



Summerfield School News

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 28th November** **FOSS Xmas Jumper Event**
FREE —3:15pm in the Hall
- 30th November** **50:50 Club**
FOSS Event—£1 to enter
- 1st December** **EYFS/Year 1**
Nativity — Dress Rehearsal
- 5th December** **Year 4—Trip**
- 6th December** **EYFS/Year 1**
Nativity Performance—10am
- 7th December** **EYFS/Year 1**
Nativity Performance—10am
- 11th December** **FOSS: Movie Night**
*EYFS/YR1/YR2
(Arthur Christmas)*
- 12th December** **FOSS: Movie Night**
*YR3/YR4
(The Grinch with Jim Carrey)*
- 13th December** **Yr 6 Carol Singing**
In a Local Nursing Home
- 14th December** **FOSS: Movie Night**
YR5/YR6 (Elf)
- 14th December** **Year 3—Trip**
- 18th December** **Christmas Jumper Day**

School Christmas Lunch
Please book on SchoolGrid

FOSS Raffle
- 21st December** **Squirrels Tea Party**

END of Term
School closes at 3:15pm for the
- 22nd December** **INSET Day**
School closed to Pupils
- 08th January** **School OPEN**
Welcome Back! Spring (1) Term

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is slowly being allowed to creep in at Summerfield! Our children have started to learn songs for the Nativity and for our Christmas Carol Service and our tree and decorations will be going up in the foyer soon. You have had a list with the numerous dates over the next four weeks and I hope that helps you (and us) to keep on top of all that is due to happen! The dates are also available on the school website.

The Staff Meeting this week centred around writing. It is something we have been looking at intently for a long time now and something we have changed our approach to following the Covid lockdowns. It is amazing to see how well our children are writing now and it is becoming a real strength of our school. As you know, there are so many elements needed to create a great piece of writing including handwriting, presentation, organisation, creative and interesting ideas, sentences that make sense, techniques used for effect, etc, etc. We are making sure that all gaps are filled before moving on and Summerfield children have a lot of confidence when producing their written work.

We look forward to seeing you in and around school for our many events and thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Ian Fraser,
Executive Headteacher



FOSS EVENTS



Thursday

30th November

Its just £1 to enter the November draw. The FOSS Team will be on the gates in the morning if you would like to enter.'

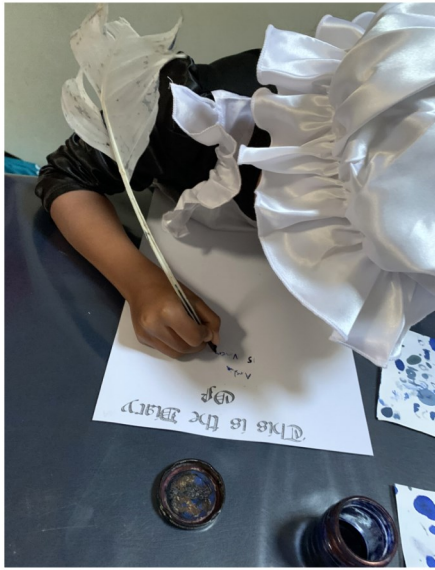


11th/12th/14th
December

3:30pm—5:30pm

Only £3 per ticket including refreshments





EYFS/KS1

This half term in History, Year 2 have been learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We have compared them and discussed how they have impacted our lives today.

In English, we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of Florence Nightingale. In Maths we have been continuing with Addition and Subtraction, and will be moving onto shape.

In Science, we have been thinking about how to stay fit and healthy. The children have investigated how different conditions effect how much mould (germs) grows on bread.

Last week, Year 2 went on a trip to Holdenby House where they met Florence Nightingale and Samuel Pepys. Imagining they were Victorians, they carried out different tasks such as writing with a feather quill, making medicine out of herbs and learning how to bow and curtsy.

The children were excellent at following our Summerfield School values whilst on the trip.

Well done Year 2!



KS2 Lower

What an exciting start to Autumn 2 we have had in Year 3!

Dragons, Vikings, Sagas and some truly 'Horrible History.'

The children have loved our block of Art that we have already completed looking at patterns and shapes from Viking artefacts and using these to create a Viking inspired dragon eye!

We have begun to learn our Dragon Saga for English and are immersing ourselves into being true historians. Well done Year 3 - Keep it up...



KS2 Upper

On Tuesday 14th November Years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to experience the Harry Potter game of Quidditch.

Last half term, Year Six read the book, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' as part of their 'Expelliarmus' topic. We invited guests into school to give us the basics of this popular wizarding sport. During the session, they learned the names of the different balls, what the different players do (the bludgers, chasers, seeker and keeper), as well as the rules of play.



The focus was on attacking, defending and, most importantly, teamwork.

After practising the different skills, the sessions finished off with a match. All the children hugely enjoyed the opportunity to ride broomsticks (even though it was rather cold and wet!)

House Points



3766



34185



4110



3783

CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

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



Charis, Daniel, Ema, Emilia, Haisum, Harley, Marlee, Meila, Patricia, Reyes and Vernica



Anusriti, Bryce, Elikem Iulia, Jagoda, Muhuba, Nikita, Ramona Rohman, Sarah, Shayla and Tom

Year 1 Bedtime Story Day



What an amazing day was had by all in Year 1 on Thursday 23rd November!

