

Summerhill Matters

Message from the Headteacher

In assembly, on Thursday each class shared what they have learnt about inspirational women.

Reception: Florence Nightingale

Year 1: Grace Darling

Year 2: Bethany Hamilton

Year 3: Mary Anning

Year 4: Rosa Parks

Year 5: Amelia Earhart

Year 6: Edith Cavell



Maths Competition

On Thursday evening a group of Year 6 pupils participated in a Mathematics Competition at St Bede's Catholic High School, in **Attendance**

Ormskirk. The competition relied on the pupils ability to solve problems, working as a team, using their mathematical knowledge and skills.

We are proud to say they came 3rd!



Weekly

19.11.18 -23.11.18

Reception	98.75%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	95.42%
Year 4	91.81%
Year 5	96.30%
Year 6	97.77%
School	96.57%

School Matters!

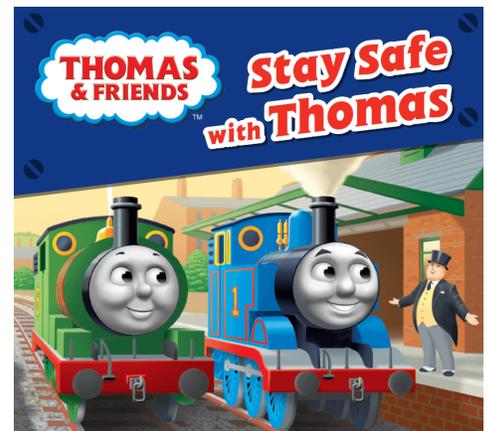


Term Dates 2019-2020

	AUTUMN TERM 2019	SPRING TERM 2020	SUMMER TERM 2020
Term commences	Wednesday 4 September	Monday 6 January	Monday 20 April
Mid-Term Holiday	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February	Monday 25 May to Friday 5 th June
Term Ends	Friday 20 December	Friday 3 April	Wednesday 22 July
Total No of Days 190	73	60	57

Network Rail

Network Rail and Thomas the Tank Engine have joined together to help children, aged 1-6 years, learn about staying safe around the railway. The story book - 'Stay Safe with Thomas' is available to download at www.networkrail.co.uk/thomas



Splatter Dance

Fun & creative dance classes for children with additional needs aged 4 plus & their siblings.

No official diagnosis necessary

"It is the highlight of his week! The benefit to his confidence and social skills has been profound." parent feedback

- Have fun!
- Boost confidence & self-esteem
- Freedom to be creative & expressive
- Develop social & communication skills
- Extend physical skills
- Leave feeling relaxed
- Performance opportunities



Free taster sessions on Monday 3rd & Monday 10th December
4.15pm-5.00pm or 5.15pm-6.00pm
Weekly classes start in January



Delivered by a specialist dance artist together with support artists allowing parents to enjoy a cuppa & chat!

Aughton Village Hall,
Winfred Lane, Aughton,
Ormskirk, L39 5DH.
Free onsite parking

Contact Emma with any questions & to book your place
emma@splatterdance.co.uk
07973636019
www.splatterdance.co.uk



Christmas Dinner

School Christmas dinner is on Wednesday, 12th December. All children who currently have a school dinner will automatically receive one.

However, if your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like a Christmas Dinner on this day, then you must complete the reply slip sent home and return it with £2.10. This must be received at the school office no later than Friday 30th November.

Any requests after this date cannot be accepted as the kitchen staff will submit their order that afternoon.



Summerhill Christmas Fair NEXT FRIDAY, 30th November

We hope you are able to come along and support the FSSA in raising much needed funds used for providing resources, etc. for your children. There will be games, stalls, a café and Father Christmas has even said he will come along! The children have been busy making crafts to sell!



Dates for your Diary (Subject to change)

Activity	Date	Time
FSSA Mufti Day	30.11.18	Cakes
FSSA Christmas fair	30.11.18	15:30 pm start
Y3 Class Assembly	27.11.18	09:15 - 10:00
Y6 Maghull Baptist Church visit- Bubblegum Christmas	28.11.18	09:30 - 12:00
Reception Production	4.12.18	18:30 start
Carol Singing at Liverpool Central Station	09.12.18	12:00 - 14:00
Y3 and Y4 Trip to Norton Priory	10.12.18	09:00 - 15:00
Infant Production	10.12.18	14:00 start
YR Trip to Unity Theatre	11.12.18	09:00 - 12:00
Infant Production	11.12.18	18:30 start
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 and Y3 £3.50 per child	18.12.18	08:00am
Finish for Christmas Break	21.12.18	14:00 pm

MESSAGES FROM THE FSSA

Can we ask a favour?

We're always trying to raise money for the school.

It's not always easy to ask for more donations, so we've started using easyfundraising, a really clever website that turns your online purchases into free donations for us, at no extra cost to you.

It means you can help us fundraise really easily - simply shop with any of over 3,300 online retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boots, and M&S, and when you make a purchase, the retailer will send us a free donation. It's as simple as that!

With Christmas coming up and many of us doing our shopping online we thought it would be a great time to start using easyfundraising.

Please visit our easyfundraising page at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosummerhillmaghul/>

and click 'support us'.

We really do need your support.

Thank you!

Co-op Local Community Fund

Thank you to the FSSA for completing the application form!



Friends of Summerhill School Association has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

The funding round started Sunday, 28 October 2018. From this date, Co-op Members can choose your cause to give their 1% to when they spend on selected own-brand products and services.

The funding period will run for 12 months until the 26 October 2019.

Please shop at the Co-op and register us as your nominated charity. Ask your friends and family to register too!

Mufti Days for the School Christmas Fair

30.11.18

Cakes

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

Supervision on the Playgrounds

Please be reminded that the children are the responsibility of parents/ carers at the beginning and end of the school day. 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

The start of the school day.

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

After half-term please will parents/ carers remain on the main playground area when the bell sounds and not walk their child to the door. There are still times that it can be daunting for some of the younger children to find their way in through large groups of adults. We aim to get the children into class quickly and settled ready to learn. Messages can be passed via the office, passed to a member of staff on duty or via a note to the teacher. We do appreciate that occasionally it may be necessary to speak directly to a member of staff from your child's class that morning. Let your child know if they have a letter or money to pass in and they can let their teacher know.

SCHOOL NURSE

The next drop-in session is 13.12.18
3-3.30 pm

Our school nurse is Helen Lavelle

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.

