

Value: Community

As you will know, each half term we focus on a particular value. This term, our value is **community**. I have been explaining to the children how pleased everyone is to have our school community back together and in a more typical way this half term. We have been learning how to ensure our community is a happy and safe one by going over school rules and routines. We have also talked about the importance of rules for happy communities and that all communities have rules including: British law, The Christian Community through The Ten Commandments, Methodist rules for living given by John Wesley and Football rules. As we explore this value, we will think about our Epworth community and take part in an exciting art project with other schools in our Epworth family. We will also think about wider community and our responsibility as a global citizen. I know that the children are enjoying thinking about the communities they belong to and how they can, **'Do all the good they can'** within their community. Our author of the month for September is linked to this value and is Tom Percival with a focus on his book, 'The Invisible'.

Feel good Friday

Today is the start of our Feel Good Friday sessions where all children will spend time between 1pm—3pm taking part in a range of activities focused on positive physical and mental health. During the year, all children will have an opportunity to take part in: Forest school, Relax Kids, Music, Dance, sports and also some smaller group activities. For the first half of the autumn term, class 1, 2 and year 6 will be taking part in dance and sports, class 3 Forest School and year 5 Relax Kids and music.

Newsletter

Friday 10th September

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Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Class One	Values Award—Laura M
Class Two	Shine Award — Griff R
Class Three	Shine Award — McKinley B Values Award—Basil S
Class Four	Shine Award — Will B Values Award— Lily L

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

Mon 13th Sept	Clubs to start this week
Weds 15th Sept	Meet the Teacher—6pm
Weds 29th Sept	Optional Parent Meetings
Fri 1st Oct	Harvest Celebration Assembly
Fri 11th Oct	Individual Photographs
Fri 22nd Oct	School closes for half term

Absence

At the start of the new school year, I would like to remind all our parents about our absence reporting procedure. If your child is unwell or has a medical appointment and is unable to attend school, please can you either telephone or email the school office as Mr Rolle manages our daily attendance registers. I know that several parents are letting teaching staff know in person or via email and in the business at the start of a school day, when staff are focusing on settling children, these can get missed. If your child is absent, this will be followed up by 10am so please do contact us. Phone: 01706 823427
Email: summerseatmethodist@bury.gov.uk

Website

We want you to be able to see all the wonderful things your children do in their classes. Please remember to check our website for a glimpse of school life and learning and keep your eye on the class pages for regular updates. You can see Class 4's new pets on their class page and pictures of the Reception classroom.

Reminder: Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 15th September, we will be hosting our 'Meet the Teacher' evening at 6pm—7pm. It is an opportunity to meet the teacher, see your child's classroom and look at topics, learning and arrangements for the year. We do hope you will be able to join us for this in-person event. If you are attending, in order to keep everyone safe, please can we ask that you complete a lateral flow Covid test ahead of joining us. Please come in via the infant entrance where you will be directed from there.

Sept - key changes

- No need for bubbles or reduced mixing in groups in any education and childcare settings.

Bubbles and social distancing



- No longer recommended in any education and childcare settings.
- *Still recommended on dedicated school or college transport.*

Face coverings



- Schools, colleges and early years are not asked to undertake routine contact tracing.
- HE providers may still be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to help with identifying close contacts where appropriate.
- Contact tracing by NHS Test and Trace will be limited to close contacts.

Contact tracing



- Fully vaccinated adults and under 18s (and 6 months) – regardless of vaccine status – will not need to self-isolate

Self Isolation



- Guidance on appropriate cleaning and hygiene regimes remain important in all settings for reducing the spread of Covid-19 as well as other illnesses which may be particularly present this winter.

Cleaning/Hygiene



- Students at secondary schools and FE colleges to take 2 on-site tests on return in autumn, before moving to twice-weekly home testing until the end of Sept.
- Staff across all education settings asked to test twice-weekly at home until the end of September when this will be reviewed.
- HE students encouraged to test before travel and on arrival to university.

Testing



Measures in place

- Guidance on importance of and ways to achieve good ventilation.

Ventilation



- 16- and 17-year-olds can get the vaccine.
- 12–15-year-olds with underlying health conditions or who are household contacts of the immunosuppressed.
- Pop up vaccination sites in some HE and FE settings

Vaccination

