

Summerhill Matters

Message from the Headteacher



It's A Boy!

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Chedgzy!

I am delighted to announce that Benjamin Joseph Chedgzy arrived safely last Sunday weighing in at 8lbs and 4oz.

We can't wait for him to come and visit his Summerhill family soon.



Welcome Reception

We had a lovely Wednesday morning this week as we formally welcomed our new Reception class. The Year 6 pupils introduced their buddies, telling us about the reception children's favourite foods, colours and games. The Reception have very high aspirations as to what their future will look like! We have children aspiring to become a doctor, a scuba diver, a teacher, a fairy, superhero and even a crocodile to name but a few!

Look out for more information and photographs next week.

Well done Year 2!

100% attendance this week.

Reception	95.8%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.75%
Year 4	94.83%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	99.1%

Keep up the good work!

School Photographs

Individual and sibling school photographs will be taken next Wednesday morning. Please inform the school office if you have a child in Little Acorns Nursery that you would like on the photograph.



Diary Dates

(subject to change)

Activity	Date	Time
Individual School Photographs	03.10.18	Morning
FSSA Non Uniform (wine /spirits)	05.10.18	All day
#HelloYellow wear something yellow in support of YoungMinds Charity	10.10.18	All day
Whole School Spanish Day	12.10.18	All day
FSSA Autumn Bingo	17.10.18	Doors open 18:00 , eyes down 18:30
Breast Cancer Awareness wear pink	19.10.18	All day
Finish for Half Term	19.10.18	15:30 pm
Return to school for Autumn Term 2	29.10.18	Please be on the playground no later than 08:50 am
Year 6 Remembrance Workshop , Liverpool Cathedral	30.10.18	Leave school 09:00
Anti Bullying Week	12.11.18 – 16.11.18	N/A
Y6 Remembrance Assembly	13.11.18	09:15 – 10:00
Parents Evenings	13.11.18 & 14.11. 18	15:30 – 18:30
Mufti Day	16.11.18	£1 donation
Y3 Stone Age Workshop	22.11.18	All Day
Mufti Day	23.11.18	Bottles
Mufti Day	30.11.18	Cakes
Road Safety Week	19 – 25.11.18	N/A
FSSA Christmas fair	30.11.18	15:30 pm start
Y3 Class Assembly	27.11.18	09:15 – 10:00
Reception Production	4.12.18	TBC
Y3 and Y4 Trip to Norton Priory	10.12.18	09:00 – 15:00
YR Trip to Unity Theatre		09:00 – 12:00
Infant Production	11.12.18	TBC
Christmas Dinner / Wear Christmas Jumper	12.12.18	All day
FSSA Christmas Treat- Visiting Theatre Alice in Wonderland	12.12.18	Afternoon
Whole school Christmas Service at St Andrews Church	14.12.18	Pupils are to be brought to church for 09:30am. All families are welcome to attend. Breakfast Club will open and staff will walk the children to church no matter what the weather! Whole school will then walk back to school.
Breakfast with Santa R, Y1 and Y2	18.12.18	08:00am
Finish for Christmas Break	21.12.18	14:00 pm
Return for Spring Term 1	07.01.18	Please be on the playground no later than 08:50 am

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (HOLIDAYS) IN TERM TIME

We know that you as parents/carers want the best for your child and that having a good education helps to open up more opportunities in adult life. Bearing this in mind, I would like to include a reminder regarding the law relating to holidays taken during term time.

As parents you have a legal duty to ensure that your children attend school on a regular basis. The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to “fail to secure their child’s regular attendance at the school”. On matters relating to term-time pupil absences, the Education (pupil registration) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2013, which came into force on 1 September 2013, removed all references to ‘family holidays’ and ‘extended leave’ as well as the ‘notional threshold of 10 school days’. The amendments also make it very clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless exceptional circumstances prevail. The amendments give *parents no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time* and require the Headteacher and Governing Body to determine what the exceptional circumstances are. Government guidance refers to service families only. Each request will be considered individually.

A letter requesting leave of absence, stating the reason for the request, must be sent to the headteacher well in advance of the planned absence.

Email requests may be sent to admin.summerhill@schools.sefton.gov.uk

It must clearly state in the letter what the exceptional circumstance is that requires the leave of absence being taken in term time.

On receipt of the request, you will be sent a response indicating whether the school is able to authorise the leave of absence or not.

Any requests made for a holiday to be taken in the academic year, which is not considered to be exceptional in circumstances, will result in a fine. If parents, contrary to what the school has said, still decide to take their child out of school for a leave of absence then the absence will be coded as unauthorised. This may lead to the school referring the matter to the Local Authority

PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 <u>per parent</u>	£60 per child = <u>£120 per parent</u>
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 <u>per parent</u>	£120 per child = <u>£240 per parent</u>
After 28 days	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates’ Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their child’s regular attendance	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates’ Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their children’s regular attendance

REMINDERS

Year 1 ,2, 3 and 4 doors in the morning

Now that the children are familiar with their new teachers and where to come in each morning, can parents please remain on the main playground area when the bell sounds and not walk their child to the door. It can be quite daunting for some of the younger children finding their way in through large groups of adults. Messages can be handed in at the office, passed to a member of staff on duty or via a note to the teacher. We do appreciate that occasionally you may need to speak to a member of staff that morning.

Supervision on the Playgrounds

Please be reminded that the children are the responsibility of parents/ carers before 8.45am and after 3.20pm/ handover from after-school clubs. We kindly ask children not to play out after school as staff from After School Club are waiting to start their clubs on the playground. Thank you.

Sending Money into school

All money that is handed into school for payment of dinners, trips, 'make and bake' etc, **must** be sent in an envelope clearly marked with child name, class, amount and what the money is for. **Please use a separate envelope for each lot of money.** The money is placed in a box in class, delivered to the office for checking and recording. Any money passed into school that is not in an envelope will not be accepted.

Dinner Money

Reminder that dinner money is **£10.50 per week**

Flu Letters

Letters have been sent home regarding immunisation against flu for pupils from Reception through to Year 5. The letter must be returned even if you are not giving permission.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSION

Our school nurse is Helen Lavelle

The next date for School Health Drop-In will be: Wednesday
17/10/18 from 8.45 to 9.15am

Please feel free to pop in!

Tel: 0151 247 6811 / 07768 615 882

Email: helen.lavelle@nwbh.nhs.uk

Web: www.nwbh.nhs.uk



School Meals for Free PLEASE READ

Attendance and Punctuality Matter!

Most parents want their children to get on well in life. Nowadays, it is more important than ever to have a good education behind you if you want opportunities in adult life. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school regularly and punctually.

Be here and be here on time!

Are you missing out?

Prior to April 2018, children qualified for free school meals - and accordingly pupil premium - if you received any of the following benefits:

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit.

If you think you are eligible please do apply as not only will your child have their school dinner provided but school will also receive £1320 per pupil towards education.

How to apply

There are 3 ways:

- Contact Sefton's School Admissions and Pupil Support Department on 0151 934 3456
- Apply online at www.direct.gov.uk
- Come into school and we can provide the forms

Parent Mail and ParentApp

We do not ordinarily send paper copies of letters / newsletters. Most of our communication is done electronically. If you are not registered please contact Ms Graham / Mrs Higham in the school office so that we can keep in touch with you more easily.

Summerhill Parent App

This can be installed on both Android and iPhone. Username: summerhill Password: summerhillparent

It is up to you to keep us informed of a change of email.

Change of Pupil Details

Please ensure any changes in your child's details e.g. contact telephone numbers, change of address etc. are reported to the school office as soon as possible. This information does need to be kept up to date for emergency situations.

Leaflets

School will send home leaflets from time to time which may be of interest to parents and advise them of activities going on in the community, these activities have not been vetted by the school and the school is not endorsing the activity.

