

# Friday 8 February 2018

## Newsletter



SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Sad Farewells

Mrs Matthews, our Executive Headteacher, has made the decision to take early retirement at Easter. She has been at Somersetford Primary for four years and played a pivotal role in moving the school from Special Measures to Good. During her time here, Mrs Matthews made a significant number of improvements to the school and she will be very much missed by us all. We would like to wish her a long and healthy retirement. Mr Stevens, the Chair of the Governing Body, will be in touch with parents in due course to share the proposed revised leadership structure. In the meantime, Mrs Frampton as Head of School will continue.

We are also saying goodbye today to Hannah in the main office. She has completed her apprenticeship with us and has secured employment. We are very proud of her but will miss her as I am sure you will too. We would like to wish her the best of luck as she moves on.

### After school clubs

Thank you to all those children that have taken part in this terms afterschool clubs, today is the final day of this half term's clubs. We are very pleased to tell you that we will continue to offer a wide selection of clubs after half term. The letter informing you of which clubs will be running and the date that you can sign up will be sent home the first week of the new term. Please be advised that due to after school commitments for staff, Spring B's clubs will only run for a total of 3 weeks, the first week of clubs will be w/c 5th March the sign up letters have further information.

### Anti bullying work

A big thank you to the eight parents who visited out after school exhibition of learning today. The standard of work is fantastic and shows a real insight in to the work the school does to tackle bullying.  
Well done to all the children for their amazing learning too!

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### **Staff Training**

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

### **Half Term**

The school is now closed for half term. We wish you a happy break and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Coffee Morning for Parents**

Our Parents Coffee Morning organised by Mr Walsh and Mrs Doherty will be held on the first Friday back after the half term, 23 February 2018—we hope you will come along and join them.

### **News from our community**

#### **STEM returners**

STEM Returners programme has arrived in Dorset  
Have you left a career in STEM and struggled to return? We are currently looking for candidates with an engineering or technology background for programmes based in Dorset. The programme is fully paid and includes confidence to return training, and mentoring workshops, followed by a 13 week internship. The aim is that all candidates going through the programme are offered a permanent role at the end. This isn't just work experience, but a genuine opportunity to restart your career! The programme is offered to female and male applicants with all STEM backgrounds, with any length career break. For more information or to register for a programme please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com)

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