

Summerfield School News

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 11th December FOSS: Movie Night**
EYFS/YR1/YR2
(Arthur Christmas)
Ticket Required
- 12th December FOSS: Movie Night**
YR3/YR4
(The Grinch with Jim Carrey)
Ticket Required
- 14th December Year 3—Trip**
- 14th December FOSS: Movie Night**
YR5/YR6 (Elf)
- 18th December Christmas Jumper Day**
School Christmas Lunch
Please book on SchoolGrid
FOSS Raffle
- 19th December FOSS: Scavenger Hunt**
Ticket required
- 21st December FOSS: 50:50 Club**
Only £1 to enter. FOSS Team will be on the Gates in the morning if you would like to enter.
Squirrels' Tea Party
- END of Term**
School closes at 3:15pm for the Christmas Break
- 22nd December INSET Day**
School closed to Pupils
- 08th January School OPEN**
Welcome Back! Spring (1) Term

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents,

December is upon us and has brought a cold snap of weather. It has been lovely to see the children bundled up in coats, hats and scarves enjoying the frosty mornings and noticing how the environment is changing now that we are in winter.

December has also brought the season of celebrations. The school has been decorated, naughty elves are visiting some classrooms and cards are being written and sent. Our children will enjoy festive food, wearing their festive clothes and celebrating with parties and Summerfield's Got Talent at the end of term.

Whilst these celebrations are keeping us busy, Mr Fraser and I have been reflecting on the past year at Summerfield and ensuring that all members of our school community celebrate the successes of our school and all those who contribute to it. Some highlights are;

- Academic Achievements – Our KS2 SATS results were above those seen Nationally.
- Residential Trips were a huge success with many children enjoying their first nights away from home and challenging themselves with new activities.
- Our youngest children who joined us in September, have grown socially, academically and we saw that growth in the wonderful Nativity performances this week.
- Summerfield and Heelands School became a Federation enabling staff to work together.
- We began the Bagel Breakfast Bar ensuring all children have breakfast every day.
- FOSS – Friends of Summerfield School was created and has already been successful in helping to raise funds for the children.
- External visitors to the school always comment on the exceptional behaviour of the pupils.
- Learning walks and looking at work with other schools highlights that teaching and learning at Summerfield is of a very high standard.

Thank you to the staff at Summerfield for making this happen. Kindness, nurture and the highest expectations of every child are ever present, enabling our children to reach their full potential. I asked some Year 6 children "What is the best thing about your teachers?"

"They're kind and supportive." "Someone will always listen to you." "They are interested in you and help you to learn."

As always thank you to our parents. If you didn't trust us with your children each day, we wouldn't have the school of wonderful young people that we have. It is a time to celebrate indeed.

Best wishes,

Miss Daley, Associate Headteacher



Squirrels



This half term the children have been developing their mathematical language and exploring their sense of number. This includes recognising numbers to 10 and 20, matching them to the correct quantity, ordering and recognising numbers to 100. Alongside this, the children have been learning about 2D shapes, their properties, their physical representation and exploring fractions of whole, half and quarter.

So far this term, the children have been learning about 'Naughty Bus', 'Kipper's Birthday' and 'Squirrel's Snowman' stories. Alongside their writing activities, the children have been enjoying daily Dough Disco sessions and scissor skills sessions to support the development of hand muscles

and build strength to support their writing development. As part of 'Kipper's Birthday', the children enjoyed celebrating Kipper's birthday with a tea party. The children made decorations for the classroom and party hats. As part of their weekly cooking activity, they made jam and cheese sandwiches to enjoy at the party. This half term the children have enjoyed weekly P.E sessions with Miss Martin. During these sessions the children have been working on key skills such as: following instructions, taking turns, throwing, hitting targets and retrieval skills. We also have a new [Squirrels Page](#) on our website.



