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'Growing thoughtful learners and independent thinkers'



Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have left January behind us. The mornings and evenings are slowly getting lighter and daffodils in our school grounds are a sign of both spring and hope at this difficult time.

Class Dojo

Last week on Class Dojo 327 messages were sent and 4,251 stories shared! We are so proud of the engagement with this communication platform which is helping our school community stay connected and allowing us to share what's being learned at home and school through photos, videos and messages. As per our new Class Dojo user policy, we politely ask that work is uploaded to children's portfolios between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday wherever possible and that 'quiet hours' are respected.

Bubbles

After half term, I am hoping to be able to open up a fourteenth bubble as staff who have been absent return to work. Parents with children who are next on our waiting list will be contacted by telephone next week. Following this, we will be pleased to have been able to offer all parents working within the health and social care sectors as well as education and child care places. A reminder, as per government guidance, that if you are able to keep your child safe at home you should and that if you are a critical worker you should only send your child to school if you have to. Despite being able to offer out some more places, we will still be left with a long waiting list so if your circumstances have changed and you no longer require a place please do let us know by emailing office@summerleaschool.co.uk

I am also taking this opportunity to 'streamline' our current bubble organisation with the aim of reducing the number of children from different years groups in the same bubble. Where possible, I have looked at keeping children in their year group and with a teacher from their year group too. This will be better for the children and help with the delivery of our curriculum in school. There will still be several mixed year group bubbles but most will only have two year groups in, as opposed to three or four as we have now. Bubble lists will be displayed in classroom windows on the first day back (Tuesday 23rd February). Please follow the one-way system as usual and please do not request that your child changes groups as this will not be possible.

This term we have unfortunately had to close some bubbles, either due to a case of coronavirus or due to lack of staffing. Closing a bubble is always a last resort and not a decision taken



lightly. I will always aim to keep bubbles open whenever I can, but in some instances this may not always be possible if suitable cover arrangements cannot be put in place. This may particularly be the case if absence is unforeseen and at short notice. I can only apologise for the inconvenience this causes to critical worker parents and thank you for understanding this is unavoidable and beyond my control.

Next week Holly Bubble should be re-opening on Monday and Willow on Tuesday. If, for any reason, either of the bubbles have to remain closed I will let you know. As always, please check Class Dojo and ParentMail regularly for any updates.

Curriculum for reconnection

After half term, given the uncertainty about when schools will fully re-open again, we are going to organise and structure our curriculum a bit differently. Each week there will be a different focus and this will be the same for all children, whether they are in school or learning from home. Further information will follow but please see the overview below to see what we have planned.

Week beginning	Focus
22 nd February (4 days due to INSET)	Dragons' Den Week
1 st March	World Book Week
8 th March	Well-being Week
15 th March	Arts Week
22 nd March	Science Week
29 th March (4 days due to Good Friday)	RE and Celebration of Learning Week

Phone calls home

By the end of next week, you should have had a phone call home – either made by your child's class teacher or another member of the team in their absence. If you have not had a phone call please let us know by emailing office@summerleaschool.co.uk with the best number to contact you on.

Parent consultation meetings

Although parent consultation meetings with teachers would usually take place next half term, these will now take place in the first half of the summer term. Further information will follow and I anticipate these will have to be virtual rather than face to face.

Website resources

Under the Learning Zone tab on our website and in the Remote Education section there are resources about wellbeing and in relation to special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Under the SEND tab we have added electronic copies of Inclusion Packs for years 1 to 6. These include resources that should help support your child with remote education activities at home. We hope you find these useful.

Virtual assembly

This week's celebration assembly is led by Miss Walker (Year 2 teacher and PE leader). All of our virtual assemblies can be accessed by going to: Learning Zone > Remote Education > Virtual Assemblies and following the links.

Safer internet day

Next Tuesday 9th February is safer internet day and this year's theme is 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'. Please see the attached flyers which include links to a video and challenge that we hope the children will enjoy, as well as webinars for parents. In addition, there are links to two virtual assemblies on our website about this (one for EYFS & Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2).

I will take this opportunity to wish all of our children and families a safe and happy half term when it arrives and to thank everyone for their ongoing support.

I will write again after half term if there is not a need to do so before.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

Mrs Helen Morris
Headteacher

Tuesday 9th February
Safer Internet Day

Today, across the UK, it is Safer Internet Day! Safer Internet Day is all about learning to be safe and confident when we are online. This could be when we are searching on Google, messaging friends or playing online games.

Let's start things off with a video! Follow the link below to a video about Safer Internet Day 2021:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-educator/safer-internet-day-2021-films>



Your challenge:

Today, we have a new world for you to explore . . . a world called Interland!

In Interland, it is your mission to become fearless explorers of the online world, by defeating hackers, sinking phishers, reporting cyberbullies and out-smarting overshareers.

There are four islands to complete. We recommend visiting the islands in this order:

1. **Kind Kingdom**, where you learn how to spread kindness and report bullies
2. **Tower of Treasure**, where you learn how to create the strongest passwords
3. **Mindful Mountain**, where we think before we share
4. **Reality River**, where we tackle a series of real scenarios

Click the link below to get started, good luck, and watch out for these guys!



https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

Safer Internet Day – 9th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every year at Summerlea, in recognition of Safer Internet Day, the children take part in activities to encourage discussion around how to stay safe online.

Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK with the theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

What will the children be doing?

Within this week's remote education, teachers will be directing children to a Google platform called Interland, where children will be able to learn about staying safe online, playing colourful games in four different 'lands'. Here is a link to this platform, in case you should wish to see what Interland involves in advance.
https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland



What can parents and carers do to support their children?



To support this campaign, Staying Safe Online are offering a **FREE Webinar**, to support parents and carers.

"This event is composed of a 90 minute webinar with a break between. The online webinars are aimed at parents/carers and explore some of the key factors to be aware of regarding the online space and exploitation."

It will better equip you to engage and support young people and identify harmful online behaviour, including online radicalisation, fakes news & conspiracy theories that could mean a young person may be vulnerable to exploitation."

Free spaces are booking fast for this event, but there are currently spaces on Fri, 12 February 2021, 10:00 – 11:30. Follow the link below to book your place!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staying-safe-online-an-internet-we-trust-exploring-reliability-online-tickets-130674903153>

For more information and resources about Safer Internet Day 2021, follow the link below.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>



At Summerlea, we take online safety very seriously, and we practice and discuss internet safety with the children all year round. However, Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to explore this in greater depth, and we hope you will join us in supporting the children to become confident explorers on the online world.

Thanks for your continued support,



It came, it happened, it went. It's coming back again.

Online Holiday Club for children aged 7-11

Go online for more details and book at www.allsaintswick.org.uk/holidayclub

Some comments from the Christmas Holiday Club:

"Thank you for a great morning, we loved it!"

"Thank you for putting this together."

"Thank you so much for the lovely morning - my kids were so happy and busy."

"Thank you so much for another great morning"

"Thank you for the video - the children really enjoyed it"

"She thought it was brilliant. Thank you to all the team that provided it"

Yes! Online Holiday Club is coming back – just two months after the first one in December.

Why so soon? Well, perhaps these comments from families will answer that. How can we not put on another Online Holiday Club when we get that feedback?

Book the dates online and invite friends to join

9.00a.m. on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th and 3.00p.m. Sunday 21st February