

Summercroft Primary School

'Achieving through care, challenge and creativity'



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pride that I send this first newsletter as Headteacher of Summercroft Primary – An Academy School.

For those of you who have only met me recently, perhaps during a home visit or a welcome morning, my name is Carole Hintridge and I have been a part of life at Summercroft since choosing the school for my daughters back in 1994. I joined as a year 4 teacher initially and soon became part of the team. I've been privileged to be the Deputy Headteacher since September 2004 and I am now delighted to be able to continue my career at the school I am so passionate about.

Having worked closely with Mr Smith, I am keen to continue the dynamic leadership he has shown. There are certain aspects of education at Summercroft that we are so

proud of: music, strong representation in sporting activities, high academic achievement and confident children ready for the next stage of their education. With the dedicated staff at Summercroft, these key elements will continue to thrive. We have exciting plans to develop the curriculum even further with an emphasis on key skills and engaging experiences so that our pupils are well equipped for wherever their career paths take them.



Invitation to Afternoon Tea

I should like to invite you to join me, and the Leadership Team, at an Afternoon Tea event on Tuesday 13th May at 2pm where we can meet informally to talk about issues that could help steer the future development of Summercroft School. Please let the office know if you are able to come.

The Golden Folder

Congratulations to the following children who have already made it into our Golden Folder:

Robert Payne, Madison Corleone, Isabelle Rnjak, Jessica Glover, Eve Ombler, Oliver Fach, Isaac Agathangelou, Summer Smithers, Leila Sherwin, Alfie Brown, Sameer Hussain, Jesamine Scales, Morgan Clarke, Jack Baros, Charlie Evans, Rebecca Smith, Matthew Crowther, Conor Cherrett, Victoria Holden-Dingley, Scarlett Gray, Liam Allport, Liam Allport, Connor Braddy, Jessica Withers, Saira Tyblewski, Roshan Downey, Curtis Waite, George Moylotte, Taylor Bentley-Woods, Daniel Gilkes, Charlotte Madden, Alex Holwell, Milly Shah, Nicholas Harris, Olivia Rnjak, Tabitha Gray, Liya Pereira, Renee Norman, Valeria Sameli, Sam Cooper, Annabel Gillham, Mehdi Abedin, Joe Christmas, Emma Ballard, Ben Brixton, Jakub Moudry, Belle Armon-Jones, Amy Stimpson.

Deputy Headteacher Interviews

Last week was especially busy with three candidates, who were short listed for the post of Deputy Headteacher, being put through their paces.

According to the candidates, one of the toughest challenges was being interviewed by some Year 5 children. Amongst the more unusual questions were: Can you tell us a joke? And, if you had £500 what would you spend it on? I'm delighted to be able to tell

you that Mr Stephen Jess has been appointed and accepted the role of Deputy Headteacher from September 2014. Mr Jess currently teaches at Manor Fields Primary School and we look forward to welcoming him as part of the team. In the meantime, I'm sure you will agree with me, Mrs Bugg and Mrs Gapper are carrying out the role brilliantly!





Year 5 Egyptian Day

Yesterday the Year 5 children enjoyed a fun packed day led by 'Portals to the Past'. The children heard all about mummification and have been inspired to try and build their own pyramids out of cuboids in the classroom. We look forward to sharing this work with you.



Bikeability

You may have noticed that our Year 5 pupils have been busy with their Bikeability course. It's a prime moment for me to remind everyone who rides to school that they should be safety conscious and wear a protective helmet. A reminder, too, that children should only be riding to school, unaccompanied by an adult, if they have passed their Bikeability with Mr Gapper. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting Mr Gapper and accompanying our children.

Sports' Corner

On Friday, at Great Hadham Golf Club, we knew we were faced with a challenge but we also knew we had a good chance of winning for the second time. Last year we won the same competition with 1,038 points and this year we won with 992! Points were scored by hitting cones with our golf balls. The furthest away cones achieved the most points. Some of the challenges were tricky but fun. Chipping the ball into a box was especially hard! We can't wait to go to the County Finals (again). One of our best qualities is definitely teamwork. It's the thing that led us to winning. Report by Georgina, Jess, Ella, Max, Ibrahima, Tom, Abigail, Amy William, Aidan and Freddie.

Class Assemblies

Thank you for the positive feedback about introducing class assemblies where parents can come and share their children's achievements. Please bear with us, it might be cramped in the hall at first but the children are really excited at the thought of leading and sharing an assembly with you. Holly and Elm classes starting us off on the 9th May and you should be receiving your invitations shortly!

Snap happy?

A new after school club will be starting soon for **key stage 2** children. Camera kids is extremely practical with time spent on photographic projects. All cameras and equipment will be supplied and children will get the chance to make keyrings, photocubes, fridge magnets and much more. To register your interest go to: www.camerakidsphotography.co.uk and book your place! Look out for the flyers in children's book bags. It sounds like a lot of fun with activities such as scavenger hunts, photography games and challenges. Our next David Bailey could be just around the corner!



Safety

We have many gates around the school premises all designed to keep our children as safe as possible. Please do take the time to close them after you. Also, a reminder to keep the front of the school clear at drop off and pick up times! Some people are stopping on the zig-zags.

Art Week

We're very much looking forward to Art Week starting on the 19th May. The PTA are kindly funding our Artists in Residence who are working with the children to produce 6 large batiks which will be displayed around both buildings. Thanks goes to Mrs Brewer for her meticulous planning and preparation for this event.