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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this year gone! It has been a tremendous year with so many great achievements. The top of my list was achieving our 'Oracy Centre of Excellence Award' which celebrates the journey we have been on and the positive developments of learning to talk and learning through talk. Yesterday, our Year 6 class showed their fabulous oracy skills in their leavers assembly; there were great emotions as we celebrated the 8 years they have been in school. The Y6 class enjoyed their leavers party last night; thank you to the Friends of Samares for organising this.

We also said goodbye to some other families who are leaving us today to move to new schools. We wish all our leavers the best of luck in their new schools.

As we are at the end of the year, it is important for us to say thank you to the children for all their amazing learning and our dedicated staff team who have worked tirelessly over the year to support all the children and families in the school. Finally, a big thank you to our parents and families – working together in partnership is an important aim of our school. We are delighted that our Friends of Samares have relaunched – keep an eye out in September for more events!

Summer School

We are delighted to offer our Summer School this year. Every Wednesday during the summer holiday, school will be open between 9.30am – 11.30am to welcome families into school. Our school staff will be running activities and can offer advice and support. Activities include (all free):

- Pop up library and book buddies to read with your child – they can also borrow books and complete their summer reading challenge. There will be books for parents to borrow too.
- Sport sessions on the astro
- Forest school sessions
- Crafts, well being activities, games
- Second hand uniform sale
- Sessions and advice to parents offered by professionals who support us in school, for example art from the Jersey Youth Service, the NSPCC, the Children and Families Hub
- Snack and drinks!

Children must attend with their parents and everyone is welcome!

Click the link below for more information.

<https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=Summer+School+2024&pid=100&action=saved>

Summer Spud Club

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our upcoming summer holiday plans that aim to benefit all pupils at our school. This summer, we have partnered with Caring Cooks to bring a fantastic initiative to our community: the Summer Spud Club Lunch Programme.



Caring Cooks has recently acquired a mobile food trailer, aptly named "Super Spuds." As part of their Community Campaigns, they will be visiting our school to provide a nutritious and delicious lunch service for one week. Here are the details:

- **Service:** **Free** lunch for **ALL** pupils for one week (Monday to Friday)
- **Menu:** Delicious jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings, fresh salads, and sides
- **Dates:** 19th August to 23rd August and 26th August to 30th August
- **Times:** 12 – 2pm at the front of school – just turn up – no booking required!

Support during the Summer Break

We know that the summer holidays can be long. If you require any support during the break there are several ways you can get in touch

- Attend our Wednesday morning Summer School. We always have senior members of our school team here to speak to you and support. There are other agencies who support us at Samares who will be attending and I will email out the plan each week for parents.
- We post lots of information on our Facebook page which includes courses, workshops and advice from other agencies who support us here at Samares. Please like and follow our page (search for Samares School).
- Request support from the Children and Families Hub - <https://www.gov.ie/Caring/ChildrenAndFamiliesHub/pages/childrenandfamilieshubhomepage.aspx>
- YES Project can provide support: <https://yes.ie>

Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below. INSET days and holiday dates have been published for 2024/25 and are on the website. Our INSET days in the next academic year are: Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024, Thursday 12th Sept 2024 and Friday 13th Sept 2024. School will be closed to children on those days.

<https://www.gov.ie/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries. Have a lovely summer break.

Many thanks,



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