

# The Summerbank Sentinel

## October 2021

*An update for everyone on what's been happening in school and what comes next...*

Dear All

As we near the end of the first half term I wanted to update you on what's happening at Summerbank. It has been great to see everyone return to school this year with so many smiling faces. Hopefully as we move into the next half term we can continue to reintroduce more of the activities we would normally have in place.

Over the summer I spent time thinking about what made our school such a special place to be – the way our children support each other; how we share a common purpose for them to succeed in life; how we have all worked together during some very difficult times over the last 18 months. And having thought about that I wanted to capture the essence of what it is to be part of Summerbank in a new school motto - *'Together We Grow'*. I have shared this with the children and look forward to us all continuing to live this motto, making Summerbank an even more special place to be.

Thank you as always for all that you do,

*Miss Pearson*

### **HARVEST**

To celebrate Harvest we will be holding a non-uniform day tomorrow (15<sup>th</sup> Oct) and asking children to donate non-perishable food item (tins, jars, packets etc).

We will be donating the food to The Alice Charity People's Pantry to distribute. Thank you in advance for your kindness in donating.



### **COVID UPDATE - NEW MEASURES BEING INTRODUCED BY STOKE COUNCIL**

Coronavirus cases in schools across the country are rising. To help stop the spread, new guidance has been provided to schools and families if you have a positive case in your household (the people that live in your house).

New arrangements:

- If someone at home has a positive Covid 19 test then everyone that lives in the home should go for a PCR test.
- Children who come to Summerbank should NOT come to school until their test comes back and it is negative (they will need to come in through the office on their first day back).
- If they test negative and do not have any symptoms they should then have a 2<sup>nd</sup> PCR test 5 days after the negative test (this is because it can take a few days to become infected). They can come into school if they have no symptoms while they wait for the result.
- If at any point they do have symptoms then you should arrange a PCR test and they should isolate while they wait for the result.



### Example

*Dad tests positive for Covid. PCR tests are arranged for mum, son and daughter. Son and daughter stay off school waiting for their results (mum lets school know). Both children test negative and come back to school. 5 days later the children still have no symptoms and they go for a follow-up PCR test, they come to school while they wait for the results.*

## ATTENDANCE

Many thanks to our families on getting children to school on time each day. Now that we have returned fully to school we have launched the 'Class Attendance Award' a trophy given to the class with the highest attendance each week. Congratulations to the children in Miss Marsden's Year One class (1M) who were the first winners of the award with 98% attendance last week. The award was presented to the children as part of our virtual assembly on Monday.



## Y5 & 6 BIKEABILITY & Y1 BALANCE BIKES

Next week Y5 and Y6 children have the opportunity to take part in 'Bikeability' with a focus on road awareness and safety. After half term we will be offering Y1 children to be part of a balance bike programme. Information will come out to Y1 parents nearer to the time.



## KEY STAGE 2 'BREAKFAST

We are very pleased to have joined 'The National Breakfast Scheme', this means we will be able to provide children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with the opportunity to have a toasted bagel in their classroom as they arrive in school each morning. This is a choice and children don't have to have a bagel but hopefully for those that want to it will give them a boost of energy at the start of the day! More info on our launch will follow.



## FAMILY LEARNING

We are pleased to have been able to relaunch our family learning sessions this term. So far we have offered sessions to parents and carers in Year One, Year Two and Year Four. We have sessions planned after half term and Mrs Leese will be sending out invite letters.

Upcoming sessions to look out for:

8th Nov - Reception 'Bang Pop Crackle' Family learning

13th Dec - Year 1 'Winter Crafts'

## SOCIETAS NEWS

As an academy we are part of The Societas Trust, a group of schools that joined together a few years ago to form a Multi Academy Trust. I am proud of the work the schools do together and being a part of the Trust has been particularly helpful during the pandemic. Up until September the trust was made up of Goldenhill Primary Academy, Gladstone Primary Academy, Ash Green Primary Academy, Ellison Primary Academy and Oaklands Nursery. In September another school chose to join our trust and we are pleased to welcome Alsagers Bank Primary Academy into our group of schools to work together for the good of our children.

## PARENTS EVENING

I know how important it is for parents and carers to get the chance to talk to their child's teacher about their welfare and their learning. I am intending arrange parents' afternoons/evenings after half term. I am hopeful that parents will be able to come into school to do this so that they can look at their child's learning but we will need to run parents evening a bit differently with different year groups having their parents' evenings on different days. Whether we are able to do this will depend on the number of Covid-19 cases we have in school and it may be that we have to switch to meetings over the phone if cases were to rise. I will send out a letter with arrangements for this once we are able to make the decision.