



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
SUMMERLEA C.P. SCHOOL

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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'

Friday, 12 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Good afternoon everyone and a happy new year, although that does seem like a long time ago now! The children have come back very settled and the Christmas break seems to have really done the trick in terms of them fully embedding in their year groups; they are working very hard.

Over the past week and days, I have seen some great teamwork in different year groups with children working collaboratively together to solve problems and to complete challenges. The resilience they are showing, and the communication has been very mature and lovely for the staff to see.

As I posted on Class Dojo earlier this week the sports have continued where we left off with our 3/4 football team playing wonderfully on Tuesday. This coming week sees the second round of that and also the indoor athletics for years 5 and 6 - where we are taking a 40 strong team to represent Summerlea! Good luck to all involved.

I wanted to say thank you to Mrs Steward for all her help with organising clubs. We are SO lucky to have so many clubs at Summerlea - we have around 300 children attending! It is a huge undertaking to try and please everyone and if your child has not been successful this time round, hopefully in the Summer term they will be.

On a personal note, on Thursday next week I have been invited to the Houses of Parliament to represent the school for what we have done recently in and around the wider community. I get to see the historic Jubilee Room in Westminster Hall and have an official tour! I feel very privileged to have been invited - I must stress it is on behalf of the school - and being born in Sheffield, I am going to need to brush up on my pronunciation of bath, castle and grass for example or they might not let me in! I will try and share some pictures with you all if I am allowed.

Have a lovely weekend and keep warm.

Mr Todd



Staying Healthy - winter germs!

Some of you will know that we have had unusually high cases of illness in one year group. As a precaution, we have contacted Public Health England who have reassured us that we are taking all the right measures that became familiar to us during the pandemic! Please can we ask that you remind your children of good hand and respiratory hygiene routines which continue in school too. Here's a reminder on our sickness policy and medicine before school:

In school we take great care to ensure pupils are fully cared for should they fall ill during the day. However, pupils should not be sent to school when they are clearly unwell. Similarly, if your child has suffered from diarrhea and/or vomiting, we would expect them to not be in school for 48 hours after the problem has ceased. In brief, if a child has to take medicine etc, before they feel well enough to come to school, then they should not be in school. If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school office as early as possible in the morning, enabling us to record their absence in the register.

Safeguarding

End to End Encryption - is a technology that messaging platforms can use which means messages are only seen by the sender and receiver. In order to understand more about this and how you as a parent can learn more, please follow the link below.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-end-to-end-encryption/>

Little Digital Helps Toolkit

This is a really useful toolkit for parents/carers who may be unsure about what parental features are available on their children's devices. Put together by Internet Matters and Tesco it takes around 8 minutes to answer a few questions and then receive a tailored toolkit.

Uniform

We have noticed that some children are coming to school in unsuitable footwear. Logos and colours on trainers are not part of our uniform. School shoes / trainers must be plain black. A reminder too about jewellery which should not be worn unless it is a watch or small stud earrings. These will need to be removed or covered for PE lessons.

SPC Update

The dedicated pupil council team are in the process of purchasing some new play equipment. They are also pulling together the traffic survey details to contact West Sussex County Council as well as costing out new signs to remind drivers about how to stay safe. A polite reminder from our pupils to take care when collecting bikes and scooters from the shed. Many are getting knocked over and damaged in the rush.

Littlehampton Library - Construction Club

Calling all master builders! Join in some after school fun at a new weekly Construction Club at Littlehampton Library. Take on a special library building challenge or simply let your creative imagination guide you and see what you can make out of everyone's favourite multicoloured bricks. Construction Club is suitable for children aged from 5+ and all children must be accompanied by an adult. The session is free and there is no need to book. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Construction Club launches on 25th January and will run every Thursday, after school from 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

Starting School 2024

A reminder that the deadline to apply for your child to start in Reception in September 2024 is **Monday 15th January 2024** and parents/carers will be notified of offers made on the 16th April. To apply and for further information please [click here](#).

Summerlea CP School

Calendar of School Events

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

Spring term: Tuesday 2nd January to Thursday 28th March

Half-term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Summer term: Monday 15th April to Tuesday 23rd July

Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

INSET days: Tuesday 2nd January

Wednesday 3rd January

Monday 15th April

Monday 3rd June

Spring Term 2024

The following dates and events are provided to give you an overview for this term. There are likely to be alterations and additions as we go along, and we will notify you of these in the usual way, either by using ParentMail, Class Dojo, by sending home a letter or via our website.

January 2024		
Tuesday	02	INSET DAY
Wednesday	03	INSET DAY
Thursday	04	Start of Term
Thursday	11	Year 2 Fire Service Visit
Tuesday	23	EYFS Little City
February 2024		
Tuesday	06	Safer Internet Day
Mon - Fri	12 - 16	HALF TERM
Mon - Fri	19 - 23	Year 6 Bikeability
March 2024		
Thursday	07	Class Photographs

Friday	08	World Book Day
Mon & Tues	18, 19	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
Thursday	21	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
Thursday	28	End of Term
Fri 29 March – Fri 12 April – EASTER HOLIDAY		
April 2024		
Monday	15	INSET DAY
Tuesday	16	Start of Summer Term



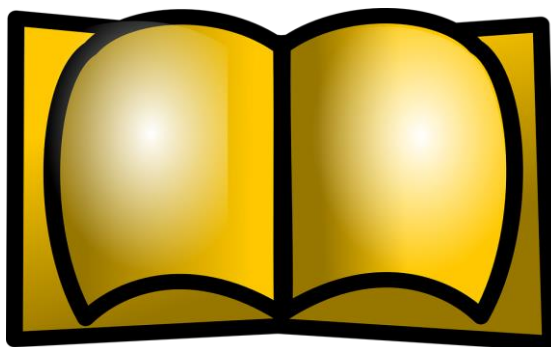
Summerlea Superstars

Weeks Ending: 8th December and 12th January

Values Awards

Maple	N/A	N/A	Maple	Courtney C	Ethan C
Willow	N/A	N/A	Willow	Oscar R	Olivia-Rose T
Holly	Sonny L	Taylor B	Holly	Mason C	Polly D
Oak	Izzy P	Arthur R	Oak	Oscar C	Ruby S
Hawthorn	Thomas W	Benjamin O	Hawthorn	Olivia H	Beth P
Cedar	Theo T	Logan B	Cedar	Aatheesh S	George P
Redwood	Eiyla-Mae T	Theodore L	Redwood	Lacey A	Hope B
Chestnut	Samuel H	Thea S	Chestnut	Megan H	Callum G
Elm	River M	Teo D	Elm	Jake H	Dotty D
Beech	Evan S	Elicia B	Beech	Oscar B	Nico L
Juniper	Oscar S	Poppy B	Juniper	Spencer N	Abigail H
Sycamore	Saffy P	Thomas H	Sycamore	Ruby T	Jacob W
Rowan	Jenny G	Gracie-May A	Rowan	Noah D	Lilly T-S
Aspen	Jasper T	Ayaan H	Aspen	Corey D	Rhylee Y

The Gold Book



KS1

Aria S

Archie H

KS2

*Olivia R &
Buddy P*

Theo H



LIFE JACKET LIBRARY



**You can now borrow
LIFE JACKETS
from Summerlea School!**

Thanks to The Lucas Dobson Campaign and Specialist Group International, we now have various sizes of children's personal floatation devices available to borrow for up to 2 weeks.

Please speak with a member of the office team if you would like make your reservation!

All life jackets should be returned to Summerlea School at the end of use.



Construction Club

LAUNCHING
JANUARY 25TH 2024

Suitable for children aged 5+ years
FREE weekly drop-in sessions

**Parents and carers are asked to remain
with their child during this activity**



Get Creative. Get Imaginative. Get Building.
Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm



Littlehampton Library
Maltravers Drive, BN17 5NA
01903 716450



Starting JANUARY 2024!

