



Term 2 Newsletter

We've had another great term here at Summerhill, and really appreciate the support of our community as always. There have been a number of events recently, such as our Winter Fayre, that showcase the strength of the Summerhill Community and why it is such a fantastic thing to be a part of.

School league tables have been published this week for the first time since pre-Covid in 2019, with Summerhill Academy Key Stage 2 results being the best out of all 147 schools in Bristol. We are really proud of the whole team, children and their families for this incredible achievement.

We have also been able to move back into parts of the building where roof work has been completed, and it is looking very bright, modern and fit-for-purpose. The rear doors are being completed as I write, and we will update entrance and exit procedures in the new year, as well as invite you all to come in and see the results of the work done.

Have a wonderful festive period, happy New Year, and we will see you all in 2024!

Chris Barratt, Principal

SCHOOL DAY REMINDER!

Year Group	Start	Finish
3 & 6	08:30	15:00
4 & 5	08:40	15:10

ATTENDANCE MATTERS IN ON TIME, EVERY DAY

It's the time of year when coughs, colds and sore throats thrive. So, here are some tips for supporting your child's health this autumn:

- ◆ Stress the importance of hand washing, particularly before eating and after using the bathroom!
- ◆ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough/sneeze into an elbow
- ◆ Avoid close contact with individuals who are poorly



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations towards Children in Need this year, and to all those sporting their best pyjamas on the day!

Together we raised a massive £187!
Congratulations, and thanks to everyone that donated!



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB BOOKING REMINDER

Please remember that requests for After School Club bookings for the same day **should be emailed to the office by 12pm**. This is to allow enough time for the office to complete the process.

If a request is received after 12pm, a **late charge will be applied**. To assist with on-the-day bookings, please ensure credit is available prior to sending your request. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR 4 VIKINGS!

Year 4 had a Viking visitor this term! The workshop took the children back in time and immersed them in the world of Viking culture. They explored their origin, learned about what they did, how they lived, wrote, and fought. Testing their javelin skills, handling artefacts and weapons, writing in runes, the children engaged in a whole range of fun activities across the day to enhance their history learning.



As you can see, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Blue and Green Classes behaved exceptionally for the whole day and loved every minute of it.

Thanks to the Year 4 Team for arranging this special visit, and to History in Schools for sending in their expert Viking!



SUMMERHILL ACADEMY FRIENDS

Be a part of the team that invents fun and creative ways to help raise funds for the school. This is a project where everyone can join in and every offer of help will be valued, no matter how large or small. Email summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com to express your interest in joining.



CAN YOU HELP?

Join Summerhill Academy Friends to help raise funds for the school, organise fun events for the kids and support the community

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YEAR 5 FOREST SCHOOL

During Forest School this term Year 5 have been developing their tool work skills; using mallets and whittling sticks. They have shown great resilience during their sessions and have never let the weather get them down! In just 6 weeks their determination and team work skills have progressed, with year 5 being able to showcase some of their learning and skills to families during Family Forest School at the end of term –



thanks to all those who attended!





NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRIP



Year 6 had the wonderful opportunity of visiting the Natural History Museum in London this term. It was an early start for all, so well done to everyone for getting to school on time!



There was much to see given the museum's colossal collection – the children witnessed their curriculum come to life, from the immense fossils of ancient life forms to the spectacular interactive models of volcanoes and earthquakes. They represented Summerhill Academy with pride, upholding the highest level of conduct throughout the day, while engaging with all the learning opportunities. Thank you to all the volunteers who came along to support the children on their day out. Your help is always appreciated, and we wouldn't be able to run these trips without you.



WINTER FAYRE, FESTIVE LUNCH & NATIVITY!



This term has seen a flurry of seasonal activity, which began with an incredible Festive Dinner!

We'd like to send out a **big thank you** to the entire lunchtime team for making this such a special day. Children and adults joined together in the dining hall to share some delicious food and show off their best Christmas jumpers.



We also celebrated the season with the fabulous Summerhill Community Winter Fayre! Families were welcomed to join in an afternoon of festive fun, which included hot drinks and cake stalls, a tombola, face painting, splat the teacher and more! Congratulations to the winners of this year's raffle! And, thank you to SAF, to all

the to the school staff – especially Miss Lowther – as well as all the helpers, bakers, prize donators and everyone who supported the event. In total we raised an incredible £966 for school funds! We couldn't do it without you!

And finally, after weeks of rehearsals, friends and families were invited to enjoy Year 3's Nativity show "Don't Be Afraid". The children showed off their fabulous confidence and performance skills to the delight of all audience members. Thank you to Mrs Curzon and Ms McNamara for all of your hard work to make this happen!



A NEW ARRIVAL

The last week of term saw the arrival of a new member of the Summerhill community, our school dog



Becks! The whole school gave a warm welcome and there was much excitement as Becks did a tour of the school to meet every class! The children showed plenty of kindness and respect to their new companion.



TERM DATES

Term 3	
First day of term for students	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Last day of term for students	Friday 9th February 2024
<i>Non-Attendance Dates</i>	<i>Monday 1st January 2024 (Bank Holiday)</i> <i>Tuesday 2nd January 2024 (INSET)</i>
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Monday 19th February 2024
Last day of term for students	Thursday 28th March 2024
<i>Non-Attendance Dates</i>	<i>Friday 29th March 2024 (Bank Holiday)</i>
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 16 April 2024
Last day of term for students	Friday 24 May 2024
<i>Non-Attendance Dates</i>	<i>Monday 15 April 2024 (INSET)</i> <i>Monday 6 May 2024 (Bank Holiday)</i>



REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- **LOST PROPERTY:** We recommend labelling your child's school uniform with their name, otherwise lost items cannot easily be returned to their owner.
- **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:** Where possible, all medical, dental or optician appointments should be arranged for outside of school hours. Should this be completely unavoidable, please give the school as much notice as possible. We accept that hospital issued appointments are not negotiable. Please also provide us with a form of written confirmation of the appointment for our records.
- **EARLY PICKUP:** In the event that a child is collected from school early due to a sibling's or parent/carer's appointment, we would like to encourage families to use our wrap around care provisions (breakfast and afterschool clubs) to ensure that children are present for all key learning.

Have a wonderful break and see you in the new year!