



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Families,

### **The Invisible**

We read a book called 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival in assembly on Monday. It is a story that has so much meaning hidden inside about the importance of belonging. We spoke about how different things that happen in our lives sometimes make us feel invisible, and sometimes other children do things that make us want to feel invisible. Please look at the story with your child here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEMDzKMPz2o>. Poverty, additional learning needs, anything that is 'different', may mean that those around us feel invisible – or powerless. We must not allow those around us to feel this way. We all have a responsibility to support our children and those around us see people for who they really are and help them shine – not to help them disappear or to make them feel unhappy. Please make sure you speak to your children about this – if we all work together we really can make the world a better place.

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

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
94.2%	82.1%	100%	94.4%	97.6%	98.7%	95.7%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
96.2%	95.3%	91%	93.9%	91.4%	94.7%	90%

Well done to 1Anning with 100% attendance last week! Children in 1A may come to school on Monday wearing non-uniform. Please can I remind parents that ALL absences must be reported to the school office BY 9.15am – this can be by leaving a voicemail on our answer machine, or by emailing [Attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Attendance@summerswood.herts.sch.uk). If your child is absent for more than 2 days, we would ask that you phone in daily with an update, and we may request medical evidence to support the absence. If you are unsure about whether to send your child to school when unwell, please do feel free to speak to one of the team in the office. 😊

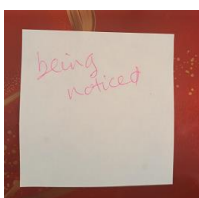
### **Say Cheese!**



On Thursday morning Reception had a visit from a couple of local dentists from Small Dental. They talked to us about what happens when visiting a dentist, how to clean our teeth well, and the foods which are good and bad for our teeth. The dentists then visited the children in Year 4 and showed them how our teeth can decay and why it is so important to keep our teeth clean. Thank you to Mrs Brown for arranging this visit.

### **Reminder: Classroom Decoration Time**

Please remember that we have asked you to send in any gently used decorations next week so the children can help their teachers decorate the classroom ready for the festive season! On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the children will be able to make some decorations, as well as help to make their classroom sparkle and shine! When you're looking through your own decorations, please keep hold of any items you'd like to donate to the classroom.



### **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 – “Being noticed”.

## Christmas Fair

We are having a Christmas Fair at Summerswood on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. To help us be ready, we're asking for your help! Please can you send in any of the following items on the following dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Any unwanted (new) gifts and toys
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Chocolates and Sweets
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Bottles – alcohol, soft drinks, toiletry bottles

We will make sure the children have an extra play time for helping us have a brilliant Christmas Fair!

## Parking

This morning, we received a call from a very upset neighbour on Elmwood Avenue – apparently, one of our parents had parked across their driveway and told the resident that they would only be 2 minutes; when challenged and asked to move their car, they apparently became abusive towards the resident, and later moved their car across another neighbour's driveway. PLEASE PLEASE, do not park illegally or inconsiderately in the roads around our school. We should all be managing our time efficiently so that we have sufficient time to find parking when dropping our children to school in the mornings. We are advising residents to report parking violations directly to the Police, so please let's all be kind and considerate!



## Individual Photos

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that school photographs are ready to view using the QR code on the proof card that your child should have brought home last week. If you have already scanned the QR code on the proof and registered, you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof and following the instructions.

If, by chance, you have not received your proof or it has been lost, you can call the school office for the reference number for your child, and you will then be able to go on the Vancols website to order.

## Harry Potter Tickets

One of our parents has very generously donated 2x tickets for a tour at the Harry Potter Studios on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. These tickets also entitle you to 20% off ALL purchases at the Studios - food, drinks, or in the gift shop.

If you would be interested in purchasing a raffle ticket for £5, please make payment on the School Gateway - **multiple tickets may be purchased**, just go in and purchase a new one each time. The deadline for all ticket purchases is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. We will notify the lucky winner on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller  
**Headteacher**

**Interesting fact:** 45% of Britons say they eat dinner on a sofa or armchair, compared to 40% at the table.

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday 28th November	<b>ELSA Diabetes trial taking place in school</b>
Thursday 30th November	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> round Flu Vaccinations in school (only for children who have not had yet)</b>
Thursday 30th November	<b>Decorate your Classroom Day</b>
Thursday 30th November	<b>SnowBall Disco – 4-5pm: Rec &amp; Yrs 1-3; 5.15-6.30pm: Yrs 4-6</b>
Friday 1st December	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY – no children in school</b>
Tuesday 5th December	<b>9.30am-12pm: Yr6 going to cinema</b>
Tuesday 5th December	<b>2-4.30pm: 4T's parents' evening consultations</b>
Wednesday 6th December	<b>9-10am: Parent Coffee Morning in school – all parents/carers welcome</b>
Wednesday 6th December	<b>3.30-5.30pm: 4T's parents' evening consultations</b>
Thursday 7th December	<b>Times Tables Rock Star Day – children may dress like a Rock Star!</b>
<b>Saturday 9th December</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR – see above</b>
Monday 11th December	<b>9.15-9.45am: KS1 Christmas production - more info to follow</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>9.10-9.30am: Nursery's Christmas Sing-along – more info to follow</b>
Tuesday 12th December	<b>2.30-3pm: KS1 Christmas production – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>9am: Reception's Christmas Sing-along – more info to follow</b>
Wednesday 13th December	<b>Rec &amp; KS1: Christmas Lunch</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</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>
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>
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>



# HOLIDAY FAMILY ART@CLP

Tues 2nd & Weds 3rd January 2024 10am to 3pm

Join our popular artist & tutor, Natalie, for this fun 2 day course at our base just outside Watford. Create exciting, wintry art together as a family. All materials are included. As these courses are heavily subsidised by Step2Skills, the cost for Herts residents is just £15 per family\*



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To book go to: [https://www.cognitofirms.com/CLPSouthOxhey/\\_2324FamilyArtCLP](https://www.cognitofirms.com/CLPSouthOxhey/_2324FamilyArtCLP)

\*Concessions are available if you are in receipt of benefits and struggling financially



## **\*\*Family art course available to book now\*\***

If you live in Hertfordshire and haven't taken part in family art learning since the start of August, you are eligible to attend this brand-new course at the end of the Christmas holidays.

Natalie will be teaching the amazing art shown on the flyer over 2 days, on 2nd and 3rd of January 2024 from 10am to 3pm.

You will work together with your children (or grandchildren, neighbours, etc) to create 4 beautiful pieces of art using paint, collage and brush pens.

All resources are included. You just need to bring your packed lunch.

The cost is just £15 per family, with reductions available if you are on benefits and struggling financially (just email us, in confidence, at [niki.craft@communitylearningpartnership.org.uk](mailto:niki.craft@communitylearningpartnership.org.uk) if you require a fee reduction).

The course is suitable for children in Year 1 and above.

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