



# Summerfield School News

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Yr 4/5 TRIP</b> <i>STEM</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Yr 3—Trip</b> <i>Local Walk</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents Evening</b> <i>15:30pm—19:30pm</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents Evening</b> <i>15:30pm—17:30pm</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>END of Term</b> <i>School closes at 3:15pm for the October Half-Term Break</i>
30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET Day</b> <i>School closed to Pupils</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>School OPEN</b> <i>Autumn Term (2) 2023</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Year 3 Immersion Day</b> <i>Vikings</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Year 4 Immersion Day</b> <i>Romans and Empresses</i>
06 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>School Photographs</b> <i>Sibling and Individual</i>
08 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>NHS Flu Immunisation</b> <i>You must book your child a slot through the NHS link (see page 6)</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 2—Trip</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Children In Need</b> <i>Further Info to follow</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 4—Trip</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>END of Term</b> <i>School closes at 3:15pm for the Christmas Break</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>INSET Day</b> <i>School closed to Pupils</i>

## HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nearly the end – I cannot believe it – of our first half term of the year! Even though it is a long term, it seems to be going very quickly; time flies when you are having fun!

Thank you so much for all your donations for the Food Bank as part of our Harvest appeal. We had a tremendous response. The Food Bank came in on Monday to do an assembly and then collected the goods on Wednesday just gone. I know that many people are struggling with the cost of living at the moment so to have so many donations was really heartwarming. I know they will help many families in the coming weeks.

Many of you will know that we have kept our Celebration Assemblies on Teams since the pandemic and this means that parents can join in from work, from car parks, at home...from wherever they need to be on a Friday morning, and this has meant really good attendance at the assemblies. I do know, however, that sometimes technology does not always work at its best. I have asked Mrs Syed to amend the invite to ask you to log in at 9:00am for a 9:10am – 9:15am start. That way, if you do have any problems logging in you can call the school office for assistance.

The weather is due to change quite rapidly from tomorrow. Please make sure your child has suitable PE kit for outdoor PE in the cold and wet weather and that they also have a suitable, rainproof coat in school that is named and weather appropriate. We always do all we can to have breaks and outdoor learning as normal, whatever the weather.

Have a great weekend and half term break when it arrives.

Best wishes,

**Ian Fraser,**  
Executive Headteacher



## FOSS EVENTS

### Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

**Tuesday 31st October**  
**3:15pm—4:00pm**

*You can purchase tickets for this event on Friday 13th & 20th October after School by the Chickens*

### Decorate Your Own Pumpkin!

Bring Your Decorated Pumpkins to School



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*Sweet Treat for the best Pumpkin in each Year group*





## EYFS/KS1

Bees and Butterflies are settling into school well and have had a go at a variety of different activities both inside and outdoors. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children and hearing about what interests them and cannot believe we are coming to the end of the first half term already.

The children have almost learnt all Set 1 sounds in Phonics and lots of children are now blending them together to read words. Every Thursday, they have enjoyed P.E. with Miss Martin in the hall where

they have listened and followed instructions brilliantly. We have been learning all about patterns and measure in Maths.

In our topic sessions, we have discussed ourselves, our bodies, our senses and what makes us unique as well as learning about different homes and our community.

What a fantastic start to school Early Years, we are very proud of you all!



## KS2 Lower

This half term in Geography, Year 3 have been learning about the Rainforest, the different tribes who live in the Rainforest and the importance of preserving them.

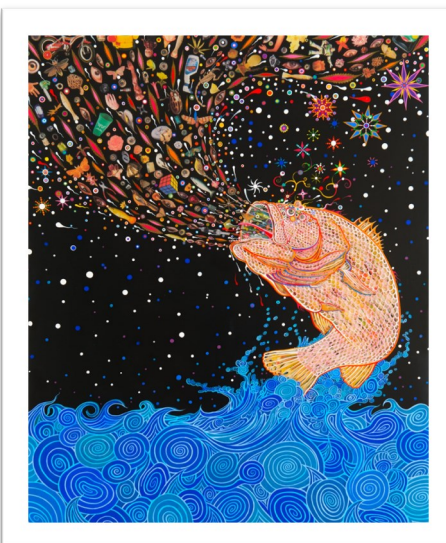
In English, we wrote a story based on the book 'Augustus And His Smile'.

In Maths we will be covering Place value, Addition and Subtraction.

We covered the functions of different parts of the plant and seed dispersal in Science. Children loved conducting the experiment to learn how stems help

transport water to different parts of the plant.

Great job Year 3.



## KS2 Upper

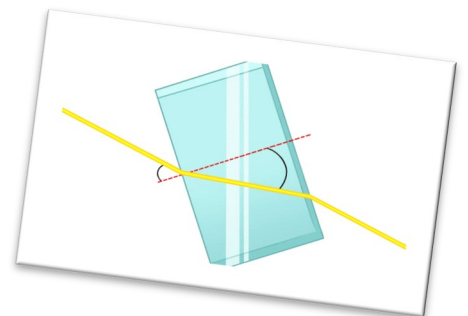
The Upper Learning Phase have written three text types this half term: a narrative, a non-chronological report and a diary.

We have also been on various trips: Harry Potter Studios, Map Navigation with the Parks Trust and a local walk. In Humanities children have been learning how to read and create maps and grid references.

Our Science investigations have led us to investigate refraction of light and how it can appear to make objects move.

Children have also worked very hard on their first introduction to mock SATs tests

in preparation for the rest of the year. We have also been making Collages in the style of Fred Tomaselli and coding to create an online game!



