

WELCOME BACK!

Art Exhibition & Classroom Visits

On Monday 28th February, the Epworth Art Exhibition will be coming to Summerseat. If you remember, earlier in the autumn term, all the children across all our Epworth family of schools created artwork on the theme, 'Do all you can'. We invite you to join us in the school hall from 3:20pm to see the artwork that has been created across the Trust, including some of the work from pupils at Summerseat.

We would also like to offer you the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see the work the children have been completing in their books. As we have not had a face-to-face parent meeting this year, we thought this would be a good opportunity for your child to share all their learning with you so far this year across the subjects.

Classrooms and the hall will be open from 3:20pm—5:00pm and we hope you can join us.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. We are inviting all children to come to school in PJs with their favourite teddy / soft toy ready for a day filled with story times. During the day, the staff will all be sharing their favourite book and completing a related task with all the children in school on rotation. This year is the 25th World Book Day and the theme is, 'You are a Reader' and I am sure the children will have a great day sharing favourite books both at home and school.. Please can I ask all parents to sign the reading diary to record the reading taking place at home each week.

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Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Class One	Shine Award: Laura
Class Two	Value Award: Rory
Class Three	Shine Award: Lucy Values Award: Basil
Class Four	Shine Award: Amber Values Award: Ruby

Dates for your Diary—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

Mon 28th Feb	Epworth Art Exhibition and Book Look
Wk Beg: 28th Feb	World Book Week / World Book Day Thurs 3rd March—PJ and teddy day
Thurs 3rd March	Class 4 Emergency First Aid Training
Weds 2nd Mar	Friends Pancakes—Class 1 & 2 8am—Details to follow)
Thurs 3rd Mar	Friends Pancakes—Class 3 & 4 8am
Thurs 17th Mar	Friends—Wear green for St Patrick's day
Fri 18th Mar	Red Nose Day—wear red and bring a £1 donation
Tues 22nd Mar	Class Photos

Sean Gaffney Visit & Sponsored Event

I know that all the children really enjoyed meeting Sean Gaffney and taking part in the sponsored sports event. I am so pleased to say that a whopping £1422.20 was raised that will go to the charity as well as the school receiving a voucher for sports equipment to further enhance sports in school. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this charity and 'Doing all you can!'

Shine Assembly

Shine assembly has been closed to parents since the end of November. We are fortunately, able to start to hold events and assembly with parents again but due to Class 3 swimming we will start this again after the Easter break.

Attendance

Every Day Counts!

Please see below your child's year group attendance and how this compares with expectations:

Attendance	Grade Indicator
Above 96.1%	High
96% - 95.1%	Above Average
95% - 94%	Average
Below 94%	Low

This week's results:

Class 1	100%
Class 2	90.4%
Class 3	88.5%
Class 4	89.0%

Our attendance trophy this week goes to ...

Class 1

Covid Update

Over the half term holiday, there has been some revisions to Covid guidance. On Monday 21st February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response 'Living with COVID-19'. The changes in advise are as follows:

- From Monday 21 February, the Government is removing the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. This is the case in mainstream primary settings such as ours.
- From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days as is current practice. We expect our families to continue to follow that advice and have children stay at home and only return to school following two consecutive negative tests or after day 10.
- Fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 will no longer be asked to test daily for 7 days, and the removal of the the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate if they are a close contact.
- End self-isolation support payments.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual.
- End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.

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Online Safety and Acceptable Usage

Agreements

Tonight, you will receive the acceptable usage agreement for pupils for ICT in school. This is something we send home annually and work on between home and school. Please can you share this with you child and we ask that a parent and the child sign it as an agreement to our online safety rules in school. Please return this to school as soon as possible. A paper copy should come home in bags but we have also attached it electronically with the newsletter this week.

The 'What parents need to know about...' guide from National Online Safety this week is about the App Wink.

Easter Service

On Friday 1st April, we will hold an Easter Service at Rowlands Church and invite all our families to attend. This will be held at 1:30pm and children will be sharing messages, songs, dances and prayers ahead of the Easter break. We do hope you will be able to join us!

School then closes at 2:30pm for all children and Out of Hours Club will be available but finish at **4.30pm** (not 5.30pm on this day only).

Millie's Trust Sessions Class 4

On Thursday 3rd March, Class 4 will be taking part in First Aid sessions with Millie's Trust.

During the training, the children will be taught a variety of topics including;

1. How to make a 999 call & contents of a first aid kit
2. Recovery Position (Unconscious Casualty)
3. CPR & AED use
4. Choking Treatment

These are really vital skills which support our pupils towards the outcomes set out in the Health Education Framework and will help children in later life. Year 5 will complete their training in the morning and year 6 in the afternoon.

These sessions have very kindly been provided free of charge. Ben Peck, who has worked with us in the Epworth family of schools suffered a bereavement of a close family member last year. The gentleman who passed away was a paramedic and trained other paramedics. At the funeral the family chose to raise funds for children's first aid training through a charity called Millies Trust. We are privileged that the children in the Epworth Trust were chosen to receive this training. Thank you

Developing SEND in Bury

With the newsletter tonight, you will receive a flyer from Bury's Inclusion Service and the Educational Psychologist service to invite parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities to help develop Bury's approach to SEND for the future.