Summerhill Academy

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Term 3 Newsletter 2020 - 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term I have been talking to children about their hopes, dreams and goal setting. I have really enjoyed seeing so many of you in school, online during assemblies and live lessons; I hope you are feeling proud of your many achievements this term in supporting your children's learning. I am very much looking forward to seeing more of you in the not-too-distant future and have hope and optimism for a time where we can all return to school safely.

I am delighted to have made you aware recently that we are delighted to have recruited Chris Barratt to be the new Principal of Summerhill Academy through a robust and thorough recruitment process. Chris is currently Vice Principal at Evergreen Primary Academy; a local Primary school within our trust. His in-depth knowledge of our curriculum, leadership experience and alignment with our trust HEART values will ensure that he leads Summerhill Academy with strength. I will still be working closely with the Academy and will be working collaboratively with Mr Barratt to ensure the smooth and effective running of the school during this period of transition. We look forward



to having him onboard at a time when we will also (hopefully) have more of our children back in school.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the features in our newsletter. Best wishes for a restful break, thank you again for all of your support this term.

Miss Richardson

For up to date information on COVID-19 and how it will effect Summerhill Academy and our families, please visit http://summerhillacademy.org.uk/

This term saw us say farewell to Mrs Curtis. We have greatly valued Mrs Curtis's collegiality since she joined us in January 2018. During her tenure Mrs Curtis led the school improvement journey at Summerhill and supported families of key worker children from both the Infant and Junior schools during the pandemic period. Her leadership led to anticipated improvements in outcomes at KS2 last year and developments in the quality of pastoral support for vulnerable pupils owing to her experience in using the Thrive approach. We are sure that you will join us in thanking Mrs Curtis for her hard work and commitment during her time at Summerhill Academy. We wish her well for the future.



A big welcome to Miss Richardson, who joined the Year 4 Team this term as a Learning Support Assistant. She is a big sports fan and enjoys running. She also describes herself as a 'foodie' so loves anything to do with cooking/baking/eating!



With the Academy moving it's distance learning and news/information to more online platforms, including the launch of our new Summerhill Academy Facebook page, we need to request NEW permissions from you (including your wishes for your child's photograph and/or name to be used on Class Dojo, social media sites, school newsletters and/or external uses e.g. local newspaper coverage).

This term we sent you the following form link to complete. **If you haven't already completed the form**, we would be grateful if you could please complete it as soon as possible. We understand that we have asked you to supply permissions in the past so some of the questions you may have answered before, but we need all the old and new permissions information to be stored in one place. Therefore, please answer all questions:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?

id=ViObpySMIkm0IMbibQtAkajtdVjJCT1KmWWf1GOlxkBUNIhBRDBZWVVGSFUwSVdSSzkyWEJQMkdYWS4u

We ask that you complete one form for each child. Thank you for your continued support.

Accessing Live Learning

If you need to access live learning but haven't done so yet, for example your child is attending school but you then need to isolate, here is a reminder of how to access the live learning sessions via Microsoft Teams.

In your web browser type www.office.com and click 'Sign In'.

Your child's email addresses will be in the format: **Firstname.Lastname@sa.clf.uk** (e.g. John.Smith@sa.clf.uk)

Passwords have been set in the following way: FirstInitial + LastInitial + DOB formatted DDMMYY (e.g. if John Smith's date of birth is 3 June 2012, his password would be JS030612)

Once in Microsoft Office, you can access Teams and see the Teams Calendar for sessions your child needs to access. Further information/links can be found on your class story on Class Dojo. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via info@sa.cabot.ac.uk

Science Day!

Well done to all of you who took part in Science Day this term!

Your challenge was:

- 1) make a paper aeroplane from an A4 piece of paper how far can it go? (Try different designs)
- 2) make a HUGE plane how big will your piece of paper be?
- 3) design your own it does not have to look like a plane, just be made from paper and fly!

4) How beautifully can you decorate your plane?

And WOW what a fantastic job you all did!

Safeguarding



Safeguarding champions

Summerhill has successfully appointed a strong team of 10 safeguarding champions who will represent pupil views about safety within and across the academy. We held our first meeting in week 3 of term and have decided as a team to focus on road safety as our first piece of work together. Children identified this focus as they felt that there has in the past been some unsafe behaviour on the road outside school. If you agree or have anything to add to the ideas list - please speak to Miss Richardson or your safeguarding class rep



School Council

Last term. through our School Council meetings, children identified that there was need for play equipment during play times as currently we are unable to use the Play Pod. In their class meetings, School Council members invited suggestions on the content of new Play Bags. We have been resourcing these bags with these suggestions, such as, bean bags, hula hoops, chalk, cones etc. We plan to establish these when all children are back at school. In the meantime, following Positive Play Training, our SMSA's have introduced three new playground games each week to learn and play. School Council has met this term, with some children remoting in, and now have a project plan for Term 4.

