

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back and a slightly belated...



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We were delighted to welcome all the children back to school this week and are looking forward to the challenges and new opportunities Spring term will bring. Please see your child's class page to see what they will be learning this half term. The new knowledge organisers are available to view and will tell you all of the knowledge, skills and vocabulary that the children will be learning across the curriculum. Teacher videos are also on the class page giving a brief overview of the class learning. We also welcome Mrs Coffey who has joined us in Key Stage One and as Out of Hours after school manager. I know she will look forward to getting to know all the children and families in the coming weeks and will be a great addition to our growing team.

Consultations

This week, we have launched two consultations regarding proposed adjustments to the provision at Summerseat. We feel that both will be of great benefit to the school and community. The first is a consultation on the proposal to amalgamate the current Summerseat Nursery (run by the Epworth Education Trust Trustees) into Summerseat Methodist Primary school, so the nursery becomes a maintained nursery rather than a privately owned nursery thus changing the lower age limit for the school from age 4 years to 3 years to be able to offer an early years unit. The second is a consultation on establishing up to a ten-place resource base at Summerseat Methodist Primary Academy, part of Epworth Education Trust. For details of both consultations and how you can have your say, please visit the school website. There is a 'Consultations' tab and both can be found there.

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Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Acorn	Shine: Reception
Oak	Value: Delilah
Beech	Shine: Aoife Value: Jake
Ash	Shine: Lucy Value: Emily

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

[School Calendar](#)

25th Jan	Friends PTA Talent Show
1st Feb	Year 6 SAT Meeting 5pm
2nd Feb	Intra School Basketball
6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
13th Feb	HLN APDR Telephone Meetings
16th Feb	PTA Break the Rules Day
16th Feb	School closes for half term break (3:20pm)
26th Feb	School opens for Spring 2
7th Mar	World Book Day
21st Mar	Oak to Skipton Castle
25th Mar	Parent Evening & APDR Meetings
26th Mar	Intra School Tri Kids Event
26th Mar	Parent Evening
28th Mar	1:15pm Easter Service 2:20pm School closes for Easter Break
15th Apr	School re-opens for Summer term

Healthy Snacks and Lunches

At Summerseat, we encourage our children to make the right food choices early on in order that they develop good attitudes for life. As part of this, we talk about healthy eating in assembly & in class as well as sharing the motto, '**No chocolate, crisps or sweets – save these as a special treat!**' Please can you make sure your child brings in a healthy snack for morning break rather than those in the motto above. Please note however, that 'something chocolaty' can be eaten as part of a packed lunch if it is a 'pudding' following on from the main savoury part of the meal. This could be items with a chocolate covering/ chocolate chips etc. on a cake, home bake, cereal bar or biscuit. It shouldn't include confectionery items such as chocolate bars. Water bottles should be brought into class so the children can stay hydrated throughout the day - plain, unflavoured water in a reusable bottle. We also have water dispensers for the children to access during the day. Thank you.

Attendance	Grade Indicator
Above 98%	Excellent Attendance
94% - 97.9%	Satisfactory
92% - 93.9%	Poor
Below 92%	Low

Attendance

Every Day Counts!

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

Acorn Class	98.5%
Oak Class	93.7%
Beech Class	97.7%
Ash Class	94.1%

This week's winners are: Acorn Class

100% Attendance

A huge well done to our 100% attendance badge winners from the autumn term, shown in the picture below. These were presented in our first Friday Shine award assembly this term. Please do wear these with pride as part of your uniform. These children are in the running to gain the 100% whole school attendance pin badge. However, everyone has a chance to achieve our 100% spring term badge. Keeping working hard to attend every-day you are well enough—as you know, everyday counts!



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Attendance Guidance

Please remember, *From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.*

Further advice is available through the NHS [Is my child too ill for school](#) guidance and the Chief Medical Officer [Chris Whitty's letter on mild illness and school attendance](#) that says a prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending school in the future.

Some of our KS1 100% Autumn Term Winners...



Some of our KS2 100% Autumn Term Winners...



The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.³