

The Summerbank Sentinel - Sept 2018

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome parents, children and staff back to school at the start of our new school year. It was fantastic to see the children settling in so well to their new classes this week and returning to school eager to learn.

WE'VE BEEN BUSY OVER THE SUMMER!

School Field Improvements

So that we can make use of our fantastic field area all year round, we've added a 'Mile a Day' track around the outside of the pitch, which will mean we can use this to stay active all year round rather than just in dry weather. We have also extended this into the 'forest area' at the end of the field and we look forward to developing this into a nature and learning area during this year.



ICT

To improve learning we have purchased and installed innovative touch screen boards in four of the classrooms in Key Stage Two. These will really enhance children's learning opportunities and they (and the teachers) are really impressed – they are like huge touch screen tablets!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

We are very proud to have been awarded the School Games Gold Mark in recognition of all of the sporting opportunities now offered by the school. Well done to all of the staff and children for their hard work and effort.



HELPING OUR ACADEMY RUN SMOOTHLY...

School Opening Times

8.50 – 2.55 Nursery & Reception

8.50 – 2.55 Years One & Two

8.50 – 3.00 Years Three, Four, Five & Six

Please help us by getting your child to school on time each day, even ten minutes late each day adds up to more than a week over the year.

Absence & Holidays

If your child is ill please phone the school office and let us know before 8.45am.

Holidays are not permitted during term time. If you plan to take your child out of school for this reason please make an appointment with the Education Welfare Officer at the School Office.

School Meals

The cost of school dinners is:

£1.80 per day in Nursery (£9 per week)

£2.20 per day in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (£11 per week)

Please pay on Monday for the week

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 can receive 'Universal Free School Meals' as part of the Government Scheme. If you receive certain benefits you may be able to claim free school meals – call into the School Office for info.

**PERMISSION
REQUIRED**

Permission Letters

New laws have come in to do with collecting people's data. This means we need to ask you to give your permission for many of the regular activities that take place in school.

We will soon start sending out forms for you to do this – you can put all of your children on one form and then give them all permission at once. We will send out the forms for the oldest children first, then down through the school to the youngest. It is really important to get these filled in so your child doesn't miss out on things like using the online systems in school, if you need help filling in the form please come to the School Office who will be happy to help.

School Uniform

Wearing our Summerbank uniform is an important part of school life and helps children to feel part of our community and feel a sense of belonging. We take pride in our school and it was lovely to see so many children wearing their uniform on the first week back.

The weather seems to be very changeable at the moment so please make sure children have waterproof coats, sensible shoes etc if it looks like rain. If you need to buy any new items then our branded clothing is available from Supersport Tunstall Uniform Shop on the High Street.



Rewards in School

Last year was the first full year of our children in Reception to Y6 collecting Dojo Points for good behaviour, manners, organisation and learning. It was really pleasing that by the end of the year a number of children had achieved the Gold Dojo Award and received a book of their choice in recognition of their commitment along with their certificate and Dojo Band. The children are truly proud when they earn Dojos and are always excited to tell people of their achievements, it would be a great help to us that if you don't already, you ask them about how they are doing. Thank you.



Reading Books

During the next week children in Y1-Y6 will receive their new reading book, they will be bringing it home so please encourage them to look after it and to read each day (some children will really benefit from someone reading with them at home). Reading books need to be brought back into school daily as they are also being read in class.

Upcoming Events:

Thurs 13th Sept – Y6 trip to Middleport Pottery

Tues 18th Sept – Reception Meeting 9am

Fri 21st Sept (am) – Launch of 'Active Families'

Weds 3rd Oct – School Photos

Mon 8th/Tues 9th Oct – Y6 Bikeability

Weds 10th Oct – Y3 trip to Chester

Thurs 11th Oct (pm) – Y6 Family Learning

Mon 15th Oct – Reception farm visit