



# Summerseat Methodist Primary School Newsletter



Fri 11th Oct 2024



## Headteacher's Message....

This week, we had two classes visits. Beech class went to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry to find out even more about the Industrial Revolution as part of their local history topic. They saw many of the machines first-hand and enjoyed looking at changes in technology over time. Ash class visited Grasmere in the Lake District to complete a fieldwork study, looking at features of rivers and heritage of the beautiful National Park.

In both classes the behaviour was exemplary and it was an absolute pleasure to take our learning outside of the classroom. A huge well done to all our Key Stage Two pupils.

Grasmere was probably the wettest school visit we have ever been on! Thank you to the children for being so sensible and maintaining a positive attitude despite the weather. One child said it was one of the most beautiful places he had ever seen and with the mist rolling off the mountains as the river flowed, I have to agree. The teacher's agree that hot chocolate and warm showers were much needed after our visit!

Also, a huge well done to our children for their role in the harvest festival this morning. You did a great job and we were delighted with the donations for porch box which demonstrates our value for the half term, generosity. Thank you all for getting involved.

## Reminder - Friends PTA Autumn Disco & AGM

On Tuesday 15th October, we will be holding an autumn disco. This will be held in the school hall from 3:20pm - 4:45pm. On that day, children can bring party clothes in a bag. At the end of the school day, staff will provide an opportunity for children to get changed and will then accompany the children to the disco. At the end of the disco, children should be collected in the usual way. You will be able to find further information and book tickets via the Friends PTA website. Closing date for bookings: Monday 14th Oct noon.

Link: [Village Treasure Box](#)

We will also be holding our Friends PTA annual general meeting on Monday 4th November at 5:30pm in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to find out how you can get involved with our Friends PTA and support the school in raising vital funds. You can also meet other parents for nibbles and a chat.



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# Reminder - Emotionally Friendly Schools

As a school, we believe that happy children thrive and learn. We have a focus on making sure we have lots of whole school approaches to supporting our children's physical and mental health. Our whole school approaches include: Relax Kids, Forest school, 5 ways to wellbeing and our PSHE curriculum Jigsaw. We also have a range of core approaches to further support groups and individuals as needed with support from external agencies as required.

To build on our work, we continue to engage with the Emotionally Friendly Settings process. To support with the whole school approach (WSA), we use the Emotionally Friendly Settings (EFS) programme. This has been developed by Salford Educational Psychology Service in collaboration with education settings. From their extensive experience of working with children and young people, they have created an evidence-based whole setting approach to supporting positive emotional health and well-being.

The aim of this process is to promote positive emotional wellbeing in schools and colleges, support early identification and support any difficulties that arise for the children and young people.

The EFS process focuses on 4 key areas:

- Staff Wellbeing and School Ethos
- Classroom Practice
- Assessing Children and Young People's Needs
- Supporting Individual Children and Young People



As part of this process, we have been asked to collect data from children and young people, parents, and staff to help measure the impact of this work and identify our next steps.

Your child may be asked to complete a short online questionnaire or take part in small group conversations, to gain their views about how they think emotional wellbeing is promoted in our setting. Your child's name will not be registered, and it will not be possible for them to be identified from the data gathered. This data will be collected and analysed by us with the support of Bury MHST and the Educational Psychology service. Together, we will, identify what is working well, as well as any areas that can be improved. We will then develop an action plan for implementation. We will share the outcomes of this process and how we can further work together.

You will receive a Microsoft Form to give consent or opt out of child views.

We would also love your views. Please use the QR code to access the survey and complete by no later than 18th October to help shape our future offer. Many thanks

# Reminder - Asda Cashpots

**We're working with Asda, who are making millions of pounds available to every state primary school in the UK.**

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all – every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops. As the closing date draws nearer, can we encourage any parent who shops at Asda to support us with this as it will bring resources into school.

## Attendance Every Day Counts!

This week's winners are...



	Acorn	Oak	Beech	Ash
% this week	97.6	100	96.3	95.3
% this year	95.8	97.0	98.5	95.8
Sessions missed this week	3	0	6	13

## Diary Dates

For future dates, please see the website

14th Oct	Open Day - new parents
15th Oct	Friends Autumn Disco
18th Oct	School Closes for 1/2 term break - 3:20pm
28th Oct	School opens for Autumn 2
31st Oct	Flu Vaccinations for pupils
4th Nov	Year 1 phonic workshop 9am
7th Nov	EYFS phonic workshop EYFS



## This Week's Awards

Who has been shining at Summerseat this week?

Values Champion

Star of the Week



Ash (Year 5 & 6) Eva	Ash (Year 5 & 6) Blake
Beech (Year 3 & 4) Teddy	Beech (Year 3 & 4) Izzy
Oak (Year 1 & 2) Teddy O	Oak (Year 1 & 2) William
Acorn (Year N & R) Archie	Acorn (Year N & R) Poppy

## Car Park

I would like to kindly remind everyone about the appropriate use of our car park. I understand that parking around the school can be challenging at times. However, please note that our car park is designated for staff and for parents who have been granted permission due to exceptional circumstances. Recently, we have seen an increase in issues such as cars becoming stuck or blocked in, and more importantly, concerns about the safety of our children who walk along the path, as this area serves as one of our main entrances and exits during school drop-off and pick-up times.

If you feel that you require access to the car park, we kindly ask that you speak with a member of staff. Should you need to use it, please be mindful of pedestrians, especially the children, who are walking through the area. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.