

### School Holiday Date Update

I just wanted to alert you to a change in our holiday dates for 2021-2022.

School will now be closed to pupils on Friday 19th November 2021 for a staff training (INSET) day which we will be taking part in with schools across the Epworth Education Trust. The updated holiday dates can be found under the parent section of our website, term dates.

### Author Visit

We were delighted that Simon Hunt, the author of, 'Delilah Rose the Bogey Princess' came to visit us on Wednesday this week. He spent time with every class, reading his book and talking about his journey as an author. This is what the children had to say:

Louis: *He made really funny noises and voices with the microphone! It was fun. He showed us lots of 'behind the scenes' for his ideas which was good. My cousin was on one of the videos.*

Molly: *I am now looking forward to Delilah actually coming to this school but I hope she isn't like the story because we don't serve bogey sandwiches at lunch!*

Isaac: *He made the book come to life! I hope he comes in to share his new book about the farting pirate. This would be really cool!*

Jamie: *He brought lots of disgusting bogeys which made me want to be sick twice but I still liked the visit.*

All the vice captain's agreed this would be a recommended read with a 5 star rating given unanimously.

Thank you again to Mr Hunt for visiting us. If you would like to purchase a copy of his book, orders can be made by contacting the school office via email. These are on sale at the reduced price of £5.99.

### Newsletter

#### Friday 19th March

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### Award Winners

#### **Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?**

<b>Class One</b>	Golden Award— Louis Values Award - Eleanor B
<b>Class Two</b>	Golden Award— Jacob Values Award - Isabelle
<b>Class Three</b>	Golden Award— Charlie & Lily Values Award - Freddie
<b>Class Four</b>	Golden Award— Isaac & Sophie Values Award - Louis

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Wk beg: 29th Mar</b>	Parent Meetings
<b>Thurs 1st April</b>	School closes for the Easter Break at 3:20pm Break the Rules Day
<b>Mon 19th April</b>	School re-opens for summer term
<b>Mon 3rd May</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday
<b>Fri 28th May</b>	School closes for half term

### Easter at Brooks Bottom Cricket Club

On Saturday 3rd April, an Easter event will be taking place on the cricket field, adhering to all the current Covid restrictions. The field will be decorated with lots of Easter decorations so if anyone is out walking with their household bubble, they could go across the field and see these. Social distancing rules apply and everyone must only attend with their family. There will also be a fundraising game on behalf of the school. For a cost of £1, children can try to find a duck on the field in return for an Easter egg.

As part of this Easter event, all the children at Summerseat will decorate an egg that will be hung in the oak tree on the cricket field. This should be a great site to see when out walking over Easter. This will be in memory of Mrs Mason who loved Easter. The Mrs Mason memorial fund will also be reopened if anyone would like to contribute.

### Design a Cake to Celebrate Bury Hospice's 30th Birthday

We have received the following information about the cake competition from Bury hospice and would encourage you to take part:

As every child knows, no birthday celebration is complete without a cake and we are handing the job of designing a birthday cake to the children of Bury. We will also be promoting this in the Bury Times and on our website: [www.buryhospice.org.uk](http://www.buryhospice.org.uk) We are excited to launch a competition for Bury schoolchildren to design a cake. We would like the design to include the 30th birthday theme. There is one age group 4-11years—with first, second and third prizes. There is a template attached which every entrant should use and return to: Design a Cake Competition, Bury Hospice, Rochdale Old Road, Bury, BL9 7RG. The closing date is Friday, April 16th. The winner will have their design made into a cake by Slattery Patisserie & Chocolatier in Whitefield and the winner and runners up will be presented with certificates and trophies at Bury Hospice's birthday event on Thursday, June 24th.

## Parent Meetings

We are offering parent meetings week beginning 29th March. You should have received details of the class sessions and booking. These are optional and will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back to school following the most recent lockdown.

## Rapid Testing for Families of School Age Children

As you will be aware from earlier communication and from media coverage, all families with primary age children and anyone within the support bubble, can access rapid Covid tests. **Testing is for adults in the household and primary age children should not be tested.**

### How to access tests

Families can enter either their town or postcode here to find their nearest collection point and can collect up to four home test kits, each kit containing seven tests. Each site gives its opening times online. (<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>)

For those who would struggle to get to a collection point, the tests can be ordered online here, with delivery expected to take one to two days. They come with instructions on how to take the tests and how to report results back to the NHS. (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>)

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## Bikeability

We are pleased to be able to offer Tots on Tyres to our Reception and Year One pupils on Monday 29th March. Parents of children in Class One should have received a consent form and further information about this. Please make sure these forms are returned as soon as possible so everyone can take part. Children do not need to bring a bike as these will be provided for Reception and year One.

For our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, we will be offering Bikeability for four days from the week beginning Monday 21st June. Again, you will receive a separate letter outlining further details closer to the time. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will need to bring their bike to school that week.

Cycling is a great way to keep fit and is also a great life skill. We hope you will enjoy taking part in this.

## Comic Relief—Thank you

Thank you for taking part in our Comic Relief fundraiser today. Together, we raised £95.35 for this very worthwhile charity. The children enjoyed our Summerseat Stand Up staff show. We unanimously thought the children were far funnier and loved hearing their jokes; we have certainly had lots of laughs today!

## Relationships Education Parental Consultation

Following government guidance, we have held a consultation with parents about the implementation of our new relationships and sex education policy (RSE). This has now closed. Thank you for taking the time to read the letter regarding RSE and the accompanying documentation that demonstrated what children will be taught in each year group in school. We received three parental responses. All were very positive about the approach taken and how this should help prepare our children as they grow.

*I've just read through all the sex education documents and I think that they look excellent. I'm really glad that my children will be prepared for the changes of puberty and growing up. The idea of "no outsiders" is lovely. I support this policy and am glad that my children will be receiving it.*

Within the responses were two very helpful suggestions:

*Some children on the SEN register (particularly those with ASD) are likely to have difficulty engaging and understanding the areas of learning relating to emotions and feelings. Does this need to be mentioned specifically within the documentation to ensure that the delivery and approach is sensitive to their challenges dealing with this subject matter and links clearly to the SEN policy for these children?*

*In view of the fact that Summerseat has a school population that is not particularly diverse, as a parent I wonder if it is worth thinking about this when arranging school visits e.g. visits from leaders from different community/ethnicity, engagement events with children from different cultural backgrounds.*

These views will help us to update and finalise our revised policy and curriculum. Thank you.