



# Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome to the end of another busy and productive term. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the term 3 version of this newsletter!

There has been so much going on and a lot to be very proud of. Following our Year 6 SATs results from the last academic year, we have had a number of education visitors to school to see 'how we do things'. They have been really impressed with all of your children, who are able to articulate their learning and communicate their thinking really successfully. You should all be very proud.

Due to this work on 'Oracy', or communications skills, in school, we have been featured in a national publication, with children and teachers interviewed about what we do. One child told the team, "I love using my oracy skills in class discussion. It makes me feel really important." If you would like to hear more about this work, speak to your teacher at parents' evening!

Have a lovely break, happy Easter to those celebrating this weekend, and Eid Mubarak to those celebrating soon!

Chris Barratt, Principal



## 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](mailto:summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com) to express your interest in joining.

## RED NOSE DAY

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations towards Red Nose Day this year, and to all those who sported a red outfit in support!



**Together we raised a massive £69.95!** Congratulations and thanks to everyone that donated!



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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## SWIMMING REMINDER YEAR 5

Please can you ensure your child is fully equipped for their swimming session and can all bags be clearly labelled with the child's name and class.

**Unfortunately, we will be unable to make calls home if pupils forget any kits/equipment.**

If you realise your child has forgotten their kit, it may be brought to the school office before 9:30am, otherwise they will not be able to participate in the session.



# WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS



This term the children had a splendid World Book Day, celebrating their love of reading with a range of brilliant outfits across the school, and some very cosy pyjamas too! We enjoyed hearing all about the children's favourite books and characters. In the afternoon the children had a bedtime story, where they enjoyed a delicious hot chocolate! Thanks to those adults who were able to come in and share a story with the children in the afternoon — we really appreciate your support!

## SCHOOL DAY REMINDER!

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



## FOREST SCHOOL



Thank you all who were able to attend the Family Forest School session this term. It was a great community event with Year 6 showing off their building and teamwork skills!

## 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



## YEARS 3 AND 5 VISIT TROOPERS HILL

This term we had both Year 3 and Year 5 visit our local nature reserve, Troopers Hill! Year 3 visited the park to build on their learning as scientists about plants and insects. They were very lucky to have a guided tour from Rob, who is part of Friends of Trooper's Hill. They learnt that Summerhill Academy is built from the same stone as the chimney, and that there are 85 difference bee species living on the hill! After our tour, they explored the natural space and went on a plant and insect hunt.



Year 5 also enjoyed a trip to the wonderful Trooper's Hill as part of their geography learning, where they enjoyed identifying human and physical features in the local landscape, later using this data to create a graph back in the classroom. Both groups had a fantastic time learning all about the natural features and the history of the landscape. Thanks to all those adults who came on the trip to support the children's outdoor learning!

## END OF WINTER DISCO!

**Summerhill Academy Friends** put on a wonderful End-of-Winter Disco at the start of the term. It was a huge success and the children had a fabulous time! There was music, lights, snacks, dancing and lots of happy faces! Thank you to SAF for organising this event, as well as



everybody that could stay to support – particularly Ms Lowther, who was there helping out to the very end!

## LET'S GET TALKING!

Oracy is a key skill for all children in the Summerhill community. Please encourage your child to use their oracy skills at home by discussing this question:

**Would you rather slide down a rainbow or dance in the rain?**



Here are some possible sentence starts you may find useful:

- 'I would rather ... because ...'
- 'I agree! I would ...'
- 'With respect, I disagree with you because ...'

## YEAR 3 BEE WORKSHOP

Year 3 had an incredibly interesting and inspiring workshop all about bees from Dr Portus, who is a scientist at UWE. They watched a dance film about a bee, and even met the dancer and choreographer Ruby. Following this they practiced their dance moves and created their own performances, ending the session by planting some flower seeds in biodegradable plant pots to take home. Thanks to those that ran the workshop, and to Year 3 for their efforts in helping the bees!



## SAFEGUARDING & COLLECTION REMINDER

It's really important that you know your child's password for end-of-day collection.

This is for use in the event of unexpected circumstances or emergencies, when you're unable to pick them up and therefore need to send another trusted adult to do so.

**If you don't know your child's end-of-day password, or can't remember it, please contact the office and a member of the team will assist you in changing it.**

It helps to make your password something memorable, and shouldn't be too obvious such as a birthday or your name. In the event an adult turns up to collect a child and does not have the correct password, the class teacher will be unable to release them. We use this system to ensure children are kept safe and can only be collected by a trusted adult.

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- **LOST PROPERTY:** We recommend labelling your child's school uniform with their name and class, otherwise lost items cannot easily be returned to their owner.
- **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:** Where possible, please arrange all medical, dental or optician appointments outside of school hours. Should this be completely unavoidable, please give the school as much notice as possible, and also provide us with a form of written confirmation of the appointment.
- **EARLY PICKUP:** In the event that a child is collected from school early due to a family member or carer's appointment, we would like to encourage families to use our wraparound care provisions to ensure that children are present for all key learning. Information about our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs can be found at the office.

## ECO TIP!

Spring is in the air; let it in! Open your windows and let in the sunshine and fresh air. Say goodbye to those toxic air fresheners and hello to a more natural and effective way of airing out your home! With indoor air pollution levels on the rise, it's time to clear out all that stale air that has been lingering for months. Just open your doors and windows to create a cross-flow of air. Not only is this method eco-friendly and cost-effective, but it's also the most natural way to improve your indoor air quality.



## Term Dates

Term 5	
<b>First day of term for students</b>	<b>Tuesday 16 April 2024</b>
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>
Term 6	
<b>First day of term for students</b>	<b>Monday 3rd June 2024</b>
Last day of term for students	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
<i>Non-Attendance Dates</i>	<i>Friday 5th July 2024 (Conf.)</i>

**Have a wonderful break!**

