

Summerhill Academy

Term 4 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy (but short) term it has been! Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support and understanding regarding the closure of the academy caused by adverse weather conditions making the site and surrounding area unsafe. We will be reviewing our procedures to ensure that we meet the needs of the community whilst keeping everyone safe. This may include the addition of a late opening policy for days when ice effects safety on Plummer's Hill. I will update you via letter in due course. Hopefully we the weather will warm up soon!

We were very proud to be asked to take part in the first Commonwealth Big Lunch. 4 children from each class, including our academy pupil councillors were selected to travel to The Eden Project in Cornwall, where we benefited from a visit to the Biomes and a Big Lunch. We took part in a photo shoot to help promote the Commonwealth Big Lunch. We will be holding our own Big Lunch in the summer term more details to follow. If you would like to see our photos please go to www.edenprojectcommunities.com/blog/a-feast-from-across-the-commonwealth.

Thank you to those of you who helped your children participate in World Book Day, there were some amazing costumes and we swapped over 200 books.

I have been delighted to be working with the children on developing our Anti-Bullying strategy through a series of assemblies and lessons. I am very proud that the children in Year 4 came up with the slogan "Stop. We don't do that here. It's not cool." This will help the entire academy community communicate clearly if they see behaviour that is not okay. I was also pleased with the children's ability to discuss behaviours that would be classed as bullying if they were repeated. We looked at our 'Safe to Tell' Anti-Bullying policy and reminded the children that trusted adults can be found within the academy to help resolve any issues or answer any questions they may have. Our Anti-Bullying policy can be found on our website.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @summerhillacad1 where you can see photos of our exciting learning and events.

Have a lovely holiday, with best wishes Rebecca Curtis

Things to look forward to...

We have the National Festival Circus coming to Summerhill School Field on Saturday 7th July there will be 3 performances at 1pm, 2.30p and 4pm Tickets cost £6.00 each and go on sale from Monday 9th April.

Members of SAF will be selling tickets in the playground.

Please note tickets cannot be purchased on the day of the event.

Safety in the community

We have been alerted, by other CLF academies, to an increase in instances where children have been approached by strangers, who have attempted to get them to enter cars, on their way to and from school.

Please help to keep your children safe by reminding them of stranger awareness, particularly not going anywhere with people who are unknown to them.

The website below has some helpful resources

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home

Lantern Parade - Church Road

5KC spent 2 days preparing their Flamboyance of Flamingos for the parade themed 'Collective Nouns'. Several of the class and their families took part in the Church Road Lantern Parade. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and part of the local community.



Addition to the Leadership Team

From April 9th we will be welcoming Miss Ellie MacQuarrie to the senior leadership team in the role of Assistant Principal, she will work alongside Mrs McLeod. Miss MacQuarrie will be helping to review our curriculum, building in creativity and helping us to continue to develop high quality teaching and learning. She will also be running an academy choir!

Date	What's happening?	Where and when is it happening?
23.03.18	End of Term 4	
09.04.18	Start of Term 5	
14.05.18	Year 6 National Curriculum Tests	
25.05.18	End of Term 5	
04.06.18	Start of Term 6	
11.06.18-15.06.18	Year 6 Deanfield camp	
03.07.18	Sports Morning year 4	
04.07.18	Sports Morning year 5	
05.07.18	Sports Morning year 3	
19.07.18	Year 6 Performance	9.15am & 2pm
23.07.18	Year 6 Brean trip	
23.07.18	End of Term 6	

Thursday Mornings—Community Group

Every Thursday morning from 9am—11.00am we are holding an Open Community Drop in Group where we make food to share and arts/crafts etc weekly.

Our focus is to make different foods to share from around the world/different cultures.

We also make arts and craft items such as pom-poms, sewing, jewellery making and even playing dominoes!

If anyone wants to share a recipe or craft idea please come along or just come to share making food.

Last week we made samosa's from scratch!

Everyone is very welcome!

Attendance Matters

Our attendance this term stands at 95% and the national average is 96%. Our aspirational academy target is 97%.

If your child is absent from school please ring the school office on the first day of absence. We will ask you for a reason for the absence and an estimated return date. If we haven't heard from parents/carers by 9.30am on the first day of absence a call will be made from the school office (and then the Family Support Worker if contact hasn't been successful) to ascertain the reason for the absence. Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's absence please contact Louise Dunbar, Family Support Worker, via the main office.

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 Educational Welfare Officer, 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.

Our Updated Admissions Policy is on the Academy website, should you require a paper copy of this please contact the main office and one will be made available.

Days school is closed 2017/ 2018

May Bank Holiday— 7th May

Inset —6th July 2018

Inset —24th July 2018

Inset Days Academic year 2018/19

3rd September 2018

25th October 2018

26th October 2018

7th January 2019

21st June 2019

5th July 2019