



SUMMERFIELD

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

EYFS – Phonics Workshop and Stay & Play

Friday 9th October

Parents are invited to attend.
9:00 am – 10:15am

Year 3 – Walking Trip

Monday 12th October

Please make sure you have given permission for your child to attend

Parents Evening

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 14th October

3:30pm – 6:00pm.

(You need to book a space)

FOSS Halloween Disco

Wednesday 21st October

Tickets are only £4.00

October Half-Term

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

INSET Day

Monday 2nd November

School is CLOSED to pupils.

School OPEN

Tuesday 3rd November

School OPENS at 08:45am for the start of Autumn Term (2)



HEADTEACHER NEWS...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week!

At 9.30am on Monday morning, we received the phone call to let us know that Summerfield would be having its inspection, and shortly afterwards we welcomed a team of four inspectors, including one shadow inspector, into school for two full days. I am delighted to say that it was a **really positive experience**. The process was thorough and professional, and we felt that the judgements made throughout the inspection were fair and reflected our school well. We will, of course, share the outcome with you as soon as the final report is ready and we are able to do so.

As ever, I came away from the two days feeling **incredibly proud of our staff and children**. Our children represented Summerfield brilliantly, and our staff demonstrated the commitment, care and hard work that goes into making our school what it is every single day. Thank you also to all of the parents and carers who engaged with the inspection process, completed surveys, spoke with inspectors or simply sent us messages wishing us well. Your support was very much appreciated.

And, as if that wasn't enough for one fortnight, **our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision was also audited**. We are absolutely thrilled to have achieved **Platinum – the highest standard of OPAL accreditation available**, a level achieved by roughly the top 1% of participating schools.

This is a fantastic achievement and another enormous source of pride for Summerfield. **A HUGE congratulations and thank you to Kate Stuart, Caroline Hendry, Robert Prosser-Dryer and all of our committed LSAs**, whose enthusiasm, creativity and sheer hard work have made OPAL the huge success it has become. Most importantly, we see the difference it makes to our children every day in the quality of their play, their experiences and their enjoyment of lunchtimes. We will share much more about this achievement once we receive the full accreditation feedback.

Finally, information about **Parents' Evening** has been sent out today. Bookings open from **4pm today and will remain open until next Friday**, so please make sure you sign up for an appointment. Our school meal providers, **ABM**, will also be in the hall on both evenings offering food tasting, so do pop in and sample some of the food on offer.

After a rather eventful week, I think everyone at Summerfield has certainly earned their weekend!

Have a fantastic weekend, everyone.

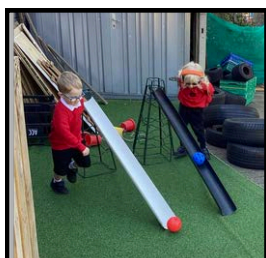
Best wishes,

Ian Fraser-Kirkup

Executive Headteacher



EYFS/KS1



The children have been busy learning their Set 1 sounds in phonics and are already beginning to blend sounds together to read words. We are so proud of the progress they are making. Alongside this, the children have been practising how to form each letter correctly and developing the correct pencil grip for writing. Our daily Dough Disco sessions have been great fun and are helping to strengthen the fine motor skills needed for writing.

We have been learning all about ourselves, our homes and families, as well as exploring feelings and emotions. The children have enjoyed sharing their experiences and getting to know one another. We have also spent lots of time singing nursery rhymes and traditional songs, listening to stories, and developing our language and communication skills.

The children have loved exploring our indoor and outdoor learning environments, making new friends, and learning the rules and routines of the classroom. We are incredibly proud of how well all the children have settled into Early Years and of everything they have achieved so far!

KS2 Lower



Year 4 children have settled in brilliantly and have already been working hard across the curriculum.

In English, we have been writing a short story inspired by the incredible journey of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, the first confirmed climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In Art and Design, the children have been developing their sewing skills by designing and making their very own beanies fit for a mountaineer! They have learnt and practised a range of sewing techniques, including running stitch, backstitch and blanket stitch.

In Geography, we have been learning how to use an atlas confidently. The children have been locating and identifying the continents, oceans, mountains and seas of the world.

We are very proud of how enthusiastically the children have started Year 4 and look forward to a fantastic year of learning, exploring and growing together!

KS2 Upper



This half term, Year 5 have moved at pace, routines are settled and presentation is given top priority.

In our topic, It's a Wild, Wild World, we are exploring Geography. We built and painted a model of a composite volcano and reproduced an eruption of lava using a mixture of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.

In English, we have written a newspaper report based on real-life natural disasters and are now writing an explanation text about how Pompeii disappeared nearly 2,000 years ago following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

In Maths, we are using place value up to 1,000,000 and rounding much larger numbers. Next, we will apply this knowledge to addition and subtraction.

In Music, we are learning to play the ukulele. We are developing our understanding of rhythm, melody and performance skills while learning new chords and songs.

Our Science topic this term is "Out of This World". We are learning about our solar system, including the planets and their positions relative to the Sun.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:

RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE

25.09.26



AMOGH, ARASH, ARHAN, BOUBACAR, MATTHEW, MIA, OLIVIA, SOFIIA, THEO, TESS, TYLER AND ZLATAN

02.10.26



AKYEDIE, AMELIA, DIANA, DOMINIC, EVELYN, HUI DAN, KENDRICK, LUCAS, MASON, MRIDULA AND REHET

Parents Evening

Tuesday 13th / Wednesday 14th October

We will be holding Parents Evening on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October from 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's Teacher and hear how well your child is progressing and raise any questions or concerns you may have.

You will be able to book a timed slot on your preferred day from **Friday 2nd October when bookings will go live at 4pm.** (Bookings will CLOSE on Friday 9th October at 12pm.)

Please make sure that you book a timed slot for each child you have that attends the school. Thank you.



Harvest Assembly

SUPPORTING MK FOOD BANK

HARVEST

Assembly

As part of our Harvest Assembly we are asking if families would kindly donate a dried food item please (from the list below) in support of MK Food Bank. Thank you.
Please hand items to your class teacher.

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

REQUESTED ITEMS:

TEA/COFFEE. TINNED FISH. TINNED PULSES. TINNED FRUIT.
TINNED TOMATOES. LONG LIFE MILK. JUICE OR SQUASH. JAMS.
PEANUT BUTTER. SOUP. SUGAR. TINNED MEAT. TINNED PASTA.
TINNED VEG. PASTA SAUCE. DRIED RICE.
RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD
CEREAL. BISCUITS. DRIED PASTA. BAKED BEANS

THANK YOU

Monday 19th October

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly on Monday 19th October.

As part of the assembly we will be supporting MK Food Bank and are asking families if they can kindly help support us by donating a food item from their requested Shopping List below please. Thank you so much. **You can start bringing in items now.**

Requested Items:

- Tea/Coffee
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Pulses
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Long Life Milk
- Juice or Squash
- Jams
- Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Sugar
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Pasta
- Tinned Veg
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Rice
- Rice Pudding/Custard
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Dried Pasta
- Baked Beans

FOSS Halloween Disco

Wednesday 21st October

Our wonderful FOSS Team are putting on a spooky Halloween Disco.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes and participate in the halloween fun after school.

It is only £4.00 per child. Children must have a ticket.

- Years 1/2/3 disco 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Years 4/5/6 disco 4:30pm - 5:45pm.

DEADLINE for purchasing tickets is
Thursday 15th October

The FOSS team will have sent letters home with your children with the details on how to book.

We do hope your child is excited to join in the disco, its going to be fang-tastic!



Term Dates

October Half-Term

(Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October)

School **CLOSES** on **Friday 23rd October** at **3:15pm**

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day - School CLOSED to Pupils

School **OPENS** on **Tuesday 3rd November** at **08:45am**





MILTON KEYNES FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: THE WEBBER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
SOSKIN DRIVE, STANTONBURY FIELDS, MILTON KEYNES, MK14 6DP

STARTING: MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Mondays: Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1 4.00pm-5.00pm
Group 2: School Year 2 4.00pm-5.00pm

Group 3: School Years 3 & 4 5.00pm-6.00pm
Group 4: School Years 5 & 6 5.00pm-6.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **25 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme. The course will run for approximately 10 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12,

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and awards

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**premier league**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made in 2 installments, with the first payment of £45 due on week 1. **Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.** *Mark Frith* (course co-ordinator) www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

MILTON KEYNES + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)
and receive confirmation by text to:

07827 322780