

Summercroft Primary School

'Achieving through care, challenge and creativity'



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent/teacher/pupil consultations this week and thank you for taking the time to stop and give such positive feedback about the children's progress and achievements. As many of you know, I like to check in and see how many smiling faces leave the hall! One of our greatest joys is to look back over the children's books to see how much they have developed from September—especially with handwriting and presentation. So many of our year 2, 3 and 4 pupils are proud owners of their pen licences now.

Raynham Road Carwash.

Without wanting to bore you, I should like to remind you that objections must be made via the Council's web site reference: 3/17/1190/FUL before **26th June 2017**. Many of you spoke with Mr Kirby and Mrs Hayes about this on Wednesday evening. Please remember that whilst you may have objected previously, the slate has been wiped clean with the submission of new plans and if you wish to oppose this development in support of our Forest Schools area, a new objection will need to be made. Thank you for your support.

Well done to all the children who represented Summercroft at the Birchwood Music Festival on Wednesday afternoon. I understand from Mrs Stubbings that the children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I'm grateful to Mrs Stubbings for organising this event to support the musical life of our school.

The children (and staff) are busy in preparation for our annual Sports Day which is due to take place on Monday 3rd July. There will be further details nearer the day but I should like to put a bid in for some dry weather so that we don't have to rely on our reserve day of the 4th. Fingers crossed! There is also a great deal of work being carried out behind the scenes by the PTA leading up to their 'Big Event' on Sunday 9th July! We look forward to this being an enjoyable and memorable Summer Fair—please do support the team in anyway you can.

Warm wishes, Carole Hintridge.

Do you speak a second language?

We are aiming to create a list of adults that are bilingual and willing to volunteer a small amount of time to help translate school letters. We have a particular need for Polish, Romanian and Portuguese translators but would welcome support in all languages. If you are happy to be added to this list please contact the school office.

Cate Phillips, SENCo



The Golden Folder

Congratulations to the following children who have appeared in our Golden Folder recently:

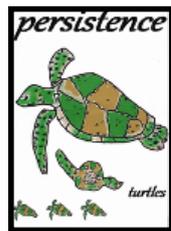


Persistence, Mr Jess.

We have been reviewing our 'Persistence' learning power since coming back after half term. The children listened to the story written by Miss Cheer and Miss MacKinnon about Timothy Turtle hatching from his egg and making his way to the sea. He continually had to keep going and battle the obstacles which lay before him. This has been followed up by discussing the difficulties we face in daily life and how we need to overcome them without giving up. We have thought about the different strategies we can use e.g. by finding a different way to do it, using resources to help us or getting support from learning partners and adults.

The children are much more open to making mistakes, learning from them and then trying again than ever before and this is evident in class, on the playground and through music lessons or at sporting fixtures. Hopefully you will notice it with them at home too!

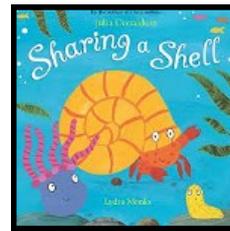
In the words of Winston Churchill, "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."



Sharing a Shell, Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been looking at the book 'Sharing a Shell'. The children have been discussing how each of the characters felt and what was making them feel happy or sad throughout the story. The children then gave their opinions on what they felt was kind or unkind. Chloe explained that during the story "The blob is being kind. He is a good friend because he saved the crab. They didn't want the worm to come in but he was sad so they did. They were silly not talking to each other but it has a happy ending because they share."

We have also been listening out for rhyming words in the story. The children identified, clean and mean, foam and home, away and stay, night and sight, well and shell as well as glad and sad as the rhyming pairs within the text. The children have also loved looking at the different types of shells and feeling and describing the textures. The children used words such as smooth, prickly, bumpy, rough and scratchy.



Year 5 – Election & Enterprise

Thursday 8th June was a rather big day on the calendar this year, not just for the UK but also for year 5. Earlier in the week the children formed their own political parties, created a manifesto and canvassed for votes. They were enthusiastic in their approach and showed great conviction and commitment to their party beliefs. Then on voting day there was nothing more for they could do (except run the polling station in the hall for the rest of the school to come and vote). There was an excellent turn out to vote – far more than the national average! On Friday, after the votes had been counted and verified (in a secret location) the winning party was announced – the FLUNCH party were successful in gaining the highest number of votes. It will now be up to them to form a cabinet with Mrs Hintridge and try to negotiate to have some of their policies implemented. Good luck to them!

Thursday was also the culmination of all year 5's work to produce products to sell in their Market Day Sale. The stalls looked great and there was a super turnout of customers. All groups managed to make a profit with an overall profit of more than £300. Thank you to all those who came along to support the sale. Half of the profit will be given to a charity of year 5's choice while the other half will be for year 5 to spend on something for themselves. An amazing result. Well done year 5!





