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Wishing every success to our Year 6 children at Secondary School and beyond. We will miss you all! We hope all of our children and their families have a restful and enjoyable summer break.



Year 6 Production

The Year 6 production is always a highlight of the summer term and this year's was no exception. The children put on the most incredible performance of 'Oliver!' based on the novel 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens; a tale of a young boy and his search to find a place to belong. The energy, talent and professionalism demonstrated by the children (whom it is easy to forget are only 10 and 11 years old!) was simply mind-blowing! Each of the three nights was a sell out and the shows just kept getting better and better as the children grew in confidence and experience. Thank you to everyone involved in the build up to the production as well as on the nights themselves (staff, parents and volunteers) and a special thank you to the Year 6 Team. We are delighted to have raised £1030 in donations and from the sale of programmes; a new record for Summerlea and reflective of just what a stunning show it was! All proceeds will go towards next year's production – thank you everyone for your amazing support and huge congratulations to all of the children.



Week beginning 24th July

Tues 25th: 2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
3pm School closes and term ends

School is closed from 25th July – 1st September for the summer holidays

Week beginning 4th September:

Mon 4th: INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Tue 5th: School re-opens
Thurs 7th: Y5 WW2 Kick start (more details to follow)



Key dates and events for the autumn term will be published at the start of next academic year. Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.



Please complete our school surveys!

A reminder to please complete the two parent surveys via our website. Please visit: www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk
Our School > School Improvement > Surveys
We really value your feedback. Thank you!



Fabulous FOSS

Monies from the FOSS summer fair have now been counted and we are thrilled that an amazing £2358.36 was raised! This is a fantastic amount and we are so grateful to the FOSS team for organising such a successful fundraising event for the school community. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the fair. In addition, the FOSS summer discos raised £566.66 (another record!) – a special thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers that gave up their Friday evening to help. FOSS also made £311.12 on the bar at the Year 6 production this year. With over £3,000 in the FOSS 'piggy bank' we can now go ahead with starting to develop our grounds, which will make such a difference to our outdoor learning provision. A big thank you to FOSS for their endless enthusiasm and drive for raising funds for the school to allow us to buy those extra special things that make our school the wonderful and unique place it is. We look forward to future fundraising events next year and to welcoming more members to FOSS as new families join us in September.



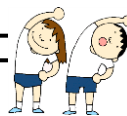
New start of the day arrangements

From September, we are going to trial a new start of the day routine. Teachers will be in their classrooms, ready to receive children, at 8.20am each morning. Classrooms doors will be opened and children will be able to come straight into their classrooms when they arrive at school and undertake an early morning activity. Doors will remain open until 8.30am when they will then close and registers will be taken. This is often referred to as a 'rolling start' and is a system used by many schools in order to improve punctuality, as well as to allow teachers to 'touch base' with individual children as they arrive. In addition, we hope it will help improve communication with parents as our doors will literally be open every morning and teachers will be there. It will also mean the school day can start more promptly and therefore learning time will be maximised. Due to these new arrangements, children will not need to line up on the playgrounds and teachers will not be outside on duty, although members of the senior leadership team will still be on the gates in the morning. If your child arrives late (after 8.30am once the doors have closed) they will need to enter school via the main entrance and be signed in. We would like to suggest that if you bring Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1/EYFS children to school that you drop your eldest child/ren off first and then make your way round to the lower year groups. Please understand that our Learning Support Assistants will not be available until 8.30am. We will welcome your feedback about this new arrangement which will be reviewed at the end of the autumn term. Thank you for your support.

Important reminder for Year 2 parents

Do you want your child to have hot meals from Chartwells when they are in Year 3? Key Stage 2 children are not entitled to Universal Free Schools Meals and so you will need to book online two weeks in advance. Please visit:

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk>



Spare PE Kit

We desperately need more spare PE Kit for our Key Stage 2 children. If your child is in Year 6 and their PE kit is in a reasonable condition, please consider donating it to our school. Simply drop it into the school office ensuring all name labels have been removed and it is in a bag clearly marked as spare kit. Thank you for your help.

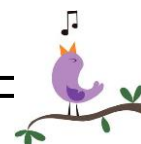


New play equipment

You will probably have seen that work has now started at the front of the school and that, following the addition of two new classrooms last year, our new play equipment is finally being installed. In addition, a new bike store and scooter stands are being put in. We thank you (and the children!) for their patience and look forward to seeing the finished results in September.

Songbirds

Songbirds (an interactive music group for younger siblings of Summerlea pupils) has raised £194 for FOSS this academic year. Thank you to Helen Ashton (parent) whom runs this group twice a week in the school library. For more information please contact Helen on 07879 827180.



Lost Property

Once again, we have accumulated a huge amount of lost property this term. If your child is missing an item of clothing (or something else!) please do come and have a look through our lost property stores. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term.