## House Points



2619



2818



2769



2531

# **CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies**

*Well done to all the children who were awarded in our Celebration Zoom Assemblies!*



*Allan, Angie, Eddie, Krisztian, Lydia, Mario, Mitchell, Nana, Rehet, Santana and Zoya*



*Aadril, Aashvi, Deboarh, Laksahn, Levi, Nathnia, Nidish, Olivia, Rhys, Skylar, and Zainab*

## **Collage Art...**

We have been getting a creative groove on in Year 3, being inspired by Henri Rousseau - Tiger in a tropical storm. We have been learning the artistic skill of collage, specifically creating a picture with texture.

We were so proud of the outcome, we decided to have a mini parade of the school to show off our artwork!



# Harvest Festival...

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped support our Harvest Festival Appeal for MK Food Bank on Monday 9th October.

The amount of donations were absolutely amazing.

We would like to say thank you to Louisa Hobbs (Operations Manager at MK Food Bank) who came in and delivered our Harvest Festival Assembly with lots of facts and thoughtful information.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Summerfield School Council helped unload and sort the amazing amount of donations for MK Food Bank. They did a sterling job and MK Food Bank were very impressed. Well done!



# Weduc...

Are you registered on Reach More Parents by Weduc?

If not, you could be missing important communication.

We also use the communication platform for being able to give consent for trips and paying for School Trips and Activities.

It is really important that ALL families access Weduc so you can keep up-to-date with new and current information.

Please make sure you are fully registered on the Weduc App with your address and other details in order to see live offers in your basket.

Below are links to online user guides:

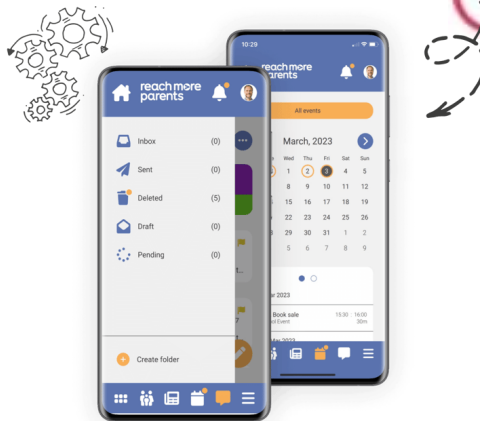
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[ENROLMENT and ACCOUNT Help](#)

[WEDUC PAYMENTS \(by Squid\)](#)

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Visit:

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Please note, you will need to register before you can use the app. Speak to your school to get your enrolment details.

**Dashboard**

See a snapshot of upcoming events, important notices, unread messages and much more...

**Notices**

See all the schools important updates separate for quick and easy reminders.

**Newsfeed**

Your very own social media-style community that allows you to see information and photos from within school.

**Forms**

No more paper forms, quizzes and surveys. Simply fill out online and rest assured that the school has your response instantly.

**Calendar**

View the schools calendar and how it affects you and your child.

**Digital Library**

View files shared with you by the school and it's teachers.

**Parent Portal**

View all information on your child's attendance and behaviour in school, report absences in advance without needing to call, access to your child's timetable and instant messaging to teachers.

**The Hub**

One Login, One Location. Easily view all other systems the school uses and helpful links from one place.

## NOTICES...

### CHANGE of PERSON COLLECTING

If someone else will be collecting your child at the end of the day—please inform the Office Staff **before 1pm**.

You can either email: [reception@summerfieldschool.org](mailto:reception@summerfieldschool.org) or call the Office: 01908 662 585.

It gets very busy at the end of the day and sufficient time needs to be given for getting messages to Teachers/Classes. Thank you for your co-operation.



### NHS FLU IMMUNISATION — 8TH NOVEMBER

School Nurses will be visiting on Wednesday 8th November and offering the Flu Immunisation. If you would like your child to have the Flu Immunisation, you must click on the below link to complete a consent form:

#### MILTON KEYNES FLU CONSENT FORM

The deadline to complete your child's consent form is - **Monday 6th November 2023** . We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date and time will be accepted at the school session.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. **The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children.** If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact us on the number provided below.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccines in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on: 0300 790 0594

Essex Partnership University Trust Immunisation Team

### LABELLING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please label or write your child's name in their clothing, so that we can unite any lost items with the child—thank you! Any unclaimed items will be donated to FOSS for uniform sales.



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### APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Is your child in Year 6? Have you applied for their Secondary School place yet?

The closing date is **31 October 2023** and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 1 March 2024 (national offer day)

[FURTHER INFO—APPLY ONLINE HERE](#)

### APPOINTMENTS

MEDICAL (Doctors, Opticians, Hospital and Dentist) Must be taken **OUTSIDE** of School hours. Either before 08:45am or after 15:15pm and anytime during school holidays.

Appointments not only disrupt your child's learning, but also the other children in class and the lesson when a child has to leave. Thank you for your co-operation.



# FOSS Half Term Fun!

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FREE  
SCHOOL  
MEALS?



Is my child eligible?

Do you receive any of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you can answer **YES** to any of the options, you may qualify for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

The School Office will help with your application.

If your application is successful, not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE  
CONFIDENTIAL**

**Already receiving  
PP—You do not need  
to re-apply!**

### For ANY of our families...

Do come and help yourself to some of our food and hygiene items...



Our School Community Pantry is designed for everyone in mind!

We hope that School families will be able to donate towards our pantry, as well as using it.

**Wipes**

*Tinned Food*

*Nappies*

*Dishwasher tablets*

Deodorants

Soap / Shampoo

*Clean Quality Clothing*

**Dried Food Packet Items**



Laundry Pods/Powder

*Toothbrushes*

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