

# Friday 2 February 2018

## Newsletter



SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



What a busy week! The children have been involved in Anti-Bullying Week and Number Day. We also had some important visitors today from the Local Authority looking at the amazing progress our children are making in reading. I was very proud to show our visitors round our school and as always, the children showed them how hard they work and how polite and courteous they are.

**Mrs Matthews and Mrs Frampton**

### This week's challenge....

In assemblies last week we talked about helping one another. We had a fun assembly learning about teamwork and the children were challenged to be a helper if someone needs it but to also be the type of person who asks for help too. Please encourage this continuing at home and hopefully you'll have helpful children this weekend!

### Anti-bullying week

Children across the school have taken part in a range of activities to learn more about what is bullying and what is not bullying. They have also learnt what to do if they are being bullied and who to turn to. All classes have been introduced to our Anti Bullying Champions – Mr Walsh and Mrs Doherty.

Children have been thinking about the power of kindness and they have been filling their class jars with stars for showing their acts of kindness. We have also been lucky to have our local community supporting our week too with the Safer Schools Team, Grange School and PCSOs joining in through the week.

4SC shared their anti bullying work in their assembly on Thursday too – what a busy week!

### Headlice

We have been told of cases of headlice in the school. Please remember to check your child's hair and treat if necessary – it takes ALL parents to do this.  
Thank you

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## Number Day 2018

Thank you to all those children and parents who donated to the NSPCC event today. The children had a fun day taking part in lots of number activities whilst raising money for a very worthwhile charity.

### Staff Training

A reminder that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February for staff training.

## **BOOK FAIR** COMING SOON!

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the **Book People Book Fair** will be arriving in school and it will remain at school for the week.

Children will have the opportunity to buy books at lunchtime in school as well as after school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a wide range of books available to suit all ages and interests and we are sure the children will all find a book that they would like to buy. Children should bring in money for the Book Fair in a named purse or envelope and hand in to their class teacher. As a school, we receive generous commission from the sales of the Book Fair and we are planning to stock up our KS1 and KS2 Libraries with new reading books as a result of this.

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### Safety

Our school follows the Schools Watch procedure set out by the police. If schools have any concerns, they report it to Schools Watch. The police then investigate, and if warranted, they send out an alert to all local schools which is cascaded to parents. Such alerts were sent out this week following the reported Cranbourne and Colehill incidents, so parents are aware of the need to be watchful. We always encourage pupils and parents to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Today we have received information (not an alert) from the Schools Watch team relating to an incident at Muscliffe Primary where Children have reported seeing a white van with blue and yellow markings parked up next to the school fence. The children state that they noticed the van because they saw flashes coming from it and believe that there were two males inside it taking pictures towards the school. They have described the males as being white with short dark hair and aged in their 40's. The men did not speak to the children and they did not get out of the vehicle. The children have described the vehicle as white transit van medium size with blue and yellow markings. The window was part way down on the passenger side. Local officers will be paying more attention to this area.

The schools team has offered the following advice in relation to a child's safety when they are walking home from school without supervision:

- ◆ To walk in a group whenever possible
- ◆ Don't talk to strangers
- ◆ Make your way direct to your destination
- ◆ Walk 'with a purpose'
- ◆ If you are not going directly home after school make a parent/carer aware or ask the school or a friend's parent to do so. This will ensure that someone knows where you are and when to expect you
- ◆ When you cross the road use crossings whenever possible. If this is not possible, make it obvious that you are about to cross.

If a child is approached by a stranger they should:

- ◆ Ignore if possible
- ◆ Shout out to call attention to the situation
- ◆ Get into a safe space e.g. shop
- ◆ Tell a trusted adult

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Please remember all children have homework each week.  
They are expected to:

- Read to an adult at least three times a week and record this in their home school reading record
- Access Mathletics and complete tasks set by their teacher or other times tables or number fact activities.
- Learn their weekly spellings

Please support your child in completing these tasks each week.

Thank you

### Parent Nominated Somerset Stars



This week we are celebrating:

Elena in 3LC for getting her Stage 1 Certificate from Swish of the Curtain and receiving an excellent progress report!  
Well done from Mum and Dad

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### Parent View

In October we asked parents to complete a parent questionnaire when attending parents' consultations. There were some really positive results:

My child is happy at this school – 95%  
My child feels safe at this school – 93%  
My child makes good progress at this school – 95%  
My child is well looked after at this school – 98%  
My child is taught well at this school – 95%

There are also some areas we would like to improve:

My child receives appropriate homework for their age – 73%  
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved – 88%  
This school deals effectively with bullying – 80%  
The school is well led and managed – 88%  
The school responds well to any concerns I raise – 80%  
I receive valuable information about my child's progress – 83%  
Would you recommend this school to another parent – 85%

We will be sharing what we are doing to tackle some of these areas in future newsletters. There is some information about our homework and anti bullying work in today's newsletter.

There is also a facility for you to record your answers to these questions on a website called Parent View. This can be accessed through our website [www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk).

We would appreciate you sharing your views on there too.

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### News from our community



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### St Barbes Museum and Art Gallery in Lyminster Half Term activities

An exciting collection of WWII activities for families to try around the gallery from Sat 10 to Sat 17 February (10am-4pm) to co-inside with our current WWII art exhibition. Including WWII dress up, Real Museum object handling and chance to experience being in an Morrison Shelter. All included with general admission.

On Wednesday 14 February come and create a crafty card or perfect present for someone you love this Valentines Day. Drop-in between 11:00-12:30 or 13:30-15:00 £3 per child (not including museum entry) OR included in general museum admission.

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### Meet a New Forest Ranger

Free family session at Somerset Children's Centre  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10.30-12.30

Families welcome with children aged 0-10 years old  
Find out about the ponies, donkeys, deer and other animals that live in the National park

**The next newsletter will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

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