Violin lessons

Mrs Will, our violin teacher, has spaces for new Year 2 to 6 pupils in September 2017. Further information and details can be found using this link:
<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=application-for-music-lessons>



An end of year report from Bev Crowter, Chair of Governors

Dear Pupils, Parents and Staff,

Who can believe that it's very nearly time to ditch the school uniform for shorts, t-shirts and sandals? What a busy and exciting year has passed again at Summerlea, with many achievements to reflect on and celebrate.

Our 'Forest School' initiative has begun to expand, being led by Mrs Karla Strong, one of our Assistant Headteachers and as a result we received notification that Green Trees Schools, run by the Woodland Trust, has awarded Summerlea a Bronze Award. It has been so popular with pupils and parents that there are plans to expand training to more volunteers, so if you like the outdoor life the Forest School might be for you!

Summerlea continues to be an outward looking school by considering the needs of others in our community. This is shown clearly by the events held during the past year including collecting Harvest food for our local foodbank, carol services and holding a 'Roald Dahl' day raising money for a children's charity. We would like to thank the pupils, parents and staff that support all these school events, as none of them could happen otherwise. The School Pupil Council, ably led by Kian, Ethan and Iestyn, has met with the Governors on several occasions, and been able to explain fully what projects they have planned and carried out. With the kind support of Miss Camble, they arranged a fantastically successful Fundraising Fiesta Event, raising well over £1,000 for charity. FOSS (Friends of Summerlea School) has been incredibly supportive in providing new blackout blinds and curtains for the school hall; they continue to work hard to provide those 'extras' that the school, on its own, cannot provide. Thank you also to Mrs Maxted, the School Business Manager, for overseeing the school budget so that even in these times of austerity we can still function and remain on the right side of the 'bank balance'.

Having previously held the title of Primary School of the Year for sports achievements, Summerlea has also been victorious in many of the Locality Area Sports Partnership events, promoting great participation and active lifestyles. Thanks to Mr Cox and Miss Chaplin our PE leaders for giving our children the chance to show what great sports people Summerlea pupils are. Once again, Mr Fauvel has led the school in putting on a grand performance of the musical 'Oliver'. The pupils had a real chance to show just what great performers they can be, inspired and full of confidence. The pupils in Year 6 have shown what excellent all-rounders they really are and the school vision, which supports pupils to leave Summerlea with a bank of life-skills and fond memories of their primary years, will be proof that being confident, caring and creative are attributes that will carry them through the rest of their school days and beyond. The Governors wish all those pupils and staff moving on, the best of luck for the future at their new schools.

The Governors recognise and value the hard work of all the Teaching Staff and Learning Support Assistants here at Summerlea. Governors continue to work closely with Mrs Morris and the Senior Leadership Team and without their extra time and commitment, including attending Governor meetings each month, we would not be able to support them in further improving our school. Luckily, we have been able to recruit Governors with excellent skills and we continue to develop strong and positive relationships with the whole school community.

Of course, without the people who keep the school running 'behind the scenes' as it were, we could not provide the children at Summerlea with a clean and well-cared for school. That includes Mr Strong and the premises team, the midday meal supervisors, the IT technician, librarian and all the office staff who are so efficient, organised and above all, welcoming to everyone.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who volunteer so regularly in school to support the children's learning, whether it be attending school trips or visits or hearing pupils read. The whole Summerlea community continues to thrive and be an oversubscribed school, which is testament to the hard work of staff, pupils and parents alike.

Thank you all so much and Happy Holidays.



Bev Crowter (Chair) on behalf of the Governors of Summerlea School



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Q U A L I T Y A N D S E R V I C E

Dear Parents and Carers

With the end of the year approaching, I just wanted to take this opportunity to both reassure and remind you of the ways that you can order and the dates of the forthcoming sales which will be held during the school holidays.

I will be in the school hall between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th August

Tuesday 22nd August

I will have a large stock of all items and of course, should I sell out on the day, your goods will be delivered at a time and place convenient to you.

You can also telephone or text your order through, or place it on the internet. Payment is by cash or cheque. If you do use the internet, it is possible to pay via PayPal if you have your blockers turned off. If you are unable to see the PayPal button, please just place your order and I will telephone you to arrange delivery and collection of payment.

I am just completing the ninth school year of trading and would like to thank the school and parents alike for all the positive comments and feedback given directly to me. I believe that you have found the service reliable, helpful, easy to use and I will endeavour to continue to maintain this high standard for you. Despite more increases to me from my suppliers, please be assured that I have no intention of raising prices for the foreseeable future and they remain the same as they were in 2012. I will continue to use the same high quality and value for money uniform that you have become used to me providing.

Yours sincerely

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