas Desserts**



# It's Christmas Time!



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



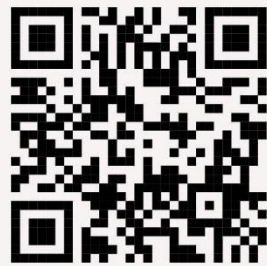
**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



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**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

## It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

**Scan the QR code to find out more.**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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**JANUARY**

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**RSVP to Adam by Wednesday 17th January**  
**[development@hertsmeremencap.org.uk](mailto:development@hertsmeremencap.org.uk)**