Lost Property

We are now using the table in the dining hall window for lost property so parents/carers and children can do a non contact check for lost property. All items will be kept for 2 weeks.



As you all know we swap our banded books weekly but unfortunately we cannot do this at the moment, the link below will take you to Oxford Owls ebook section where you can register for free and gain access to different banded reading books. These can be read online.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you require any assistance but this is a great resource to help your child on their reading journey.



The levels are slightly different to the ones we use. The pictures below will help you work out which level to access.

For example:

If your child is accessing level 23, they have a reading age of 8-9yrs old and will need a level 14-16 Oxford book.

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/library-page?

view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=&level=oxford+level+3&level_select=oxford+leve

<u>l+3&book_type=&series=#</u>

MORE LINKS:

Book Trust booktrust.org.uk

The Children's Library - offers children's tales in lots of different languages childrenslibrary.org

Free Kids Books - lots of picture books and longer stories which can be downloaded and read for free as PDF files freekidsbooks.org

Storyline Online (American) famous actors reading children's books storylineonline.net

magickeys.com

Age	Oxford Level	Book Band
Up to 4 years old	1	Lilac
	1+	Pink
4-5 years old	1	Pink Lilac
	10	Pink
	2	Red
	3	Yellow
5-6 years old 6-7 years old	4	Light blue
	5	Green
	6	Orange
	7	Turquoise
	8	Purple
	8 9	Gold
	10	White
	11	Lime
	12	Lime +
7-8 years old	9	Brown
	9	
	10	
	- 11	
	12	Grey
	13	
	14	
-9 years old	15	
er- Folkissione ()	16	Dark blue
-10 years old	17	
10-11 years old	18	Dark red
	19	
	20	

Age	Colour Band	PM Benchmark Level
Age 4 - 5	Magenta	Level 1
412	0.7	Level 2
Age 5	Red	Level 3
		Level 4
Age 0 t	Yellow	Level 5
		Level 6
		Level 7
	Al-	Level 8
Age 51-6	Blue	Level 9
		Level 10
		Level 11
	Green	Level 12
		Level 13
	-	Level 14
Age 6 † - 7	Orange	Level 15
		Level 16
Age 7-7 †	Turquoise	Level 17
		Level 18
7 (1 - 8	Purple	Level 19
		Level 20
Aqu. 8-8 }	Gold	Level 21
		Level 22
Apr. 9	Silver	Level 23
		Level 24
Age 9 - 10	Emerald	Level 25
		Level 26
Age 10 - 11	Ruby	Level 27
		Level 28
Age 11 - 12	Sapphire	Level 29
		Level 30

Oak National Academy and The Literacy Trust also launched a virtual library: https://library.thenational.academy

Each week, they will have an 'author of the week', one of their most popular books will be available to read online alongside other videos and activities.





Summerhill Academy Photo Gallery





A note from the office team...

- Thank you for all the recent support with reporting absences, booking your children's dinners via SCOPAY, responding to Forms links as well as emailing enquiries to us during this period when the office reception is closed.
- Our reception area will remain closed to visitors (unless pre-arranged) until further notice, so please do not enter the building through any entrance, unless you are invited in by a member of staff. We have an intercom button at reception through which our office team can speak to you. If you need to collect something from us, this will be done in a non-contact way and we will instruct you on how to do this.
- If you need to contact the office team about anything, you can continue to do so by emailing us at info@sa.cabot.ac.uk.

Dates for the Diary

Our PSHE theme this term has been goals and dreams. In memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, who fulfilled his goal and dream before his 100th birthday of walking 100 laps of his garden, we are going to learn the song 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. We will all join together this **Friday**, **12 February** to have a Summerhill Sing-A-Long to end our term. Details to follow on Class Dojo.

Please find below a link to Mr Martin's music lesson which will be shared with the children:

https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/b7498f13-36a1-4112-af79-b8af2779a822



Term 3	
Last day of term for students	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Monday 22 February 2021
Last day of term for students	Thursday 1 April 2021
INSET Day	Wednesday 17 March 2021
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Monday 19 April 2021
Last day of term for students	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	
First day of term for students	Monday 7 June 2021
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 21 July 2021
INSET Day	Friday 2 July 2021