KS2 Lower

This week Year 4 have been very busy working as Scientists investigating the water cycle and states of matter. Luckily the weather dropped below zero and we could observe changes from water to ice. We composed music on glockenspiels as mood music for our Escape from Pompeii story. We thoroughly enjoyed our day trip to The Discovery Centre. We learnt more of the history of the Romans in Britain, including their knowledge of medicine and

why the Roman army was so powerful.

We even re-enacted a Roman feast with slaves, rich Dominus and entertainers. It was amazing!



KS2 Upper

Year 5 have had a fantastic time learning all about Law and Order in Britain throughout the ages. Owls class set up a modern Magistrates' court in class and acted out a roleplay about shoplifting. The defendant was accused of theft of a coat from a well-known clothes shop. The Magistrates listened to all the evidence and eventually decided that the defendant was guilty! She was sentenced to 100 hours community service. Owls had great fun acting out the roleplay!

Year 5 are also excited about the upcoming visit from a real-life Magistrate to find out more about modern law and order.



House Points



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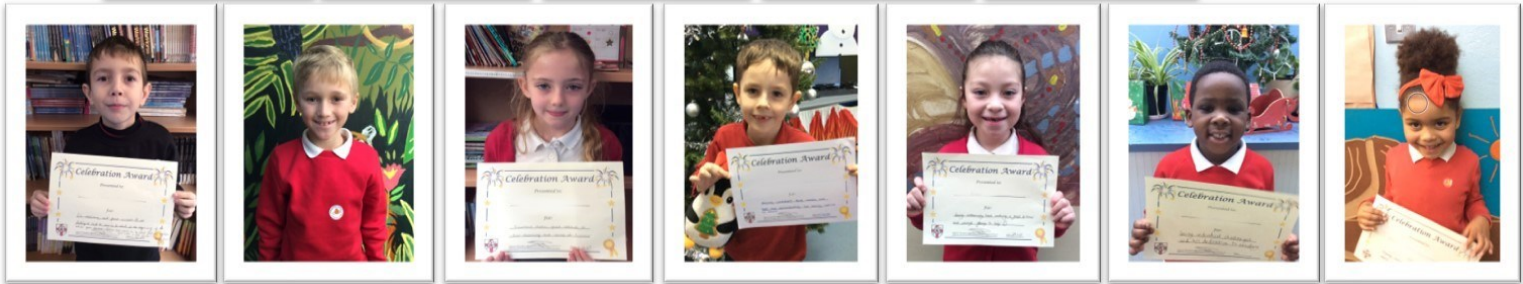
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CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

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



Abril, Fabian, Farhaan, George, Holly, Kieran, Leen, Neve, Oliver, Siddhiksha, Syamanth, Timilehin and Valarie



Alex, Aishwarya, Hallie-Marie, Josephus, Khylan, Maryam, Michael, Naomi, Nayanikaa, Olivia, Sayed and Wendy

Kate Mott is Retiring...

In two weeks' time, we will say a very fond and emotional farewell to Kate Mott.

Kate has been at Summerfield for well over 16 years and has supported many children and families during that time. As a SENDCo, she has worked tirelessly to support staff with interventions and paperwork. She has always strived to be a listening, compassionate ear for families of children who need 'a bit extra' and has done so much anonymously to provide the very best for those families in need. However, she will be most remembered in school as a kind, caring, humorous and honest colleague and friend who always puts everyone else above herself. Now it is time for her to spend time on herself and her family.

We really hope Kate will still be at Summerfield in a volunteering capacity in 2024 and that she enjoys a well deserved and long retirement. Thank you, Kate, from all of us!



Music Assembly...

We had a treat for our afternoon assembly on Monday 27th November. We had some wonderful live music performed by our Summerfield String players. The school listened with rapt attention as the guitarists and violinists played some lovely melodies.

The tuning was perfect. Thank you to all and to Mr Pentz their teacher, for all their hard work and practice. The standard was so high they have been invited to perform at Milton Keynes Instrumental Festival next Spring. Well done!



Safari Ninja Visit...

[Safari MMA – Bringing unity to Martial Arts](http://safarikickboxing.co.uk)
(safarikickboxing.co.uk)

Thank you to Safari Ninja who came in to visit us on Monday 4th December. Teaching about the importance of Respect, Responsibility and Community within Martial Arts. The children were so engaged and loved the assembly answering lots of questions. Lots of enthusiasm was had for the workshops with lots of punch and kick moves and the Teachers got involved too. Thank you so much Safari Ninja for coming to inspire and challenge us all. "I Can..."

Check out two videos from the workshops on our Website: [SCHOOL EVENTS](#)



Year 4 Trip

On Tuesday 5th December, Year 4 went on a Trip to Bradwell Abbey as part of their Veni, Vidi, Vici Topic.

The children had a rich experience learning about the Romans and how they contributed towards society. They enjoyed various workshops throughout the day including learning about Roman Medicine, Banquets and Marching.

It was great to see all the children participating and being amazing role models to represent our school.



EYFS / YR 1 Nativity

We are so proud of all our Early Years and Year 1 children. They have all practised so hard remembering the many songs, actions and speaking lines. All trying their very best. It can be a nervous thing to perform in front of so many people and the children all coped admirably. We really hope you all enjoyed the performances.

We would like to say a big huge thank you to Miss Webb, Mrs Moffatt, Mrs Elgar, Miss Watt, Miss Major, Mrs Sutton, Miss Harriman, Mrs Woolf, Mrs Dumbleton and Mrs Barnstaple for all their hard work in front and behind the scenes. Well done everyone!





FOSS Team...

Thank you so much to the FOSS Team who came in this week to decorate our Reception area with Christmas Decorations. It looks absolutely fabulous. Laura hand-made the festive bunting!

Thank you all so much for all your hard work and giving up your spare time.

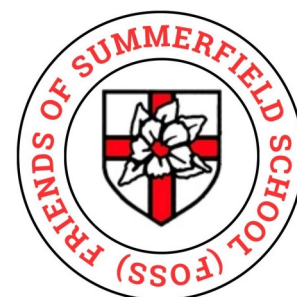


Did you know the FOSS Team have their own page on the School Website?

You can keep up-to-date with all the events which are happening . If you need to know the dates of events or how much things cost, you can check out the website for all the information.

You can also see photographs from previous events, (like the Halloween events.)

You can check the page out here: [FOSS PAGE](#)



Would you like to join the FOSS Team?

Fancy helping out with events?

Even if you can spare just a few hours helping set-up and tidy-away, it all really helps.

If you are interested in helping , please do get in touch and send them an email:

friendsofsummerfieldschool.org

FOSS Events...



FOSS will be holding a Festive Raffle on
Monday 18th December.

There are some amazing prizes .

Only 50p for one ticket
and £2 for a strip of 5 tickets

Tickets will be on Sale on
Friday 8th and Friday 15th December
outside after school by the Chickens.



Monday 18th December

Tickets will be sold to each year group on collection from the
Movie Nights on the following dates

Early Years/Yr1/Yr2 – Monday 11th December

Yr3/Yr4 – Tuesday 12th December

Yr5/Yr6 – Thursday 14th December

Tickets will also be sold by FOSS members by the chickens on
Friday 8th and 15th December for those not attending Movie Nights.

Any raffle prize donations are welcome, please
bring them to reception by Friday 15th December.



FOSS Festive Scavenger Hunt

Back by popular demand....

Tuesday 19th December

£3 per ticket

Siblings, friends and family are welcome to join in but they will need a ticket each to participate.

Letters will be sent home for you to purchase tickets.

3:15 - 4pm
Starting at the chickens

Parents are required to supervise their children at all times.



Back by popular demand, the FOSS Team have organised a **Festive Scavenger Hunt**.

This will be held on

Tuesday 19th December

after school, 3:15pm till 4:00pm.

You should have received a letter with details on how to purchase tickets.

If you require another copy of the letter,

please contact the FOSS Team:

friendsofsummerfieldschool@gmail.com

Children need to be supervised by an accompanying adult.

Staff Walk/Run for NSPCC...

NSPCC All Staff from Summerfield School will be taking part in the Walk for Children 2023 NSPCC fundraising event.

We will be walking 5k on 22 December, the longest night of the year. because for children suffering abuse, every night feels like the longest. For children, Christmas should be the most magical time of the year. But for thousands of children all over the country, Christmas can mean being trapped at home with their abusers.

- Last Christmas, Childline delivered more than **1,000 high-risk counselling sessions**.
- **64% of high-risk calls and web chats** to Childline at Christmas come in after dark.
- Childline, an NSPCC service, is open **24 hours a day, 365 days a year** for children who have nowhere else to turn.



Some of us will be walking and some will be running, all to raise funds for this amazing Charity.

If you are able, please do help support us. We have set-up an online page via JustGiving:

[SUPPORT SUMMERFIELD STAFF FOR NSPCC HERE](#)

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)

ClimbQuest

20% discount code for the Climb Quest School Reward Programme

We are taking part again in the reward programme for local schools from Climb Quest Milton Keynes. If the name is new to you, Climb Quest describe themselves as where climbing centre meets theme park, featuring over 20 'fun' climbing walls suitable for all abilities and ages (4 years plus).

Our unique school code is **MKSUMMERFIELD2**

20% discount on your climbing session this Christmas

Use our unique school code at the checkout when you book online to get money off climbing sessions at Climb Quest (excluding birthday parties, membership passes, exclusive group bookings, vouchers and after-school clubs). Normally this gives you a 10% discount, but until 7/1/24, this will give you a **20% discount**. This code is valid for a limited time and cannot be used with any other offer.

Reward card

We also have an electronic flyer about the programme to send out. This includes a reward card for you to keep that has our unique school code printed on.

CLIMB QUEST
MILTON KEYNES

FREE CLIMBING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Climb Quest will donate 25% of the value spent (ex VAT) using the unique code for your school, to use towards climbing sessions, to give young people an incredible confidence building experience.

For example, if £500 is spent using your school unique code, they will receive 10 free climbing spaces to use for a school booking.



CHRISTMAS OFFER - GET 20% OFF YOUR CLIMBING THIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Book your climbing session to reach new heights this Christmas Holiday. Use your school's unique code at the checkout when you book online at climbquest.co.uk.

Normally this gives you a 10% discount, but until 7/1/24, this will give you a 20% discount.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the team at Climb Quest.

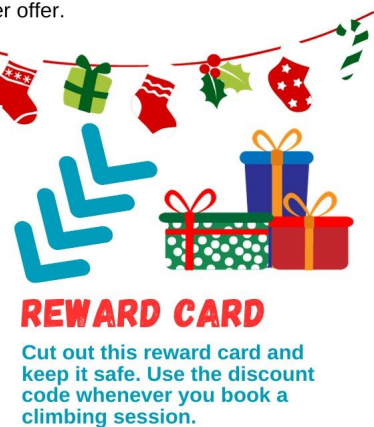
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DECEMBER/JANUARY DATES

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

EYFS / YR1 / YR2 FOSS MOVIE NIGHT AT 3:30PM – 5:30PM
(*ARTHUR CHRISTMAS*)

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
(*THE GRINCH WITH JIM CARREY*)

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 (*ELF*)

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

FOSS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (*FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW*)

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 (*FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW*)

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)

Notices...

We have had a lot of lateness this week; 21 children were late on Thursday 7th December.






If your child arrives at school after 9am, this is recorded as 'late'. If they arrive after 9.15am, this is recorded as an 'unauthorised absence' for the morning session.

Being late is distracting and disruptive for your child's start to the day and for their class and teachers.

Please help us and your child by arriving on time. Thank you - it is much appreciated.

Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

Safeguarding...

<h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> 
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SMART tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk