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Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

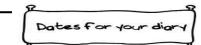


Sue James – Link Governor

Hello, I'm Sue and have been one of the Governors here at Summerlea for the last year. I'm the Link Governor which means I'm responsible for inducting new members of the governing body and making sure everyone has access to any training that we need to develop in order to better the serve the school. My daughter, Poppy, is in Year 1 at Summerlea and absolutely loves it here! We live at home with our two dogs Woody and Indie and two guinea pigs. I work in an independent school in Brighton where I'm the Head of Dance and Year 11 Manager, it's an all-through school so I'm lucky enough to teach form year 1 all the way up to year 13 pupils. I'm really hoping my experience in education will help Summerlea to continue to be an excellent school. Please

make sure you get in touch with us if there's anything you would like us to consider, the email is governors@summerleaschool.co.uk.





<u>W/b: Monday 13 April</u> Wed 15th

EYFS trip to Gaston farm School Pupil Council visit to London **Thur 16th** 6pm English workshops for parents/carers

W/b: Monday 20 April

Mon 20th Year 4 to Marchants Hill **Wed 22nd** Year 5 to Marchants Hill

Please see published school term and holiday dates, as well as separate letters, for more details.

Please note the first two days of term next academic year (Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2015) will be INSET days. School will re-open on Monday 7th September 2015. We thought you would appreciate knowing this now.













Increase in cases of scarlet fever in Kent, Surrey and Sussex

We want to inform you of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England, above seasonal expected levels. In the first six weeks of the year 84 cases were reported in Kent, Surrey and Sussex which is 40% higher than experienced in the same period last year. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever. Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on the skin of some Black and Asian people, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

In schools and nurseries it is recognised that infections can be spread through direct physical contact between children and staff through shared contact with surfaces such as table tops, taps, toys and handles. During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other child care settings.

As per national *Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings*, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be **excluded** from nursery/school/work for **24 hours** after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications. If you think you or your child have scarlet fever see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible.

If you would like more information about scarlet fever, pease visit the NHS Choices website: <u>http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scarlet-</u> <u>fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx</u>

Brian Ball

Date for your diary!

Does your child throw a tantrum in the supermarket? Are mealtimes an ongoing issue? Do you have a battle every bedtime? This taster session may be for you...

'Understanding your child's behaviour' Wednesday 6th May 6-8 pm

Further details and information about how to book a place to follow so

save the date!

Remembering Respect

Hopefully you have spotted the new signs that have been erected around school to remind parents and children that we do not allow bicycles or scooters etc. to be ridden on the school grounds. Could we please ask that people are considerate and careful at drop off and pick up times in other ways too? Some pathways are narrow and can become congested. Please keep your child/ren close by you and ensure they are not running ahead, pushing past people or forcing others off pathways. Thank you for your cooperation.

A reminder from our School Pupil Council Dear Parents and Carers

Our names are Millie and George and we are members of the School Pupil Council. Our role is to make our school a better place to be. We would like to remind you to bring any unwanted board games etc. into the school office this week. We will then collect them and share them out across the school as wet playtime games.

Helen Morris

Thank you for your help and support.



Millie and George (Chair and Vice Chair)

Headteacher:

Executive Headteacher:

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