

Headmaster's Newsletter

Summerhill Infant School

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Term 1

A warm welcome to all our Pupils after the summer holiday. I am looking forward to another year with lots of fun, excitement, hard work and challenges which will enable us to continue to provide an excellent education for our Pupils.

Mr Lewis and the Cleaners have been very busy over the holiday preparing the school inside and the school is looking wonderful.

I hope the children in Year 1 and 2 completed the Summer Journals and will be bringing them in. I will be collating the House Points earned and Journals will be returned as a lasting memory of the hottest Summer 2025.

We look forward to extending a warm welcome to our new Reception children and Parents/Carers.

Thank you for all the End of Year Questionnaires which were overwhelmingly positive .

Please do check emails for messages from school. Please also let us know your email address/mobile number if you have not already done so or if it has changed.

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After School Clubs

We have sent out a list of After School Club activities open for children in Years 1 and 2. Having listened to your requests and those of School Council we hope to run a variety of Clubs throughout the year with a mixture of volunteered support from Staff and paid Coaches.

Stay Safe

Sadly each year the school's biggest safety concern involves illegal parking around the school by Parents/Carers. This also contributes to air pollution outside of school grounds. Can we start the year off together by parking away from the school or walking, scooting or cycling into school. A far safer and healthy option for your Son/Daughter, you and other road users. Thank you for your support.

Be Healthy

We continue to unashamedly promote Healthy Lifestyles at school and at home. Encouraging the children to eat a balanced diet take plenty of exercise and look after and treat their minds and bodies with respect. We would ask for no sweets, chocolates or crisps (except Fridays for crisps) in packed lunches. If your child is a fussy eater we encourage you to bring a packed lunch in on those days where they may struggle with the menu.

Enjoy and Achieve

Your child's Year Group will send out a Newsletter shortly, outlining the topic the children will be studying and what will be covered in each of the subject areas. We will send homework in bookbags and this will be available on Google Classrooms. Please check Book Bags regularly and return them to school each day. **Please spend 15 minutes reading with your child each day and help them learn to spell key words.**

It really makes a **HUGE** difference to the progress that your Son or Daughter will make at school.

House System

We start afresh this year and hope you can support at home with the regular competitions. Every child that enters a House Competition wins valuable House Points - Last year was a very close run race with Neptune winning again and Mars winning Sports Day.



Your child's entry will make all the difference and is another fun way to engage in learning with your child. Look out for the first House Competition to make an astronaut at home.

We will be electing House Captains from Year 2 Pupils at the first House Meeting.

Parent View

Please can you give your views on the school to Parent View. It is your chance to celebrate and share opinion of our great school. The website is:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk



Positive Contribution

We will be supporting a number of charities this year:

Children in Need

Homeless Charities — Bristol through Harvest Donations

Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

School Fundraising - Friends of Summerhill events

Any Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeals.

All the children will help others less fortunate than themselves locally, nationally and globally through their charitable actions.

Friends of Summerhill— Parent/Carer volunteers need help with their fabulous fundraising. If you are interested please contact them on

Friends.summerhill@bristol-schools.uk

The Balance of Good Health



Stop Press.....

Universal School Meals (Free)

All Pupils at school are entitled to a Universal School Meal (Free) at lunchtime. If you do decide to have a school lunch and your Son/Daughter has any dietary requirements or allergies the school is not aware of, can you ensure that the Office is informed ASAP— A Care Plan may need to be written and your child may not be able to access a lunch until this has been completed for their safety. With the potential of 180 hot dinners being served each day we will be working closely with Chartwells and Bristol City Council to make sure the experience is a positive one for Pupils and Staff.

For Parents/Carers eligible for Free School Meals we ask that you still register as the school will receive valu-

able Pupil Premium money which is used for extra tuition and enrichment activities for this group of children. If you are entitled to Income Support and need more information please come and talk to the School Office.

Remember PLEASE no NUTS in packed lunches

Volunteers

Q: Can you help the school improve its teaching of Literacy or Numeracy ?

If you can spare a morning or afternoon to come and help in school then the answer is YES. Please see the Office about helping in school.

‘Rise to each challenge—Shine with success’



School Council Minutes

When available School Council Minutes will be found here:

School Council consists of two elected Pupils from each Class (Reception after Easter) who meet regularly with the school leaders to communicate class views of the school. They act as ambassadors for the school. Each Class has a regular Class Council Meeting to discuss ideas to improve school from their unique prospective, these meeting notes are then taken to School Council Meetings.

To date, the School Council has met local MPs, represented the school at City Hall and promoted healthy living through school. They have presented ideas for improvements to resources and ideas for the curriculum, which when financially affordable, have been acted on.

The School Council usually have a stall at our Christmas and Summer Fayres. Their fundraising goes towards projects the children have agreed on for the year.

Want to find out more:

TWITTER : Weekly updates of school life

Google Classrooms: Your child has a login and password to help find out about the learning each week.

School Development

At Summerhill Infant School we strive to provide an outstanding learning environment for all our children each and every day.

We also believe that our Parents/Carers play a crucial role in every child's educational and personal development. If you would like to know more about school life or have any ideas or suggestions please contact me through the School Office.

Friends of Summerhill also have a suggestion box by the Office.

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We have a website:

www.summerhillinfantschool.co.uk

Please have a look and bookmark it as it will be updated regularly with important calendar events.

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