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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



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Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Our Valentine's themed FOSS non-uniform day raised £273.50 Thank you for your donations and support.



Fast fashion has become more prevalent with people buying more and more new clothes and only wearing for a short time, due to the fashion changing so frequently, means we are all buying more than we need and a lot of it ends up in landfill! 1 rubbish truck per second of clothes go to landfill!

Textile production is one of the most polluting industries producing 1.7 billion tonnes of Co2 per year which is more emissions than international flights and maritime shipping! It has been stated that approximately 5% of total global emissions are from the fashion industry.

What can you do?

Repair and reuse what you already have, swap clothes with friends/family, buy second hand from eBay, market place, depop and charity shops, swap events, car boot sales, and if you buy new clothes look for good quality organic cotton or other natural materials that will last longer and are sustainable and ethically sourced.

The emissions from polyester and synthetic materials have higher emissions as they are produced from fossil fuels such as crude oil. Estimate 1 single polyester t shirt has emissions of 5:5kg Co2 compared with 2.1kg for 1 made from cotton.

Thank you to Ellen Webb for these great tips





Week beginning 24th February 2020

Dragons' Den week

Mon 24th: Year 3 swimming

Wed 26th: Rainbow Theatre visiting Year 2

Fri 28th: 3pm Summerlea Market

Week beginning 2nd March 2020

Mon 2nd: Year 3 swimming

Wed 4th: 6.30pm Spring Spectacular at the Windmill

Theatre

Thurs 5th: World Book Day – come dressed as a book character

5.45pm FOSS Bingo night!

Please see the attached calendar of key dates and events for the spring term. Please also see our website calendar, as well as separate letters, for more information.

French phrase of the fortnight

This week our phrase of the fortnight is:























First News

We have recently subscribed to First News.

First News is a weekly newspaper (paper and online) aimed at children, to get them talking about the news in an easy to understand and non-threatening way. First News covers issues which are relevant to children and which specifically affect them. Inside each edition there's a mix of world news and UK news, but also loads of fun stuff, such as entertainment, games, animals, sport and puzzles.

This has been funded through monies raised via School Angel and so thank you to anyone who has done their online shopping through this site. We couldn't have done this without your help and support!



Safeguarding at Summerlea

Some of our staff have attended training around County Lines with Tony Saggers, former Head of Drugs Threat and Intelligence. Tony was able to share a great insight into how young people can be easily drawn into organised crime and the 'culture' of gangs.

He shared how young people can so easily be influenced by the messages that some music and music videos send. We would advise finding out about and monitoring the types of music your children are enjoying and listening to. Many of the lyrics contain slang terms which you may not understand. If you come across these it is worth looking them up

on www.urbandictionary.com

The following information has come from thurrock.gov.uk

Drill music

Drill music first came from Brixton, South London in 2012 and has since become a lot more popular with older and younger people. UK drill music is heavily related to road rap, a British style of gangster rap that became popular before drill.

Artists often rap about their violent and criminal lifestyle. Most drill music uses violent language and slang to deliver a message. Those who make drill music are mostly affiliated with gangs and use their music to send messages to rival gangs.

UK drill groups rely on internet platforms such as YouTube to share their music and gain thousands, if not millions of views.

In some cases, drill music can be a way of grooming young people into believing that it's a good lifestyle to have. The music videos often show expensive cars and clothes, making young people believe that joining a gang gives them these luxuries when it's not the case.

New Appointments

We are very pleased to have appointed two new members of staff.

Mrs Amy Callaway has started with us today and has been appointed as a non-class-based teacher, on a part-time basis, as part of our Pupil Premium strategy. Mrs Callaway will be working across the school with lots of different children and is very excited about getting to know everyone and working with us to help improve outcomes.

We have also appointed Mrs Lorna Holford as a new Individual Needs Assistant. Mrs Holford will be supporting children with special and additional needs across the school and we look forward to welcoming her to our team.

INSET days 2020-2021

We are in the process of looking at and deciding when our 5 INSET days for next academic year will be and will notify parents of this as early as possible. We thought parents would appreciate knowing now that the first day of term is Thursday 3rd September and that this will <u>not</u> be an INSET day and so children will return to school for two days that week.

A Few Reminders

- All children are expected to be in full school uniform every day, unless otherwise notified.
- Please ensure your child has a coat in school every day.
- If your child has suffered from diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms then it is important that they do not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.





