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NEWSLETTER 17: 1 June 2015

We hope you've all enjoyed a relaxing half-term break. It seems hard to believe that we are already in the last half-term of the academic year!



New Early Years Leader

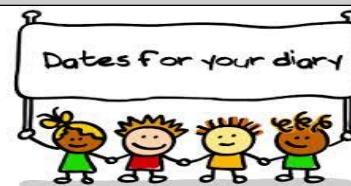
We are delighted to have appointed a new Early Years leader: Miss Hayley Rhoades.

Miss Rhoades is an experienced Early Years leader and currently works at a school in Hampshire, but lives locally. She will be here officially as from September 2015 but will be spending time in school over this half-term. Miss Rhoades will be involved in the transition arrangements from pre-school settings, including attending the welcome meeting for parents of new starters and the transition day itself. She is very excited about joining Summerlea and looks forward to meeting you and your children. A big thank you to Miss Johnston for leading the Early Years on a temporary basis this year and who now wishes to further her knowledge and experience teaching in Key Stage 1 at Summerlea next year.



Reminder

Please ensure your child's clothes and other belongings (such as lunchboxes) are clearly named. Also diabolos, which are currently very popular, are best stored in a bag and also need to be named please.



W/b: Monday 1st June

Year 6 children to France

W/b: Monday 8th June

Wednesday 10th:

Year 5 and 6 'top up' swimming lessons start for some children

Friday 12th:

Big First Aid Day

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

Understanding your Child's behaviour

It was lovely to see so many faces at our recent course held at Summerlea.

We now have copies of the PowerPoint presentation shown on the evening, If you would like a copy please collect one from the front office at school.



Introducing the 100 word challenge!

Have you heard about our new 100 word challenge? Following our most recent INSET day, led by inspirational speaker and education expert Trevor Hawes, we have launched a weekly writing challenge. It's very simple - each week the children are given a prompt for writing (so far these have been interesting images). The children are given opportunities to think, talk and then write about these in class. They can write in any form they like and anything from 1 to 100 words. Each teacher then chooses their favourite and from these Mrs Morris chooses an overall 'winner' from both EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. These are announced in assembly, their writing shared for all to see and hear and will then be published in our newsletters for everyone to read and enjoy. Please see the next pages for the winners from the two weeks prior to half-term. Ask your child about the 100 word challenge and what the prompt for the week is - everyone's a writer and potential winner!



Big First Aid Day

We have registered for the Big First Aid day with St John's Ambulance. Year 5 look at first aid in PSHCE and water safety but it is an important life skill for every one of us. On Friday 12th June at 2pm St John's will be streaming a live first aid lesson to schools around the country. We would really like all of our Key Stage 2 children to participate. You may want to prepare your children in advance and we would suggest looking at the website where you will also find last year's lesson (to give you an idea of what to expect).

We hope everyone enjoys the session...

www.sja.org.uk/sja/young-people/schools/the-big-first-aid-lesson-2015.aspx



Executive Headteacher:

Brian Ball

Amazing Art Projects



Many of you will be aware of two art projects that have been undertaken in our school this year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their hard work and their parents for their ongoing support and encouragement. Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 took part in the Littlehampton museum project and have contributed to a fantastic garden display at our local museum, which is open now for you to witness their creativity for yourselves. Furthermore, some children in Key Stage 2 have been working with local artists on the Creative Waves project throughout this year, as well as creating artwork, which is now proudly displayed along the Worthing Pier for an entire year! They also worked extremely hard on individual projects, working towards a Bronze Arts Award, which all of them passed with flying colours. A big well done and thank you to all involved and please go to see our amazing art work if you get a chance. A huge thank you to Mrs McConnochie for all of her hard work organising our participation in these projects.



Summerlea Stars

This term is the launch of our newest edition of the 'Summerlea Stars' magazine. If you have not read it before, this magazine celebrates what we have been doing in our school and this edition is particularly special in that it will include extended articles on Mr Ball, including memories of his time working at Summerlea school. We are hoping to sell it at our summer fair, so please look out for us, or for more information about how to purchase a copy when it is published. Thank you for your support.

Mr Trahern and Mrs McConnochie

Headteacher:

Helen Morris

100 word challenge

Week beginning 11th May



EYFS/Key Stage 1 winner

"Hello, I am under the sofa. Please get me out! Hurry up and get me out! You know if you don't get me out I won't have any food! If you don't get me out I will be dead! Someone please get me out or I won't have any friends to talk to. Please get me out of here."

"Meow!"

"Is there a cat on top of the sofa? If someone gets me out of here I will give them a gold medal! Please get me out! Someone please get me out of here. I will give you food!"

Written by Gabbie (Year 1 – Ash Class)



Key Stage 2 winner

The stone couch just sat there, unnoticed and untouched. Until one day a little brown cat walked by. It decided to go and lay down on the couch. It leapt up to the seat but as soon as it touched the sofa...it froze and the cat turned to stone!

The next day, a little boy called Johnathan got out of bed, got dressed and walked out the door. When he saw the cat, he cried out.

"MUUUUUM!"

"What is it dear?" replied mum.

Johnathan was lost for words.

"Our cat...he's turned t.t.t.to STONE!"

"What?!" cried mum.

Johnathan whimpered.

Written by Giorgio (Year 5 - Juniper Class)



100 word challenge winners

Week beginning 18th May



EYFS/Key Stage 1 winner

Once a devastated goblin lived in a dark and gloomy house with the top of it bent. He decided to go to a farm he saw some chicks there. He saw sheep. He thought, "they're dumb and dull." He put them on the straw roof and painted them all different colours: red, yellow, blue, pink and purple and then put them back. But then he got stuck on the roof. He got so mad he popped straight down it and set for home. He had a wash and played his 3DS. Then after that he had dinner.

Written by Huey (Year 2 – Cedar Class)



One summer's morning, when the birds tweeted, there was a lamb eating the ripe, fresh, emerald grass. It was grazing in the summer breeze, when suddenly a shower of rainbow rain fell. It coloured the sheep a variety of bright colours. The farmer decided to name them appropriately. The farmer named the yellow ones lemons, the red ones cherries and the blue ones blueberries. Whichever section the sheep were in was decided by their new coloured coat and kept the farm colour co-ordinated. The blue sheep crept into the yellow field; the farmer had a never-ending melt down!

Written by Mariah (Year 4 - Elm Class)

Time to read and reflect

We hope you have enjoyed reading these pieces of creative writing. It would be lovely if you could spend some time sharing and discussing them with your child. Below are some suggestions of things you could think and talk about together.

Which is your favourite piece of writing from the four and why?

Who or what do you think was under the sofa in Gabbie's piece?

Why do you think Johnathan whimpered at the end of Giorgio's piece?

What might happen next in Huey's piece once the goblin has had his dinner?

What powerful word choices and descriptive phrases has Mariah used in her piece?