As a reward for the fantastic achievement of receiving over 500 green points in each class, the children enjoyed a fun-packed Bedtime Story Day. Everyone wore pyjamas, brought in a cuddly toy and shared their favourite book. We discussed our stories, drank hot chocolate with marshmallows and had a wonderful time!



Children In Need...

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children In Need day. We raised a whopping **£307** for this amazing Charity.



FOSS Preloved Clothing Sale...

FOSS did an amazing job organising and sorting their Pre-loved Clothing Sale. They raised a fabulous **£166**. Thank you to everyone who donated items and who came along. This event wouldn't have been possible without your generosity, so thank you for your continued support.



MK Council...

Winter Holiday, Activities and Food Programme #HAF2023

Families in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) will be able to access a range of free activities and food for children, young people and their families from 2nd to 5th January 2024.

Bookings for the 8,000 individual sessions planned for the winter holidays will open on 5th December 2023 through the [online booking system](#).

E-vouchers will be sent out to children and young people identified through the school census that are in receipt of benefit-related FSM via email from hello@holidayactivities.com by 5th December 2023 and will include a link directly to the booking system.

If you are in receipt of benefit-related FSM and haven't received an e-voucher up to and including 5th December 2023, please contact finance@summerfieldschool.org after 5th December 2023.

For more information on the programme and cost of living support, please visit: [Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2023 | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#).



Safeguarding...

School attendance and impact of the pandemic

- ❑ Poor school attendance has serious implications for children and young people:
 - Lower attendance is correlated with lower attainment outcomes for pupils at both Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4.
 - Regular school attendance is also associated with a wider set of social, health and civic benefits, and school-based interventions are shown to have a significant positive impact on pupils who are struggling; as such, school attendance underpins holistic wellbeing for young people.
- ❑ National and local attendance data shows there has been a dramatic change in school attendance levels since the pandemic, counteracting all the positive work that had previously taken place.



Attendance	KS2 Pupils achieving expected standards
99%	71%
90%	50%
85%	42%

FOSS Events...



FREE XMAS JUMPER EVENT

Tuesday 28th November
3:15pm in the School Hall



50/50 CLUB

FANCY WINNING £££?!
NOVEMBER

50:50 Club is a monthly fundraising initiative from FOSS (Friends of Summerfield School) For **£1** you get to be allocated a number and entered into the 50:50 Club for that Month.

Every month a winning number is chosen at random. If your number is chosen, you win **50%** of the total amount received and the FOSS PTA win **50%**

£1 = 1 Number for that month's draw!
(You can choose more than one number!)

50/50 NOVEMBER 50/50

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Deadline to enter is Thursday 30th November



Raffle

18th December

Some amazing prizes

Further details to be announced soon!



Tuesday 19th December

Festive Scavenger Hunt

More details to be announced soon!

festive MOVIE NIGHT

Monday 11th December

3:30pm - 5:30pm

£3 PER ticket

tickets to be brought from reception
and include

Pizza, Popcorn & Juice

Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2



festive MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday 12th December

3:30pm - 5:30pm

£3 PER ticket

tickets to be brought from reception
and include

Pizza, Popcorn & Juice

Year 3 & Year 4



festive MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 14th December

3:30pm - 5:30pm

£3 PER ticket

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and include

Pizza, Popcorn & Juice

Year 5 & Year 6



DECEMBER/JANUARY DATES

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER	EY/YR1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE – <i>dress rehearsal</i>
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER	YR4 TRIP
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER	EY/YR1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE AT 10:00AM
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER	EY/YR 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE AT 10:00AM
MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER	EYFS / YR1 / YR2 FOSS MOVIE NIGHT AT 3:30PM – 5:30PM (<i>ARTHUR CHRISTMAS</i>)
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER	OPEN TOUR FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 2024 AT 10:00AM YEAR 5 VISIT FROM A MAGISTRATE
	YR3 / YR 4 FOSS MOVIE NIGHT AT 3:30PM – 5:30PM (<i>THE GRINCH WITH JIM CARREY</i>)
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER	YR 6 CAROL SINGING IN A LOCAL NURSING HOME
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER	YR 3 TRIP
	WHOLE SCHOOL SPECIAL VISIT FROM A SPECIAL JOLLY GUEST
	YR5 / YR6 FOSS MOVIE NIGHT AT 3:30PM – 5:30PM (<i>ELF</i>)
MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER	FOSS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (<i>FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW</i>)
	DOLCE XMAS SCHOOL LUNCH PLEASE BOOK THIS ON SCHOOLGRID IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO HAVE A FESTIVE CHRISTMAS LUNCH
	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (and dress-down for the rest of the last week – yay!)
TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER	FOSS FESTIVE SCAVENGER HUNT (<i>FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW</i>)
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER	SQUIRRELS TEA PARTY
	FOSS 50/50 DRAW ONLY £1 TO ENTER AND IT WILL BE DRAWN ON THIS DAY.–BUCKETS ON GATES
	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3:15PM FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK
FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER	INSET DAY–SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY	SCHOOL OPEN AT 08:45AM (FOR SPRING (1) TERM)

Community Pantry...

Our School Pantry is open to **ALL FAMILIES** regardless of circumstances. We are all being affected by the Cost of Living Crisis and we want help make things a bit easier for our families. Please come and take what you need, or if you are able, please do give if you can. Thank you kindly.



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