

Staffing Update

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Leyland will be joining our school senior leadership team alongside myself and Mrs Oakes. She will hold a teaching and learning responsibility (TLR) with a focus on Key Stage Two. Mrs Oakes will focus on Early Years and Key Stage One. This will further strengthen leadership capacity at our school. I have also been appointed as a hub leader for our Epworth family of schools. This is such a great opportunity to support other schools across the Trust with school improvement and share best practice across our schools. My hub lead role and the TLR will initially be for a fixed term of one year.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Campbell who will be joining us as a member of support staff in Oak class after the February half term. The children have already met him and I know he can't wait to start with us.

Upcoming Friends Events

There are several upcoming Friends PTA events that you can get involved in.

For details of Friends events and to book, please [CLICK HERE](#)

The first event is our Pancake Celebration with Early Years and Year 1 & 2 on 12th and Years 3-6 on 13th Feb.

Info from the website explains: Join us from 8am in the school yard for "Pancake Breakfast". £2 per person which includes unlimited pancakes with toppings. Toppings Available: Chocolate Spread, Jam, Sugar, Lemon, Maple Syrup. If you have any dietary requirements please let me know in the comments. **All pancakes must be purchased in advance and the children will be given tickets to be redeems that morning only.** These cannot be transferred to an other pancake events.

APDR High Level Need Reviews

Our High Level Needs APDR plans will be coming out to parents ahead of the half term break. (All other plans will be reviewed prior to Easter at Parent Evening through extended SEN appointments) Teachers will be in touch to arrange an optional 10 minute telephone call with parents of HLN pupils to take place on Tuesday 13th February. Slots will be between 3:30pm—5:00pm.



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Twitter: https://twitter.com/Summerseat_mps

Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Acorn	Value: Olympia
Oak	Shine: William
Beech	Shine: Louis Value: Joe B
Ash	Shine: Brodie Value: Amelie B

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

[School Calendar](#)

6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
12th Feb	Friends Pancake Celebration KS1
13th Feb	Friends Pancake Celebration KS2
13th Feb	HLN APDR Telephone Meetings
14th Feb	Friends—Cake Sale
15th Feb	Nursery & Reception 'Stay & Play' 9-10am
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 & APDR Meetings

Reminder: Birthday Celebrations

At Summerseat, we love to celebrate birthdays with your child. On their birthday, we offer children the chance to come to school in non-uniform on that day. If possible, we ask that a small donation can be made to support our 'EduKid' charity. This will go in our 'Birthday Bun' collection.

As part of the Epworth Education Trust family of schools, we follow the 'EET Whole School Food Policy' which recognises that food plays an important role in celebrations of cultural, personal, or community milestones such as religious festivals, birthdays or the end of term.

On occasions, parents may bring in food to give to a class as part of their child's celebration, including birthdays. In line with our policy, this food will only be given to the children at home time so the child's parents can make the decision re consumption. Please do not bring cakes which require cutting as we are not always able to do this. Also, we ask that you are mindful of some allergies, as we have children with dairy, gluten and nut allergies.

We will do other things during the day to acknowledge their special day.

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	96.2%
Oak Class	93.1%
Beech Class	94.9%
Ash Class	89.3%

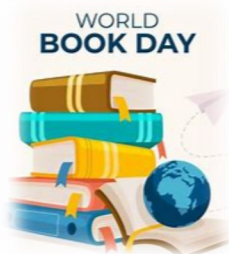
This week's winners are: Acorn Class

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. This is something we always enjoy taking part in as it supports us with one of our favourite things; reading for pleasure!

This year, we will be getting involved in the following ways:

- Inviting grownups into school from 8:45am – 9:15am to come and share a favourite book with their child and other children and create a class reading recommendation poster that we will then circulate. We will have a wide selection of books for you to enjoy.
- Taking part in the Literacy Trust 'Great Big Footie and Bookie Quiz' at 9:30am. The 30-minute quiz will feature two rounds of questions (one football-themed, one reading-themed) pitched by your footballing heroes and also Literacy Trust writer pals.
- Joining the World Book Day live lesson with a range of exciting authors at 11am
- You will of course receive a World Book Day voucher for local shops to purchase your own reading for pleasure book.
- *Our dress up theme this year is inspired by the Literacy Trust 'Great Big Footie and Bookie Quiz' and we suggest you come into school dressed in your favourite sports wear or as a book character to mark the occasion.*
- As ever, reading for pleasure will be an even bigger focus than usual across the day.



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Reminder: 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.

Measles

UKHSA has declared a national incident due to the number of measles cases seen in other parts of the country recently and fears that due to its highly infectious nature it is likely to spread much more widely. Please be on the look out for any suspected cases and use the following links for further information: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/measles-outbreak-could-spread-warns-ukhsa-chief-executive) [measles-outbreak-could-spread-warns-ukhsa-chief-executive](https://www.nhs.uk/measles-outbreak-could-spread-warns-ukhsa-chief-executive)

Comic Relief

Comic Relief will be taking place this year on Friday 15th March. This year, Blue Peter will be turning RED to celebrate Red Nose Day and they are asking schools to go 'red-to-toe' too. At Summerseat, we will be getting involved in the 'Red to Toe' challenge. So as Red (Blue) Peter says, dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks - how far you take it is up to you! Plus, in true Blue Peter style they will be taking on a challenge just for Red Nose Day - plans are currently on a need-to-know basis, but they will soon be revealed on Blue Peter updates.

This is how you can get involved:

- Children should come to school with an item of Red or dress from 'Red to toe'.
- We will be putting on a Red Nose Day disco and releasing our inner Strictly stars with Red Nose Day hits by One Direction, The Saturdays, the Spice Girls and Peter Kay. This will take place during school time with Coach Natalie and staff from children's classes.
- We will be requesting donations for the disco that we will send to the charity. **These can be paid via:**
- You can tune in to Red Peter on BBC One on Red Nose Day to find out more about their challenge.

