

Summerhill Academy
Making Our Future Shine Through Success For All
Term 2 Newsletter 2019-2020



This term has seen exciting changes to the way in which we deliver our curriculum, with the focus for writing coming through other subjects such as Science and History. The feedback from the children about their learning has been very positive. Mrs Scammell and I have the pleasure of being able to regularly drop into lessons and are impressed by the improvements in writing, engagement and knowledge retention.

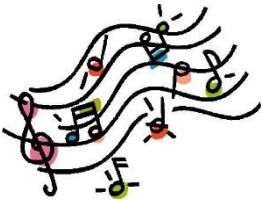
Thank you for the feedback many of you provided at parents/carers evening. Positives included curriculum developments, children's enjoyment of school, the caring nature of the staff and the emotional support provided. Suggestions for future developments centred largely around homework. As a result of your feedback we will be reviewing homework across the academy in term 3.

I am interested on hearing your views and as a result we are inviting you to a coffee and cake event on Thursday 23 January at 2.30pm (entrance via reception).

Congratulations to our Year 3 children and teaching team for a delightful nativity performance and to our Year 6s for making an amazing film to demonstrate their learning about WWI.

I wish you a peaceful winter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 7 January 2020.

Best wishes, Rebecca Curtis



Well done to all the children who demonstrated a number of our school gems to enable them to write a school song based on Summerhill Academy's values, vision and rules! The children visited the BBA music department to use the resources and expertise there to enable them to add percussion to our song.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in tokens from the newspaper - we have 60 collected so far. Please remember if you already buy the Sun or know someone who does to cut the tokens out and ask your child to place them in the box in the library. Thank you for your support!



Out and about!

Term 2 has been busy for our pupils and staff, with plenty of in-school events and trips happening! Here are just a few...

- Morfa Bay (Year 6)
- Bristol Cathedral (Year 4)
- Troopers Hill visit (Year 5)
- Tudor Day (Year 3)
- Pyjamas for Pudsey
- Black History assembly
- Willsbridge Trip for our competition winners
- Sister Act performance at BMA (Year 5)
- Rocksteady Concert
- Nativity (Year 3)



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Exam Invigilators needed

Our academies need exam invigilators, readers and scribes to assist with scheduled exams.

This is a casual position, you will be advised when you are needed and you advise if you are available.

Work is usually available in November, January, March, May and June. With other opportunities throughout the year to support mock exams. You can choose to work in a single academy of your choice or we can allocate you to any of our academies.

This position is paid on an hour rate plus holiday pay.



To apply or find out more about the role please visit www.clf.uk/examsjobs to apply.



If you would like to discuss the role with an Exam Officer please email info@clf.uk and an Exams Officer will contact you.



Stranger danger awareness - remember not to accept any gifts from anyone you do not know (currently on Facebook that children are being offered sweets outside of schools - not necessarily ours.)

Recent bike thefts in the area - please ensure you lock your bikes up or take them into the playground when collecting children from ASC.

Attendance update



Thank you to all parents for your support with increasing our attendance this year.

Our attendance this term stands at **94.49%** and the national average is 96%.

We would like to remind you that you are required to report the absence of the child in your care by 9am every morning, if they are reported as absent due to sickness we require a call every day. Absences can be reported by contacting the school office absence line or via email. Please provide a full reason for absence including the symptoms.

Please remember that in accordance with The Department for Education (DfE) guidelines, holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. Families who take holidays in term time risk being issued with a Fixed Penalty notice, being referred to the EWO, or in some cases the child may lose their school place.

Parents are encouraged to make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. When this is not possible, please ensure you bring proof of the appointment so that we can enter the correct code onto our system.

Community News



Summerhill Academy Friends (SAF)

Thank you to those who supported the SAF after school winter warmer and uniform sale on Friday 13 December!

We had a meeting on 2 December to start planning our Summer Fayre for 2020.... more news to come!

