



Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Families,

Safeguarding Assembly

This week I spoke to the children about a difficult topic – keeping ourselves safe. We discuss the different types of abuse that can happen to children outside of school – physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. These were done in a very age-appropriate way and we discussed that these things do happen to children around the country and the world, and we must tell them about it so we can keep those safe who may be in difficulty. We want our children to be confident to speak up if something is happening to them or a friend. We discussed that children can speak to safe and trusted adults at school and at home, as well as using ChildLine 0800 1111 <https://www.childline.org.uk/> to speak to someone outside of this network. I didn't enjoy sharing this information with the children, but I do feel it is a duty to share information as the stats show that far too many children experience abuse.



Attendance – for week ending 6th October

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
97.7%	90.6%	97.7%	100%	97.6%	92.1%	96.7%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
93.7%	95%	90.9%	98.3%	92.1%	92.5%	90.3%

Congratulations to 1Donaldson with 100% attendance for last week, AGAIN – children in 1D may come to school on Monday in non-uniform! I am delighted to see the fantastic attendance levels in the lower school – come on KS2, let's get our attendance up for this week!

Miss Kneller and I met with families recently whose children had less than 90% attendance last year. **It is worth noting that 10% absence equates to ½ a day's absence every single week, which is the same as nearly 20 days/4 weeks of absence a year!** Can any child afford to have 4 whole weeks off school? The government has an expectation of **96%** attendance for every child in the country, and it is not that long since we had about 20% of our children with 100% attendance for a whole year – that means that a fifth of our children were in school every single day of the year!

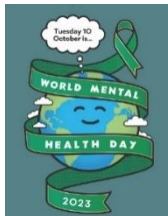
So, a challenge: which class will have the most number of children with 100% attendance this year?! Come on, Summerswood, do yourselves (and us!) proud... 😊

Governor Day

This Wednesday, you may have noticed a few extra people standing at the gates – these are our Governing Body. The role of a Governing Body is to hold the Headteacher and school staff to account for leading the school and ensuring the children have the best education. They also oversee the financial management of the school. They spent the morning in school speaking to staff and children about learning, behaviour and safeguarding. During the afternoon they held their first Full Governing Body meeting of the year and appointed two co-chairs to the committee – Mr James Conradi and Mr Dean Docherty. Mrs Zara Vangelova was appointed as the vice-chair. They asked me to thank the staff, children and families for their great day experiencing a day in the life of children at Summerswood. They look forward to helping the school to continue to improve and make the school the best it can be. We are in the process of updating our website to include all members of our Governing Body, so be sure to keep an eye on our school website.



Mental Health Day



The whole school celebrated World Mental Health day on Tuesday. Seeing everyone wearing something that made them 'glimmer' was wonderful. Please speak to your children about the activities they completed throughout the day. Big thanks to Mrs Folkes-Jones and Mrs O'Sullivan for putting together great suggestions for activities that happened across the day.

Reception Cake Sale – Wednesday 18th October from 3.10pm

The staff and children in Reception will be holding a cake sale next Wednesday in the main playground from 3:10pm. This is to raise funds for the school after the purchase of our brand new mud kitchen. If you would like to bake or donate any cakes, then please give your donations to your child's class teacher by Wednesday morning.

If you are baking or buying, please ensure that **all items are nut-free**. All baked cakes must have a detailed ingredients list to ensure any allergens are known – and any plastic containers must be labelled with your child's name and class so we can ensure it is returned to the correct place.

Finally, bring lots of change as we do not have card payment facilities 😊

Community First - Help your Child Love Numbers

Community First are an external government funded group who would like to offer 3-hour sessions called 'Help your Child Love Numbers'. This would include looking at establishing the foundation in numeracy, which will positively impact your child's relationship with maths moving forward in their school life.

The aim is to show parents, who may be less confident, how they can fit numeracy into their daily life through real world connection, play-based learning, how important socio-emotional state is, and the language development around maths. They will also look at learning styles and introduce money management through 'Arlos story', and they try to make the sessions as interactive and as informal as possible. There is the option to separate the session into 2 separate sessions if 3 hours is too long.

If this is something that you would be interested in, please email Mr Flanagan on: boseman@summerswood.herts.sch.uk to register your interest as soon as possible.

Gardening Club

Gardening club is expanding but we need help! We wish to build raised beds, and we would be grateful for any help to do this. We would be grateful for materials and also help to build the raised beds. If this is something that you can help with in any way, please do contact the school office.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sarah Kneller'.

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 13 October 1884 -
Greenwich was established as the
prime meridian of longitude - becoming
the centre for time across the world.

Dates to Remember

Monday 16th October	Y3 & Y5 (select children): Cross Country Competition at Hertswood
Wednesday 18th October	3.10pm: Reception cake sale on main playground – bring change
Friday 20th October	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30th October	INSET Day – no children in school
Tuesday 31st October	Start of Autumn 2
Tuesday 31st October	3.10pm: Nursery Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Wednesday 1st November	3.10pm: Nursery Parents' Evening – more info to follow
Wednesday 15th November	3.30-5.30pm - Parents' Evening - more info to follow
Thursday 16th November	4-7pm - Parents' Evening - more info to follow
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



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CAMP SCHEDULE	23 OCT	24 OCT	25 OCT
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 CODE YOUR OWN ROBOT IN MINECRAFT 7 - 14 years	AM PM		
 LEGO ROBOTICS 5 - 7 years	AM		
 A BIT OF MICRO:BIT MAGIC 5 - 7 years			AM
 MODDING WITH MINECRAFT 7 - 14 years		AM PM	
 NEXT LEVEL ROBLOX DEVELOPMENT 7 - 14 years			AM PM
 OPERATIONS: CODE BREAKERS 9 - 14 years			AM PM
 COMPOSING WITH CODE 9 - 14 years		AM PM	
 SOLVE A RUBIK'S CUBE LIKE A PRO 5 - 14 years		PM	PM
 ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR STEM LEARNING 5 - 7 years		AM	



AM (HALF DAY)
9:30 - 12:30
£55

PM (HALF DAY)
4:00 - 6:00
£30

AM & PM (FULL DAY)
9:30 - 3:30
£70

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The Venue Leisure Centre,
Elstree Way, Borehamwood,
WD6 1JY

Your help is needed

Woodcock Hill Village Green (WHVG) is essentially divided into two by the developers who own the land.

One half, from the two oak trees to the horses field, is under threat from developers to build 220 homes as a planning application has been lodged, and we are asking as many people as possible to write letters of objection or simply click on this link: [Barnet Lane And Furzehill Road Borehamwood Hertfordshire - Save Hertsmere \(save-hertsmere.com\)](https://www.save-hertsmere.com)

We still need to get many more objections to have a chance of it being rejected by the local planning committee.

The second half, from the two oak trees to Byron Avenue and the children's park and Vale Avenue, is owned by Taylor Wimpey. They have won a Public Inquiry and a Judicial Review to fence off the land and give the local residents inferior replacement land off Barnet Lane so they can build houses on WHVG.

The increased traffic, pollution and importantly loss of WHVG will be hugely felt by all.

WHVG's lawyers have been allowed to challenge the Public Inquiry and the Judicial Review, and the Rt Hon Lord Justice Singh states 'there is a real prospect of success' for WHVG. There is now ***an urgent need to raise £30K*** to cover the court costs, disbursements and the legal team to fight the case.

The court date is 24th/25th January 2024.

If you are able to make a donation towards the costs, it will benefit everyone in the area and help to meet the costs.

All donations can be made to the following account:

WHVG
Barclays Bank (business account)
Sort code: 20-74-09
Account number: 70684236

Cheques can be made payable to WHVG, and sent to Pat Strack, 36 Carrington Ave, Borehamwood, WD6 2HA

WHVG has charitable status and all donations can be gift aided.

All money donated to the WHVG account will be used solely for the purposes of fighting the judicial review.

If you are able to donate, please do consider doing so in order to save WHVG from the developers and the loss of our fabulous green open space.

Thank you!