



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Families,

The Antiracist Baby

As the term continues, we are working on living our school rules throughout our lives – Ready, Respectful, Safe. The book “Antiracist Baby” could be considered quite complex with some challenging ideas for older children and adults to consider. You can hear the story here: <https://youtu.be/QIKTaG4L-M>. The opening section of the book states that “Antiracist Baby is bred, not born”. This means we all have a role in making sure our children do not use racist words and phrases. Thank you for your support in making sure everyone feels welcome in our school and our community.

Attendance – for week ending 29th September

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
95.8%	87.6%	83.5%	100%	98.6%	93.5%	97.4%
3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
98.1%	96.7%	90.7%	97.6%	91.3%	94%	91.6%

Congratulations to 1Donaldson with 100% attendance for last week – children in 1D may come to school on Monday in non-uniform! We are delighted to see at least 1 class per week with 100% attendance – let’s see if we can hit a record of 3 classes in one week! Please would all families take a moment to read our Attendance Policy – this explains expectations (and consequences) for attendance, and as the school has to report to County on attendance matters, it is worth reading and taking note. 😊

Kindness Wins



We were so proud to hear about Bobbie – a Y2 student – who did something special last weekend. She asked her Mum if she could bake some dinosaur biscuits and then sell them to make money for charity. And that’s exactly what they did! Bobbie raised more than £85 and has donated this to Cancer Research UK. We love to hear how respect and kindness happens at home. Bobbie received a special Headteacher Award this week. Please do let us know when your child has done something ‘above and beyond’.

Sporting Wins!

We were delighted to hear about Jackson being awarded Player of the Week at rugby over the weekend. He achieved it for showing great skills with tackling, something they have only just introduced to his age group at the start of this season. He also had great tries in the game. Well done! If your child has any sporting achievements, please do let us know – we love to celebrate the children’s lives in and out of school. For sporting activities, you can email sport@summerswood.herts.sch.uk or our admin account.



Y2 Visit to Yavneh Primary School

Both Year 2 classes enjoyed a visit to Yavneh Primary School on Thursday to see their Sukkah for the Jewish celebration of Succot. We were so pleased to have been invited, and the children enjoyed learning about Succot from some Y6 students from Yavneh who came to visit the children earlier in the week. We look forward to inviting the Y2 students from Yavneh to our school later this year.

PARKING

We have had another upsetting complaint from a resident at Oak Farm, the residential home on Arundel Drive, as families have been parking in their parking spaces, or parking inconsiderately on the pavement outside their flats. Earlier this week, an elderly resident was unable to get out of her parking bay to leave for a doctor's appointment, due to someone having blocked her in.

We have also had a complaint that a parent was verbally abusive to a resident who complained to them about their parking – this is not acceptable. As a school, we are part of a wider community and we expect our parents to behave in a manner that reflects well on themselves and our school – let's set a good and caring example for our children!

World Mental Health Day – 10th October

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. To celebrate this, we are having a "Glimmer day" at school. A "Glimmer" is a signal of safety and self-care in our brains from an experience that has sparked joy.

We would like all children to wear something on Tuesday that "sparks joy" in exchange for a packet of plain Digestive or Rich Tea biscuits – we use these in school during Nurture time.

Medicine

Please note that no child should be sent into school with medicine in their bookbag – this could be very dangerous should another child get hold of it and take it. If your child is mildly unwell and you think they may need Calpol or Nurofen during the day, we will monitor them in school and call you if necessary. In this case, a parent (or someone they nominate) may come to school to administer the medicine.

If your child has been prescribed a medicine, such as antibiotics, an inhaler or an epipen, this can be administered in school, provided that parents complete the form by following this link – please bring the form and medicine to the school office and staff will ensure that it is logged and stored correctly:- [form-to-administer-medicine.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/form-to-administer-medicine.pdf)

Kind regards,



Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 10th October	World mental Health Day – children may dress to “Spark Joy”, see above
Monday 16th October	Y3 & Y5 (select children): Cross Country Competition at Hertswood
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	INSSET 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

In need of a kitchen appliance?

Would a slow
cooker or air fryer
be useful for
family meals?

Or perhaps
you'd prefer an
electric grill or
soup maker?

All you need to do is complete the survey link below:



www.tinyurl.com/summerswoodappliance

Our charity has 40 to give away
to your school community.





October 2023

Newsletter

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Wednesday
18th Oct
18:30 - 19:30
FREE



FREE SESSION
Family Meetings:
Why and How

Monday
2nd Oct
18:30 - 20:30
£24



**Understanding
the Teenage Brain**
Why teens think, feel and behave
differently from adults

Monday
23rd Oct
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Understanding Anger
Yours and theirs - what is anger, why
do we feel it and how can we manage
it?

Thursday
26th Oct
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
interactive session explaining what ADHD is
and offering a range of interventions that can
make lasting differences.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE
on 19th October (6:30pm to 8:30pm) £24

Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk