

# Summerfield School News

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

22<sup>nd</sup> September **Dolphins Walking Trip** 

23<sup>rd</sup> September NHS Nursing Flu Vaccine

26<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning

29th September Dinosaur Visit (EYFS/Yr1/2)

Giant's Journey Fossil Dig

30<sup>th</sup> September Sharks Walking Trip

30th September EYFS Phonics Workshop

Parents / Carers invited at 2:30pm

01<sup>st</sup> October Harvest Assembly

Collecting items for MK Food Bank

21st October Year 3 Walking Trip

21<sup>st</sup> October **Parents Evening** 

> 3:30pm—7:30pm booking information to be confirmed

22<sup>nd</sup> October Parents Evening

> 3:30pm—5:30pm booking information to be confirmed

24th October END of Autumn Term (1)

School closes at 3:10pm for

October Half-Term

#### 27th Oct-31st Oct OCTOBER HALF-TERM

03<sup>rd</sup> November **INSET Day** 

School CLOSED to Pupils

04<sup>th</sup> November School OPEN

School OPENS at 08:30am for

Autumn Term (2)

06<sup>th</sup> November Year 2

History In Action Visitor

14<sup>th</sup> November Children In Need

19<sup>th</sup> November School Photographs

Individual/Sibling

19<sup>th</sup> December END of Autumn Term (2)

> School closes at 3:10pm for Fnd of Autumn Term Break

# **HEADTEACHER NEWS**

Dear Parents and Carers.

We are now three weeks into the new school year, and what a brilliant start it has been here at Summerfield! The children have settled into their routines incredibly well, and the energy around school is one of enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness.

This was clearly reflected yesterday when we welcomed our new School Improvement Partner Mr Stuart Cateridge for a visit. He spent time visiting classrooms, speaking with staff and pupils, and observing daily life at Summerfield. He was full of praise for our school, commenting on the relaxed yet purposeful atmosphere and the exceptional politeness of the children.

He also remarked that, as well as having the highest standards of behaviour, our children showed a genuine love of learning and pride in their school. It's always a pleasure when visitors notice the things that make Summerfield such a special place to learn and grow.

We would also like to say a big thank you for the generous donations of pre-loved clothes. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. These items will be available for families to browse and collect next week-more details to follow shortly.

This positive start reflects the whole Summerfield community—staff, children, and families working together. Thank you for everything you do.

With all good wishes for a happy weekend

See you at the gate on Monday

Becky Daley

(Associate Head)

















# EYFS/KS1

We've had a wonderful start to Year 2, and it's been fantastic to see the children settle in so well. They've been learning and practising new routines with growing confidence, and it's clear they are already rising to the challenge of a new school year. On our very first day, the children threw themselves into a range of collaborative problem-solving challenges. It was great to see every child actively involved and working together with enthusiasm. In English, we've started exploring the narrative *The Snail and the Whale*, while in Maths, we are building our understanding

of place value. Our Geography lessons have taken us on a journey through maps, atlases, continents, and oceans, and in science, we are beginning to explore animals and their habitats. We're also getting creative in Design and Technology by designing and making ocean-themed dioramas—with moving fish! In Art, we'll be creating seascapes to bring these dioramas to life. It's been a fantastic start, and we're excited for all that's to come this term!



# **KS2 Lower**

Welcome to another exciting new year. Our topic this term is 'On top of the Mountain'.

We are going to look at different types, names and location of mountains round the world. The facts and statistics related to this topic will be used to produce a non-chronological report. We will also learn about some famous mountaineers and read their biographies.

In **English**, we will cover different types of writing and children will be consolidating and develop their understanding of different word classes and apply a broader

range of figurative language.

In **Science**, Animals including Humans (food chains, teeth, digestion). Place value, addition and subtraction will be covered in **Maths**. Children focus on human and physical features of mountains as a part of the **Geography** curriculum. Observational drawing and sewing will be the focus in **Art**. Children will Know how food is grown, reared, caught and processed in **DT**. In **Computing**, we will learn about use inputs to control sprite (background for story).



This half term, Year 5 have impressed with their hard work and independence.

In our Topic 'It's a Wild, Wild World' we are exploring Geography. We built and painted a model of a composite volcano. We reproduced an eruption of lava using a mixture of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. It was exciting and we worked together in teams. We also used our map reading skills to label maps including the Pacific Ring of Fire.

In English we are planning a newspaper report based on real life natural disasters.

In Maths we are using place value up to 1.000.000 and rounding with much larger numbers. Next we will apply this knowledge to addition and subtraction. In music we are learning to read and play motifs and rhythms from Mussorsgky's Bare Mountain, using percussion, voice and glockenspiel. During the term we are looking forward to depicting nature, taking inspiration from Hokusai and understanding how forces work on earth. Great start Year 5.



# **House Points**









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

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Aayaver, Aisha, Emily, Ethan, Florence, Isaac, Jonelle, Lilah, Noah, Sarah, Skylar and Zechariah

12.09.25



Alexandra, Bhavanga, Hasnain, Isabella, Israel, Flavius, Kekeli, Kelly, Luka, Mitchell, Ramona, Raymond and Wendy

<u>19.09.25</u>



Alexander, Ali, Elikem, Hui, Isabella, Leon, Lily-Rose, Lucas, Mridula, Oliver, Praise, Sebatian and Tony

# **Outside Play Area Update...**



We are so pleased with the new play swings which were installed over the Summer holiday. The children love them and get very excited for playtime! We would like to say a huge thank you to FOSS Team who part funded these brilliant and sturdy swings, thank you.





# Jeans for Genes Day...

On **Friday 19th September** we supported the **Jeans for Genes** charity campaign. Children were invited to come to school dressed in Jeans and casual top in return for an **online donation**.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this event, we managed to raise an incredible £340 Jeans for Genes Day 2025 - PRIMARY SCHOOLS - JustGiving Thank you so much for your support.



The charity helps to raise awareness about the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

We Raised

£340

You can find out more about this amazing charity here:

Jeans for Genes - who we are and the difference we make



# **NHS Flu Vaccinations**

The school nursing team will be coming to Summerfield school on **Tuesday 23rdSeptember** to administer the flu vaccine to children.

You are required to give/decline consent via the online portal for parents/carers. **ONLINE PORTAL** 



# Macmillan Coffee Morning



# **Clothing Giveaway**

Please do join us on **Monday 29th September** from 2:45pm where you are welcome to come and choose from a variety of different children's clothes items including coats and school uniform and other items free of charge.



# **Harvest Assembly**

On **Wednesday 1st October** we will be holding our Harvest Assembly with Phil Dunning attending to talk to the children. We will also be collecting dried food item donations for the MK Food Bank between Monday 29th September and Wednesday 1st October.

We are asking families to help support this event and bring in one item of the below to help support MK Food Bank which supports nearly 5,000 families in the Milton Keynes area. Thank you.





PLEASE SEE OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS Long life Juice - Tinned Tuna
Long Life Milk - Tinned Vegetables
Biscuits - Tinned Meat
Tinned Pasta - Tinned Fruit
Pasta Sauces - Dried Rice
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice Pudding / Custard
Spreads - Jams/Peanut Butter

# Census Day...

Every year, Summerfield School is required to complete three statutory returns to the Department for Education. Part of the information sent is a review of the number of meals taken on Census Day (the next one is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** from children who are eligible for **Universal School Meals / FSM or Pupil Premium**.



The Department of Education will fund schools the money for meals based on the number of meals taken <u>on this specific</u> <u>day</u> for these children. So, if your child did not take the meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October but then you decided later in the year for your child to take up their free meal, school would not have the funds to pay for this; the school budget overall would be reduced significantly. We would then have less money to put towards school resources e.g., pens, pencils and exercise books.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October to ensure we can receive the full funding, your child <u>(universal school meals / FSM or pupil premium children)</u> has been booked a meal based on their dietary requirements held by school for those that have not already booked.

Please help us by **not sending in a home packed lunch on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. As we have to record the actual meals taken, if you allow your child to have home packed lunch we lose the funding for them for the whole year and this has a huge

impact on our ability to spend and resource across the curriculum.

We appreciate your support in this matter and thank you in advance for your help.

To celebrate the Census Day, our school lunch provider, Dolce have created a special menu for the day.

This can be booked up until 08:30am on the day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



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## School Lunches...

#### **UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS:**

Did you know that all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 receive FREE school meals through the Government incentive, Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Your child can choose from a range of delicious hot and cold options including; vegetable curry, fish fingers, macaroni cheese, pesto pasta, chicken noodles, jacket potato with cheese and beans, cheese roll.

Lunches are provided by our catering team, Dolce and meal choices are ordered on a 3 week rotation. You can order up till 08:30am on the morning.

#### **EYFS**

Please do not order your child a school lunch and also provide your child with a packed lunch from home as this is wasteful in terms of cost and food items.

If you provide your child with a packed lunch, please cancel any school lunches you have booked, thank you.



#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS - ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?:

If you earn under a certain threshold amount or are in receipt of certain benefits, you could be entitled to Free School Meals/Pupil Premium.

#### Briefly including:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

For a detailed list of eligibility and to APPLY click here: FSM APPLY

# Free School Meals Are you entitled?

# Email contacts...

office@summerfiledschool.org general enquiries

reception@summerfieldschool.org change of person collecting. Please email before 1pm the office gets busy.

wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk to book your child into wraparound care or have any queries

**lettings@summerfieldschool.org** if you are interested in hiring any of our facilities

To report your child absent from school please use the Weduc app, or telephone the office before 9am on 01908 662585.

# **Medical Appointments...**

Please can we remind families that GP Doctor appointments and Dentist appointments need to be taken **BEFORE 08:45am** when school starts or **AFTER 3:15pm** when school finishes. Having medical appointments during school hours is disruptive to your child's day and interrupts class learning. Not only does your child miss essential learning time, but it also can be unsettling to a class to see a child leave. We understand that for emergency and hospital appointments these need to be taken when given, but when booking a GP Doctor or Dentist appointment, please choose **before** or **after** the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.



# Wraparound Care...

The Blue Sky Federation has combined its wrapround care provision to serve both Heelands and Summerfield children. It is called 'Blue Sky Wraparound Care' and it operates within Heelands School.

We also welcome children from Priory Common and Bradwell Village Schools.

This is run by members of our own staff with a designated Play Leader and three Play Workers.

Please email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk to book a place.



#### **CARE CLUB RUNNING TIMES**

BREAKFAST CLUB is open at 07:45am till 8:30am

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB is open at 3:10pm till 6:00pm

Session Rates for child care from 1st September 2025

BREAKFAST CLUB: £4.00 per session

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:** £13.00 per full evening session (includes snack; collection must be by 6.00pm)

**BOOKING:** Please email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk to book a place for September or if you have any queries.

You can also call the number: 01908 316 306 if you would like to speak to someone about our new wraparound provision.

\* From Tuesday 2 September 2025 we are combining the Heelands and Summerfield wraparound care to one site at Heelands school.

Wraparound childcare is care provided outside of standard school hours, typically before school starts in the morning and after it ends in the afternoon.

These services support working parents by offering a reliable and safe place for their children to stay, ensuring they are well-cared for while parents are at work.

The benefits of combining our wraparound care are:

- a significant reduction in costs to the combined schools; money which can be reinvested in our children.
- consistent delivery of wraparound care across all our Blue Sky children.
- the opportunity to enhance our wraparound care services and activities

Please refer to our <u>frequently asked questions</u> on our school website; if you have any further questions, please email: wraparoundcare@tbsf.org.uk or call 01908 316306.

## Available To Hire Now...

Large open space
Access to Kitchen Area
Tables and Chairs available
Competitive Rates





Sporting Groups

Youth Groups

Faith Groups

Dance Groups

Fitness Groups

Language Groups

# HALL FOR HIRE

Heelands Primary School Glovers Lane Heelands Milton Keynes MK13 7QL AVAILABILITY

weekdays and evenings

and during school holidays

**BOOK NOW** 

www.heelands.org

01908 316 306

lettings@heelands.org

# Children Starting School in September 2026...

# REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR ONE OF OUR OPEN VIEWING TOURS BY CLICKING HERE



## **OPEN VIEWING TOURS**



Spaces available for all year groups. Accepting start of year and in-year admis-

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day



Attractive School
Grounds & Facilities

Varied & Exciting
Curriculum

Committed Staff Team
Strong Pastoral Care
Strong links with the Community

## **Viewing TOURS**

(Please REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE to book your place)

Wednesday 12th NOVEMBER—2pm / Wednesday 10th DECEMBER—10am

We can arrange tours at other times too to meet your availability. Please contact the school office on the details below.

Downley Avenue, Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes, MK13 8PG 01908 662 585 office@summerfieldschool.org summerfieldschool.org



