



Summerseat Methodist Primary School Newsletter



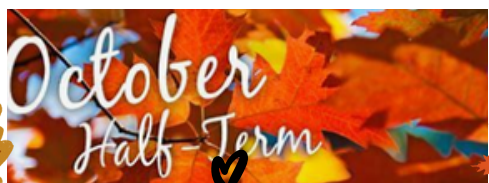
Fri 18th Oct 2024

Headteacher's Message....

I can't believe we're already at the end of the first half of the autumn term—it's been such a productive one! The children should feel incredibly proud of all their hard work so far this year. Some of the standout moments for me include the fantastic self-portraits created by Year 1 and 2, the impressive work on the Industrial Revolution in Year 3 and 4, and the beautifully detailed letters written by Year 5 and 6, inspired by the story of Bedgellert.

Please remember to check our class pages for updates and information about your child's learning. I'm excited to see what the new term will bring and hope many of you will join us for the phonics workshops in EYFS and Year 1. There, you'll have the opportunity to watch a phonics session with your child.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 28th October.



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Online Safety Hub

Don't forget, as part of our Summerseat family, you can access our bespoke Online Safety Hub. This is live and can be accessed for free here:

<https://summerseatmethodistprimary.onlinesafetyhub.uk>

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent. It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

As part of this you may wish to access a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any 2 devices and free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world. Block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more. Follow the link to create your free account

https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHub&utm_campaign=summerseatmethodistprimary-u

If you have any questions on any of the above, please get in touch. Thanks again to Friends for funding such a great resource!

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Attendance

Following an annual review, you will be able to access our updated attendance policy via the school website. Epworth Education Trust, and Summerseat Methodist Primary School, are united in their belief that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them. Excellent attendance at school has been closely linked to emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential - enabling them to make a positive contribution to their community and beyond.

We believe that children must 'Attend to Achieve' - excellent attendance has a direct impact on attainment. We aim for all children to achieve 98% attendance in order to make the most of their time in school. The Attendance Support Map within the policy identifies the six levels of support parents can expect, as well as clarity over attendance expectations and consequences. Let's keep working together to make everyday count!

Please can I remind all parents of the process for requesting pupil Leave of Absence.

Parents who want to take their children out of school need to fill out a Leave of Absence Request Form from the school office or via the school website 14 days in advance of the absence. These will be reviewed by the Headteacher who will grant or decline permission. Holidays in term time cannot and will not be granted. Absence of more than 10 sessions for holidays i.e. 5 days, will very likely result in penalty notices in line with local authority guidelines which is again attached with the newsletter this week.

Where possible, parents should book routine medical appointments (dentist/ opticians) out of school hours, unless an emergency appointment is needed.

We fully understand that children do become poorly and may need to take some time off, or may have medical conditions that may need to attend medical appointments. Individual children's attendance will be looked at and common sense will be applied. If your child is just feeling under the weather, please still send them in to school. Children often feel better after being in school for 10 minutes and seeing their friends and they settle quickly. We will always look after your child and care for them, if they continue to feel unwell and need to come home, we will phone parents.

Healthy Snack 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.

Please also remember we are a nut free school. Some of our children and staff do have serious nut allergies.

Thanks



Attendance Every Day Counts!

This week's winners are...



	Acorn	Oak	Beech	Ash
% this week	87.2	91.5	82.1	87.5
% this year	92.9	96.0	95.9	94.6
Sessions missed this week	16	16	29	35

Diary Dates

For future dates, please see the website

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
11th Nov	Remembrance Assembly - pupils only



This Week's Awards

Who has been shining at Summerseat this week?



Values Champion

Star of the Week

Ash (Year 5 & 6) Joe	Ash (Year 5 & 6) Ruby
Beech (Year 3 & 4) Griff	Beech (Year 3 & 4) Milly
Oak (Year 1 & 2) Lacey	Oak (Year 1 & 2) Rose
Acorn (Year N & R) George	Acorn (Year N & R) Evan

House Captain Awards



Hoyle



Hamer



Rogerson