



The Summerbank Sentinel

November 2018

Time is flying!

Welcome back to Summerbank for the second half of the Autumn Term, the summer seems such a long time ago!

BUILDING WORK

As you will be aware the roof over the Year 4, 5 and 6 classrooms; the kitchen; the dinner hall; the library and Mr Clark's room is being replaced.

Scaffolding began to go up just before the half term holiday, but the work itself is now well underway. As with all building work there will be some disruption but we know it will make for a better building for us all and so it will be worth it. We hope that the work will be finished by the end of the Autumn Term and will keep you updated on progress with this. We ask that you take extra care on your journey to and from school whilst this work is going on. We would also ask you to ensure your children do not climb on the railings/scaffolding for their own safety. Thank you in advance for your patience and support.



NEW HOMEWORK PROJECTS

This term, children in Y1 to Y6 were challenged to complete a project at home as part of their learning. So far this has resulted in some truly fabulous work which we have started to display around school. A big thank you to everyone – children and adults – that has been involved and good luck with this half term's projects!



HARVEST CHARITY COLLECTION

Traditionally in the UK, the harvest festival was held when all the crops had been brought in from the fields. Everyone in the village helped as it made sure they could be fed through the winter. In modern times we still celebrate and give thanks at Harvest.

On the last day of half term (Friday 26th October) we held a non-uniform day and asked for a donation of food to The Alice Charity. The donations are used as part of *People's Pantry* offering food to support local families in times of hardship. The generosity shown and the children's desire to help truly did us and you proud – thank you, it is great to be part of such a caring school community.



FAMILY LEARNING

We've already held two successful family learning sessions so far this year, Year Six parents joined in with their children for an animation session and Reception parents were part of a 'Bang! Pop! Crackle!' session linked to fireworks. The children who took part told us how much they loved the chance to work alongside people from home.

We have two workshops taking place this term:

- 8th Nov 1-3pm Year 5 'Are You a Bucket Filler?'
- 6th Dec 1-3pm Year 1 'Winter Crafts'

If you'd like to take part then make sure you book in with Miss Surtees or by talking to the school office.

HEALTHY CHOICES

As part of our work to be a healthier school we are working hard with the children to help them make healthier choices.

In the summer we had the '**Daily Mile**' track installed around the school field and Year 3 have taken on doing a daily run/walk with great enthusiasm! Research says children today are spending less time outside than the generations before them, but we know exercising outdoors has really positive benefits for both body and mind which is why we really support the idea of Daily Mile. It was launched with the rest of the school just before half term so hopefully this is an initiative that everyone will soon be involved in.



As well as exercise we encourage children to make healthy food choices too. Break time snacks can be fruit, toast or milk and school dinners are chosen that offer balanced nutrition. Some children prefer to bring a packed lunch to school, so we are also focusing on **healthy lunchboxes** to help make sure children are getting a meal that gives them energy and helps them grow. If you'd like more information or ideas for healthy lunches then visit the Change4life website, or collect a leaflet from the display outside the office.



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Each year we choose children to take on the role of Prefect, Monitor, Sports Leader, School Council Member and Librarian and they do a great job of helping our school run smoothly. This year we have also awarded some children the role of Language Ambassador. We are very proud to be a school that celebrates the diversity of our community, in total we have 28 different languages spoken across the school. Our Language Ambassadors will be role models, welcome new children to our school, offering them support and a friendly face that understands the challenge of speaking a new language.

Upcoming Events:

- Thurs 8th Nov – Y5 Family Learning
Thurs 15th Nov – Y3 trip to Chester
Friday 16th Nov – Children in Need Charity Day
Wk beg 19th Nov – Science Week
Mon 26th Nov – Y5 Bikeability
Wk beg 26th Nov – School Road Safety week
Thurs 6th Dec – Y1 Family Learning
Tues 11th Dec – Y1-3 Christmas Theatre trip
Thurs 13th Dec – Y4-6 Christmas Theatre trip
Wed 19th Dec – Nursery - Christmas Theatre trip
Thurs 20th Dec – Reception - Christmas Theatre trip