Summerhill Academy Community Group

Our parent/carer drop in community have been busy making delicious treats each week. We meet informally every Friday morning from 8.50am – 10.30am in the downstairs dining hall. Entrance via the playground/white dining room doors after morning bell. Over the past term we have made delicious treats such as trifle, pasta, chapattis with black chickpeas.

All are welcome, so please come along and join us!



Summerhill Academy in the news!

Radio

Bristol's ambitious plan to improve air quality to meet targets for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) legal limits has been launched. With that in mind BBC Radio Bristol's John Darvall invited Principal of Summerhill Academy Rebecca Curtis, to talk on his show about their campaign for clean air.



To listen to this interview (5mins) please follow the link below.

<https://www.clf.uk/principal-of-summerhill-academy-on-bbc-radio-bristol/>

Newspapers

Pupils get into film to improve learning

TEACHERS in two primary schools in St George and Whitehall are learning how to use film in the classroom to improve children's reading and writing.

Summerhill Academy and Whitehall Primary School are among ten Bristol schools who have signed up for Film for Learning.

As part of the four-year project, teachers are being trained how to use film clips and film-related activities in the classroom, use film-related texts to improve reading and writing, and teach children how to make short films.

The project has been devised by national film education charity Into Film and supported by local industry body Bristol City of Film, education charity Paul Hamlyn Foundation, city media company Boomsatsuma and the city council.

One senior leader and two



Teachers learn new ways that film can be used to help learning

other teachers from each school is being trained as part of the four-year programme. They will share what they have learned with colleagues.

Bristol UNESCO City of Film Coordinator Natalie Moore said: "Weaving film into the education experience from an early age has been proven to be fantastically beneficial for young people, so I'm very excited that Bristol

schoolchildren will be receiving this experience.

"Film for Learning has been one of our key priorities from the outset, as embedding creativity into education is a key objective for the UNESCO Creative Cities Network."

Boomsatsuma creative projects manager Lyndsay Davies said: "The aim is to empower teachers to embed film

resources into their everyday literacy practices. With such engaging and diverse resources available, we hope the project will see students more active in their learning and inspired to know more about film.

"It's also fantastic that we have such a wide cross section of schools across the city. One key aspect of the project's development is that resources and learning will be disseminated to wider school communities. This will allow more Bristol schools to benefit from the project and make the outcomes even more meaningful."

Into Film learning coordinator Nichola Clarke said: "We're looking forward to seeing a positive impact on the literacy and digital literacy skills of pupils from the 10 schools in the Bristol area."

Photo: Boomsatsuma

Summerhill Academy Photo Gallery (more on Class Dojo)



Dates for the diary 2019 - 2020			
Date	What's happening?	What time is it happening?	Where is it happening?
20/12/19	End of term 2 for pupils	3:30pm	
7/1/20	Start of term 3 for pupils	8:50am	
8/1/20	Year 3 Reading Strategy	8.55 – 9.30	Year 3 classrooms
15/1/20	Year 4 Viking Day	All day	
23/1/20	Parent feedback coffee & cake event	2.30pm	Dining hall (entrance via reception)
14/2/20	End of term 3 for pupils	3:30pm	
24/2/20	Start of term 4 for pupils	8:50am	
2/4/20	End of term 4 for pupils	3:30pm	
20/4/20	Start of term 5 for pupils	8:50am	
11/5/20- 14/5/20	Year 6 National Curriculum Test Week	Monday-Thursday mornings	
22/5/20	End of term 5 for pupils	3:30pm	
1/6/20	Start of term 6 for pupils	8:50am	
6/7/20- 10/7/20	Year 6 Deanfield Residential Visit		
29/6/20	Sports Days (led by Year 6) Y3 and Violet Class	Morning	
1/7/20	Sports Day (led by Year 6) Y4 and Indigo Class	Morning	
2/7/20	Sports Day (led by Year 6) Y5 and Purple Class	Morning	
17/7/20	End of term 6 for pupils	3:30pm	

Days the school is closed in 2020

INSET 3 - Monday 6 January

INSET 4 - Friday 3 April

BANK HOLIDAY Friday 8 May

CLF CONFERENCE Friday 3 July

INSET 5 - Monday 20 July