Act of kindness

A huge thank you and well done to Rory in EYFS for saving his pennies in a special jar and donating them to FOSS. Rory had saved a grand total of £2.47 and was commended in whole school assembly for this kind gesture.

More about Safeguarding at Summerlea

Here at Summerlea safeguarding is of paramount importance. All staff acknowledge their responsibility, as a member of staff, to ensure safeguarding principles, policies and procedures are adhered to. We have a strong ethos of looking after each other and making sure our school's children are happy, healthy and content, both at home and school. We strongly believe this will enable all children to meet their full potential in a caring and safe environment. The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) work with children, parents and outside agencies. Our school has an open-door policy and would advise any parent/carer with any concerns to approach us in school. Similarly, we always encourage our children to be confident enough to speak to members of staff they feel comfortable with.

The DSL at Summerlea is Mrs Strong (Deputy Headteacher) and we have two deputy DSLs, Mrs Morris (Headteacher) and Mrs Viney (Pupil Premium Leader & Family Support).

Sometimes, in our role, this means having sensitive discussions with families. As a school, we are no afraid to have difficult conversations with parents, managed in a sensitive way, as long as it means the children are safe and happy.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Meet one of our Parent Governors

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My name is Sara Hughes and I am one of the Parent Governors here at Summerlea School. Some of you may already know me or may have seen me in and around the playground with my daughter who is currently in Y1. I also have a son who is very excited to be starting his Summerlea journey when he joins Reception in September. Being a local resident, as well as a mother, Summerlea is an extremely important school to me as it is not only the school that will teach, support and grow my own children, but also many of the children in my local community. Therefore, I was very pleased to be able to volunteer my time as a governor to help ensure that Summerlea is the best school it can be.

In a professional capacity, I work for the Local Authority within Safeguarding in Education. This involves a vast amount of close working with all West Sussex Schools to ensure that Safeguarding Practices are as robust and effective as possible. I also work with many young people and their families to ensure that education is in place, and that safeguarding and relevant legislation is adhered to where children are involved in employment and performance. I choose to work in this particular field because the welfare of children is of utmost importance to me. I feel very strongly that every child deserves the best start in life. I hope that my experience in this sector, and my desire to ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential, will be a real benefit to the Governing Body and to the pupils, parents and staff of Summerlea School.

I am a member of the Community Links Team within the Governing Body, which is something I am really delighted to have been allocated to. Improving communication and links to parents and the wider community is one of the specific areas of focus which we are keen to grow and address. Being a parent, and so in and around the school at drop off, events, workshops etc, I hope that many of you will get to know who I am and will feel able to approach me with any questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions, etc. I may not always be the "right person" to answer all queries, but I should always be in a position to direct you if not. And I am always keen to hear from anyone who has any positive ideas or suggestions. As a part of this initiative, I have very recently created a Facebook Page for the Governing Body. It is very much a work in progress at the moment but I hope it may help to ensure that we are more visible and that some of the work we do is able to be more easily communicated. I welcome any suggestions as to anything you would like to see on this page. It can be found by searching "Summerlea Community Primary School Governing Body". Please feel free to Like, Share and Follow!





CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

If you have arrived back from China or specified countries within the last 14 days, follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of countries and find out more at **gov.uk/coronavirus**



Thursday 5th March

17:45 eyes down @ 18:00

£3 per player

To include your 1st game & nibbles

Puchase your tickets from the school field (Laurel Room if raining!) or School Office

FREE

FOSS Kids Club

**Summerlea children only **

Including a film, popcorn and a drink



Congratulations!

Summerlea Community Primary School Are Fantastic Flu Fighters!

The national target for 2019/2020 uptake of the flu nasal spray at school in West Sussex was 65%.

Your school achieved 78%





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Fourth Wednesday of every month 3.30pm - 5.30pm

For all pre-school, reception to year 6 children, parents / carers





Crafts Drama Stories Singing Tea
Sessions are fun, friendly & give you time to:
Relax Meet people
Enjoy quality time with your child

Join Becca & the FSW team at:

Church Hall, St Peter & St Paul, 77 The Street, Rustington, BN16 3NL





Our next sessions are on Wednesday:

22nd January 19th February 25th March

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