

# Summerhill Matters

## Message from the Headteacher

### Rights Respecting School—Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Gold Rights Respecting Schools status by Unicef UK. Gold is the highest stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award and is granted to schools that have fully embedded children's rights throughout the school in its policies, practice and ethos. Our achievement has been driven by the hard work and dedication of Mr Palmer and our very competent Rights Respecting School Council. We would also like to thank Mrs Beaumont (Parent Governor) for her continued support and enthusiasm since the Beginning of our journey in 2015.

An extract from the report ...

*'It was evident throughout the visit that children and adults at Summerhill recognise children's rights as an integral part of the school's ethos and that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) informs all areas of school life. Particular strengths of the school are:-*

- The articulate and confident way the pupils refer to their rights in the context of their lives both within and beyond school.*
- The promotion of the CRC through a project involving schools across Europe. This is enabling pupils and staff to liaise with five other countries on the rights of the child, sharing resources and working jointly on specific articles within the CRC.*
- The involvement of other agencies, which has enhanced the delivery of the CRC. • The daily discussion on rights in all classes which follows on from watching the Newsround TV programme.*



## Educate Awards Nomination

The Educate Awards was founded by Kim O'Brien in 2012 and is the one night of the year where the excellence of schools in Merseyside, Cheshire and Lancashire is celebrated and rewarded in a unique fashion. Now in its 7th year, the amount of nominations submitted for the awards year upon year continues to grow at an exponential rate.



Summerhill Primary School in Maghull is shortlisted due to its excellent reputation for its caring ethos, creative curriculum and close links with parents.

Voted the number one primary school in Sefton and 77th in the country, it is also in the top 2% of schools in England in terms of progress for reading, writing and mathematics.

As well as academic success, the school boasts a varied enrichment programme for pupils which stems from its Forest school status as well as being a 'Rights Respecting School' which helps children understand their rights from a young age.

## Eye Health

We had a very interesting assembly this morning that was led by Maghull Eye Centre. They spoke to the children about the importance of looking after our eyes. The key themes that came out were:-

- Exercising our eyes. Playing out is one of the most beneficial activities a child can do as the eyes are constantly moving when focusing on friends and distance etc. Sitting in front of a computer, ipad, phone or television for long periods of time is not good for our eyes.
- Eating plenty of vegetables and drinking plenty of water.
- Wearing sunglasses and never looking directly at the sun. The backs of our eyes are far more sensitive than our skin.
- Regular visits to an optician who can check your vision and eye health

## Fundraising for Children In Need

Once again we will be supporting this event with a cake sale. If children wish to accessorise their school uniform with any 'Spotty' additions such as spotty nails, Pudsey Ears, spotty socks etc they are welcome too, but school uniform is to be worn. (A Pudsey T-shirt is permitted).



## Bootle FC Girls



We are a non profit football club; Bootle FC (based in Maghull), any money charged to parents goes on kits/pitches and equipment.

We are FA registered and all those working with the children have completed a DBS check and have or are working towards their coaching badges. We would love to get more players to fill teams, so that the girls can enjoy matches.

We are an all abilities club and open to **all** girls wanting to have a go. As well as being fun and giving the girls an opportunity to meet friends in the area from other schools we work hard on fitness and promote healthy lifestyles.

## Weekly Attendance

Reception	98.33%
Year 1	99.17%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	94.58%
Year 4	91.38%
Year 5	98.61%
Year 6	95.98%
School	95.4

## Last Half Term Attendance

Reception	97.69%
Year 1	97.16%
Year 2	97.65%
Year 3	96.69%
Year 4	94.07%
Year 5	95.64%
Year 6	96.85%

## School Matters!



## Diary Dates

(subject to change)

Activity	Date	Time
Anti Bullying Week	12.11.18 - 16.11.18	N/A
FSSA Mufti Day	09.11.18	£1 Donation
Y6 Remembrance Assembly	14.11.18	09:15 - 10:00
Parents Evenings	13.11.18 & 14.11.18	15:30 - 18:30
Year 6 only	14.11.18 & 15.11.18	15:30 - 18:30
Children In Need	16.11.18	Cake sale
WW1 Workshop	16.11.18	Y6
Y3 Stone Age Workshop	22.11.18	All Day
FSSA Mufti Day	23.11.18	Bottles
Road Safety Week	19 - 25.11.18	N/A
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 £3.50 per child	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

## 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

**09.11.18**            **£1 Donation which will be used for prizes.**

**23.11.18**            **Bottles (spirits, wine etc)**

**30.11.18**            **Cakes**

## Summerhill School Football Team



The football team have got off to a flying start this season. They have won their first two matches beating Lydiate 3-2 and Melling 8-1.

They are working well as a team; passing, challenging, defending and scoring magnificent goals!

Keep it going boys!

## Year 6 Visit Anglican Cathedral for a Remembrance Workshop

It was lovely to receive an email from the cathedral to say ...

‘We would just like to congratulate the children on their exemplary behaviour while they were with us. It was a pleasure for our team to interact with them.’



## Health experts in Sefton support antibiotic resistance campaign

Sefton residents are being asked to play their part in Public Health England’s effective campaign to help keep antibiotics working.

The ‘Keep Antibiotics Working’ campaign has returned this month due to its success in October 2017, to remind us that taking antibiotics when we don’t need them puts us and our families at risk. It’s important that, when it comes to antibiotics, we always take our doctor, nurse or healthcare professional’s advice.

Antibiotics are essential to treat serious bacterial infections but they are frequently being used to treat illnesses, such as coughs, earache and sore throats that can get better by themselves. Taking antibiotics encourages harmful bacteria that live inside people to become resistant. That means that antibiotics may not work when we really need them.

The campaign will run for eight weeks up until 16 December across England and will be supported by advertising, partnerships with local pharmacies, GP surgeries and local authority community hubs along with social media activity.

For further information on antibiotic resistance visit the CCG website: [southportformbyccg.nhs.uk](http://southportformbyccg.nhs.uk)

## 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](mailto: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

### Drapers Bridge

Drapers Bridge also known as Rutherford Rd Canal bridge will be closed for around 4 days next week which may affect you.

### 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 quicky 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](mailto:helen.lavelle@nwbh.nhs.uk)

Web: [www.nwbh.nhs.uk](http://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](http://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.

