



Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Families,

Blue Peter (Yrs4-6)

Please can we remind parents to send back their Blue Peter form for their children in Years 4, 5 and 6. We are excited to be part of the filming of part of a Blue Peter show, and want to have as many smart-looking children from these year groups in the hall during the filming. Deadline for replies is Monday 6th November.

Attendance – for week ending 20th October

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
92.3%	97%	92.4%	100%	95.7%	94%	91.4%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
94.8%	93.7%	96.8%	89.3%	92.3%	91%	91.8%

Well done to 1Donaldson (again!!) with 100% attendance for the last week of last half term – children in 1D may come to school on Monday in non-uniform! We are hoping to see an improvement in attendance now that we are back from the half term break – and remember that you are welcome to contact our Attendance Champion, Mrs Firby, with any enquiries about attendance. 😊

Parents' Evening Bookings

Parents' Evening appointments for all classes (apart from Nursery, Hive and 4T) will be taking place on Wednesday 15th November from 3.30-6pm, and on Thursday 16th November from 4-7pm.

These will be available to book from 5pm TODAY via the Arbor app.

Coffee Morning

Mrs Brown is running the first of our regular monthly coffee mornings. Please come to the school hall via the front entrance of the building on Wednesday 8th November 2023 (after you have dropped off your children). We look forward to seeing as many families as possible, and will share the dates of the upcoming mornings so parents and carers can plan ahead to join us on other occasions.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

We are fortunate in being able to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club facilities at Summerswood. All bookings and payments must be made using the School Gateway.

Our Breakfast club is open from 7.30-8.40am and costs £5 per day - parents may drop children off at any time within this period.

Our After School Club (called The Hideaway) is open from 3.15-5.30pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and until 4.30pm on Fridays. Costs are: £5 per child until 4.30pm (all children get a drink and snack); or £9 until 5.30pm (all children get another snack just after 4.30pm).

Siblings are eligible for a discount when booking – half price for Breakfast Club, and a £1 discount per session (i.e. £2 discount until 5.30pm) for The Hideaway. Please note that you must book in advance where possible, as our clubs do fill up quite quickly – and feel free to contact the school office for any further information.

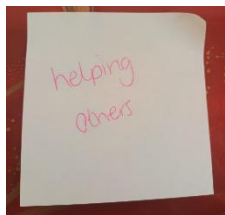
Sebby's Corner

Summerswood are continuing to help Sebby's Corner - a local Charity - with their upcoming Christmas Present drive. If you have any children's gifts at home (perhaps doubles that your child already has) please bring them in to school and leave them with the staff team at the gate or your child's class teacher, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to Sebby's Corner. Please note, we are only accepting brand new presents at this time. Thank you for your support.

Poppies

Poppies are on sale at school – children will have the opportunity to purchase poppies in class. Please send some small change in a named envelope, either in their bookbags or hand it to the class teacher (minimum 50p donation).

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 this week's note.

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: Big Ben: the minute hands on the famous clock face in London are 4.2 metres long, whilst they weigh around 100kg. They cover the equivalent distance of around 190 kilometres a year.

The hour hands are 2.7 metres in length, but as they are made from gun metal (not copper like the minute ones) the weight comes in at a much heavier 300kg.

The bell that Big Ben is named after weighs 13.7 tonnes, but there are other bells in there, too.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 15th November	3.30-5.30pm - Parents' Evening - see above
Thursday 16th November	4-7pm - Parents' Evening - see above
Thursday 16th November	Photos – individual child & sibling photos in school
Friday 1st December	OCCASIONAL DAY – no children in school
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
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
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



Borehamwood Indian Cultural Society invites you for

Art Competition

Open to children aged 5-15 year only @ "Free entry"

Entries Themes (any one)

- Environment • Festival • Rangoli

In Person

On 25th November 2023

at

Allum Hall and Manor House,
2 Allum Lane

Or Online

Submission closes

On 15th November 2023



Submit using www.bics.uk/art

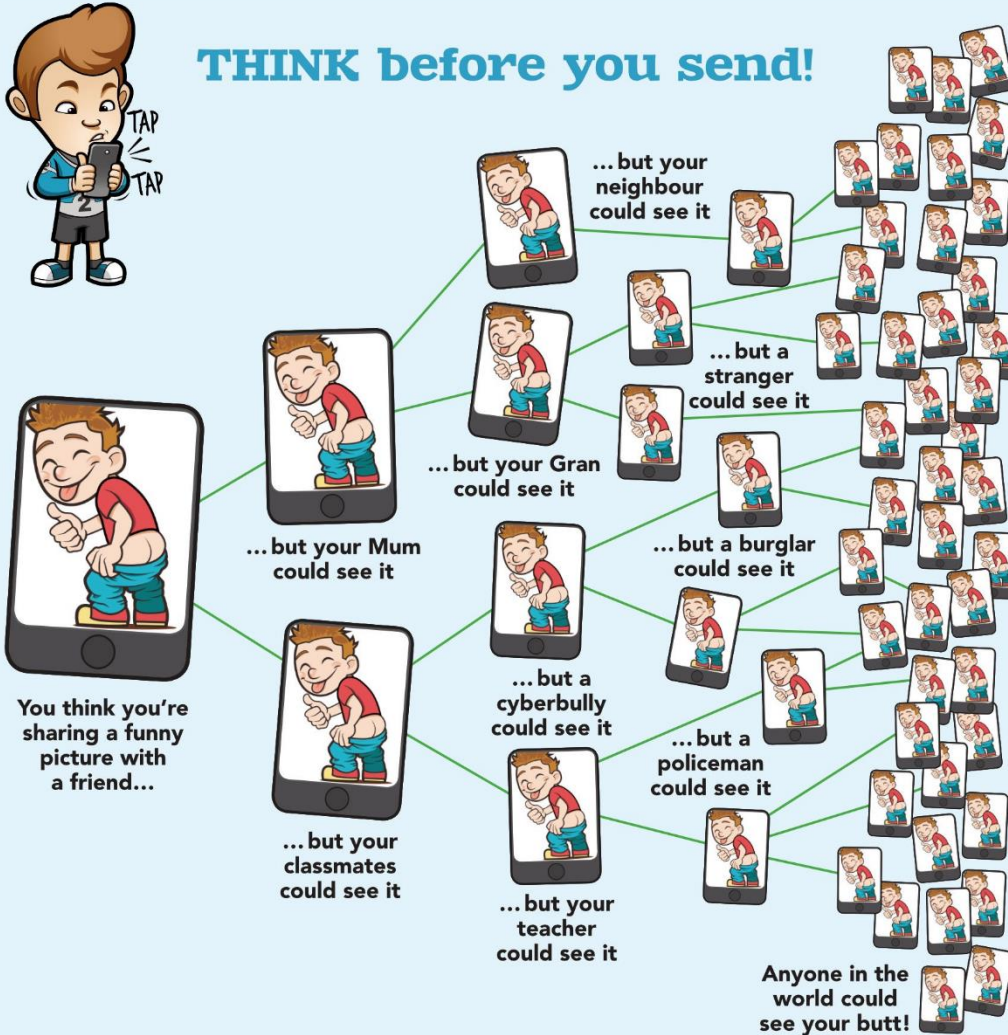
Our judging panel consists of three judges who will evaluate online and in-person submissions separately, categorized into three age groups: 5-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-15 years. Exciting prizes await the winners in each category, including art supplies, participation certificates, and the opportunity to have their artwork displayed at our annual Diwali Celebration event and on our website. Esteemed council members will present these prizes to the talented young artists.

Entries may be submitted online using the above QR code – or you may attend on 25th to complete your artwork at Allum Hall – please do not send in artwork to school, this competition is run by the BCIS (as above).

Parent Guides to Online Safety



THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

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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