



Summerfields Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Summerfields' Newsletter. A special warm welcome to all the new children who have joined us this term in Reception and in other classes across the school. We are very proud of the way everyone has settled back to school life in these very different times.

We would like to thank parents for their continued support and understanding, especially dropping off and collecting children, when we are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Our newsletter is published weekly on a Friday and contains lots of important information about school. Some information is ONLY printed in the newsletter, such as important dates for your diaries and forthcoming events. The newsletter is automatically emailed to every family on a Friday afternoon via ParentMail, so please ensure we have your up to date email address, see below for further details about ParentMail.

TELEPHONE CALLS

As you will probably be aware, the school office is very busy taking telephone calls from parents who are unable to come to the office to have their queries answered. As a result of the higher volume of calls, not all calls are being answered. We are very sorry if your call is not answered, especially in the afternoon which can be especially busy. Please can we therefore ask that you email school instead with any non-urgent queries to: office@summerfields.iow.sch.uk.

Please remember the school phone lines are open from 8.30am-3.15pm. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform, however we do know there has been an issue with Kids & Co getting jade polo shirts. Please can we please ask that all children wear jade polo shirts as soon as they arrive. Please remember school uniform can also be ordered from www.myclothing.com. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Have you seen this week?

Letter about dropping off and collection of children
Medical Questionnaires—please return by Friday 25th September 2020

Letter about PE days and what kit to wear
Information from the Department for Education and NHS on symptoms of the Coronavirus
Copies of letters issued are available to view on the school website under Information.

WHOLE SCHOOL MINDSET

One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRES

We have sent home this week our annual Medical Questionnaire forms. Please take time to complete this important document. Can you please return it even if your child has no medical conditions, as we do need to keep our records up to date. Please can all completed forms be returned by Friday 25th September 2020. Thank you.

PARENTMAIL

Just a reminder about how school uses ParentMail to contact parents. We use email, instead of sending texts, as texts have a very limited number of characters available. To stop emails getting "lost" in your inbox, there is the ParentMail app you can download to your phone which will prompt you when we send you a message. Can we please therefore ask every family to download the app to continue to receive all information school sends, such as "bumped heads", details of school menus, etc. Plus the newsletter will automatically be sent every Friday at 3pm, saving the need for paper copies. If you change your email address, please inform the school as soon as possible. Should you have any queries regarding ParentMail, please contact the school office.

BREAKTIME SNACKS

Please remember only healthy snacks of either fruit or cheese should be sent in as a breaktime snack. Children in Years R to 2 receive fruit as part of the Government's "Free Fruit" scheme.

DISTRESSING VIDEO CONTENT

We have been asked to publish the following in our newsletter from the Children's Services Department of the Isle of Wight Council.

I am sure most of you are aware that distressing video content is currently being circulated across all social media platforms. There have been reports of the video clip being embedded into other content to reach unsuspecting audiences – so extra precautions must be taken.

Please find below resources that you may find useful and may wish to share with parents and/or carers

Further details about this, can be found via the link:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650?](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650?fbclid=IwAR3sBkBq0hBLyW3sCSihOxdxCQAgRnuPnW3Ti-K2eHAYZGlurxg0uB7PFj8)

[fbclid=IwAR3sBkBq0hBLyW3sCSihOxdxCQAgRnuPnW3Ti-K2eHAYZGlurxg0uB7PFj8](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54069650?fbclid=IwAR3sBkBq0hBLyW3sCSihOxdxCQAgRnuPnW3Ti-K2eHAYZGlurxg0uB7PFj8)

The following link provides support to young people who have seen any upsetting content:

[https://www.bbc.com/ownit/dont-panic/what-to-do-if-you-see-something-upsetting-online?](https://www.bbc.com/ownit/dont-panic/what-to-do-if-you-see-something-upsetting-online?fbclid=IwAR1K0uDmknievInPxpRFSKzBqo7FVv0NmJx5s0sLPKdqnt-4RxlgQEkoVOM)

[fbclid=IwAR1K0uDmknievInPxpRFSKzBqo7FVv0NmJx5s0sLPKdqnt-4RxlgQEkoVOM](https://www.bbc.com/ownit/dont-panic/what-to-do-if-you-see-something-upsetting-online?fbclid=IwAR1K0uDmknievInPxpRFSKzBqo7FVv0NmJx5s0sLPKdqnt-4RxlgQEkoVOM)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you are probably aware Caterlink, our school meal providers, are only able to offer a picnic lunch at present. Every day there is a choice of ham, cheese or tuna baguette. As an alternative to a baguette the following cold choice is also available.

Monday	Pizza
Tuesday	Mexican Roll (vegetarian roll)
Wednesday	Cheese Whirl
Thursday	Sausage Roll
Friday	Pizza

In addition the picnic lunch also contains carrot or cucumber sticks, a piece of fruit and a slice of cake or biscuit.

Remember all children in Years R to 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. The cost of a school meal has increased to £2.15 per day. However if you think your child may be entitled to a Free School Meal, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you with your application.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE PROVISIONAL DATES ONLY AND ARE THEREFORE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Friday 16th October 2020

Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November 2020
PUPILS

DEVELOPMENT DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Return to school