Back for another year the incredible
TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

Free group lessons on orchestral instruments for
children aged 7 - 11

✓ Free for term one

✓ Free Instrument hire

✓ Play in an orchestra



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Saturdays

HORSHAM
Saturdays

WORTHING
Fridays



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SUPPORTING THE WELLBEING OF POLISH PUPILS



Online events

SESSION 1 SCHOOL STAFF

Understanding the cultural context of mental health and emotional wellbeing for Polish pupils. Session will include ideas and recommendations about things we can do to support Polish pupils to talk about their wellbeing and to seek help when needed.. Led by Kasia Racey, Mental Health Outreach and Development Worker for Polish Community, West Sussex Mind. <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/west-sussex-mental-health-and-wellbeing-in-schools-55331366173>

24/1/24
10am-11am
or

30/1/24 2pm-3pm

**BOOKING LINK
FOR SCHOOLS**



SESSION 2 POLISH PARENTS AND CARERS

Session aimed at Polish parents and carers to help them to support their children's mental health and wellbeing and also to understand the services available in West Sussex. . Led by Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor and Kasia Racey (Mental Health Outreach and Development Worker, Polish Community, West Sussex Mind).

Sesja skierowana do polskich rodziców i opiekunów, aby pomóc im wspierać dobre samopoczucie i zdrowie psychiczne ich dzieci, a także zapoznać się z ofertą usług dostępnych w West Sussex. Prowadzona przez Vik Machin (Doradca ds. Dobrego Samopoczucia i Zdrowia Psychicznego w Szkołach i College'ach) i Kasię Racey (Konsultant ds. Społeczności Polskiej w West Sussex Mind).

20/2/24

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/744532325227?aff=oddttdtcreator>

7pm - 8pm

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RODZICÓW**

BOOKING LINK FOR SCHOOLS



Online events

SCHOOL STAFF

Session 1: Understanding the context of mental health for Ukrainian pupils. Including the experience pre and post the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Session will include ideas and recommendations about things we can do in the classroom to be mindful of the Ukrainian experience. Led by Vlada Bondar, mental health outreach and development worker for Ukrainian community, West Sussex Mind.

24/1/24
2pm-3.30pm
or
30/1/24 10am-11.30am

Session 2: Exploring the impact of trauma on pupils from refugee backgrounds. Session will include ideas about things we can do in the classroom to support the experience of refugee pupils, particularly from the Ukrainian community. Led by Dr Leanne Pickering (Educational Psychologist) and Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor).

21/2/24
10am-11.30am

Session 3: Looking at vicarious trauma and how professionals can use the concept of self-compassion to protect their own wellbeing when working with children from refugee backgrounds. Led by Dr Leanne Pickering (Educational Psychologist) and Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor).

28/2/24
10am-11.30am

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/744532325227?aff=oddttdtcreator>

UKRAINIAN PARENTS AND CARERS

Session aimed at Ukrainian parents and carers to help them to support their children's mental health and wellbeing and also to understand the services available in West Sussex. Led by Vik Machin (Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Advisor) and Vlada Bondar (Ukrainian Community Link Worker, West Sussex Mind).

Сесія для українських батьків та опікунів, щоб допомогти їм підтримувати психічне здоров'я та благополуччя своїх дітей, а також зрозуміти, яка психологічна підтримка для дітей доступна в Західному Сассексі й куди звертатися в разі потреби. Під керівництвом Вік Мачін (радник з питань психічного здоров'я та емоційного благополуччя шкіл і коледжів) та Владі Бондар (працівниця з питань ментального здоров'я української громади, West Sussex Mind).

Зареєструватися можна за QR кодом нижче. Якщо в вас виникають проблеми з реєстрацією, напишіть (можна українською) Владі на vlada.bondar@westsussexmind.org

27/2/24
7pm - 8pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/744145147167?aff=oddttdtcreator>

BOOKING LINK FOR PARENTS



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The bees will be
extra hungry when
they come out of
hibernation.



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