Daydream Believers, Year 3

Our first instruction in our English lesson was to lay our heads on the table, close our eyes and daydream.

Apparently we were about to be inspired by our own daydreams. We had already heard from Michael Rosen – the poet we are learning about at the moment – about how he uses his daydreams in his poem.

The class fell silent, heads nodded and eyelids drooped (don't think anyone went to sleep) and then we had to sit up and immediately draw our daydreams.

Using the pictures as inspiration, we looked at starting lines for our own poems. Our opening line had to have an adjective, a verb, a noun and an adverb in a sequence plus where our daydream was happening. For example, 'under the threatening storm clouds' or 'over moonlit pools'.

Isabelle H imagined a pen writing on a page.

'Sneaking across the page, happily sometimes,
I'm mysterious occasionally and go in my own world of secrets.

No one knows what I am up to

Apart from you!

I'm just about to tell you.

Now the fun starts here....'



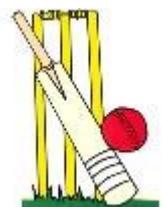
A Huge Success, Year 1

Last half term Year 1 was very busy preparing for our Traditional Tale Enterprise Sale. The children made puppets, baked cakes, cookies and created their own artwork in handmade frames to be sold. The sale was a great success and the children raised £170 which will go towards the end of year party. Discussions are already taking place with the children about what they would like at their party! Thank you for your support at the sale and for buying the children's work. So far this half term the children have been inspired by the famous French artist Henri Matisse. The children created their own masterpiece using the technique of tearing.



The Cricket Tournament

On Monday June 5th, 10 children from Summercroft were chosen to play in a Qwick Cricket Tournament at Sawbridgeworth Cricket Club. The first game started really well and resulted in a win for us over High Wych. Our next match was against St Joseph's where we began by bowling and fielding. St. Joseph's had some really good batsmen who quickly pushed up the run rate; however once again we came out with a win. Summercroft confidently went into the semi-finals where we also produced yet another win. Then for the finals, here we played Manor Fields who had some very strong batsmen. Unfortunately, we lost the final by 42 runs. Thank you to Mr Ollandini for all his help on the day.



MUSIC AT SUMMERCROFT

Congratulations to XXX who has achieved her cello bronze music medal.





Year 6 Production

For the last two weeks the children of Year 6 have been practising for their end of the year production, *Pantastic*. This magical musical is set in Neverland where Wendy, John and Michael, the three siblings, have adventures with Peter Pan. In Neverland they fight pirates, meet natives and make friends with the Lost Boys. Everyone in year 6 has a part to play and we have all been working hard at rehearsals, making props, designing costumes and of course practising all the wonderful songs from the show.

We are looking forward to our performance that will be held at the Rhodes Centre on Wednesday 5th July.

Jesamine



Practice makes perfect in Reception

The last couple of weeks we have been learning all about under the sea creatures and how to find out information. We have been very busy rehearsing for our assemblies which the children have been so excited for! After your journey under the sea this morning, we are sure you are very proud of your children in Ash class! Willow class cannot wait for their performance next week!! We are also practising our sports day. The children have enjoyed changing into their PE kits and trying out the new activities. If your child has not got a pair of shorts, t-shirt and trainers in school please can you send them in as soon as possible.

What a busy couple of week we have ahead of us!



Exciting Enterprise! Year 4

Over the past two weeks in Year 4 we have been working hard on our Enterprise topic, which is to plan and design a stall for the Summer Fair. Firstly, we had to carry out market research to ensure that the type of stall that we planned would be a popular choice. After collating all the results, we worked in small groups to complete a business plan, which saw us investigating prices for prizes, calculating profit and loss and using our understanding of persuasive language to come up with a name and a slogan for our stall. We have used so many of the learning powers throughout this time and have really impressed Mrs Brewer and Mrs Stubbings with our collaboration and resourcefulness. We are very excited about the outcome of the topic and will hopefully find out the chosen stall for each class, next week!



Super Story Pathways in Year 2

We're always looking for new ways of exploring stories and year 2 have been making story pathways. The pictures show the children in Holly and Oak working collaboratively to draw and write about the key events in 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', putting them on a 'pathway' through the story from start to finish. The children loved making these and they've helped to build an understanding of story structure too. We've also been playing time games in maths. The children have loved playing against each other at 'Stop the Clock' and this has helped reinforce learning to tell the time. On a more general note it's wonderful to reflect on how far the children have come this year- we ask a lot of them and Oak and Holly have consistently risen to the challenges we've thrown at them!

Mr Purser and Mrs Fuat

