

# Friday 6 October 2017

## Newsletter



Over the last few weeks we have been spending time in classes looking at the children's learning and we have been so proud to see how hard the children are working and that they are becoming independent learners. Our new Reception children have settled in so well and are showing such confidence.

They are a credit to you all!

**Mrs Matthews and Mrs Frampton**

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

This week in assemblies the children were challenged to overcome challenges and not give up. They might not be able to do something.....yet!

Can they show you this positive attitude at home too?

### PE Leaders

Last week a group of Junior children visited the Grange school to receive training to become PE Leaders for our school. Mrs Gaines who accompanied the children said they were an absolute credit to the school and she is confident they will undertake their role with enthusiasm and commitment.

The children will be working to raise the profile of PE in the school and to encourage activity as well as ensuring the values of sportsmanship and team work are embedded.

Thank you all for taking on this important role.

### Attendance

As we have reached the end of the first month in school, we are currently carrying out our register checks and we will be contacting the parents of any child whose attendance is below the statutory targets.

To remind you, children are expected to be at school **at least** 96% of the time. Any child whose attendance is below 90% is considered a **persistent absentee** and the school has a duty to work with the family to raise the child's attendance.

If you would like any support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

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## Goodbye

We said goodbye to Mrs Sinfield, one of our lunchtime supervisors last week. We would like to thank her for all her hard work whilst at Somerford and wish her luck in her new role.

## Class Assemblies

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the amazing class assemblies from 4SC, 5JH and 2YP so far this year.

Our next assemblies will be led by 3CC and 6JW at 9am.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3CC

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 6JW

## Communication

At the start of the school year it is always useful to have a reminder of the different channels of communication we have at school. Please remember communication is a two way thing and we do also rely on you updating us when your information changes!

- Fortnightly newsletters sent by email with hard copies always available at the Reception desk
- Website with diary dates, copies of letters, policies, curriculum information and other useful information and links
- A range of information leaflets at the reception desk, on various topics
- Curriculum letters from year teams
- Text message service if we have your up to date mobile number
- Parent mail if we have your up to date email address

If you wish to discuss something with us, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved or you remain concerned, the next step would be to make an appointment to speak to your child's Phase Leader.

Goslings and Reception – Mrs Matthews

Year 1 and 2 – Mrs Simple

Year 3 and 4 – Mrs Cook

Year 5 and 6 – Mr Wallace

If this does not resolve the issue, then please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Frampton.

We also have Mrs Doherty and Mr Walsh, our Pastoral Care Workers, and they are always happy to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have.

Mrs Bowen is also available via appointment between Tuesday and Thursday to discuss any concerns about your child's special educational needs.

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## Parents' Consultations

On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our parent consultation evenings. A letter will be coming home on Monday with more information on how to book your time slot.

During the evenings, the kitchen will be offering tasters from their new menu which will be starting after half term. The tasters will be available in both halls.

## Half Term

A reminder that school closes at the normal time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for the half term break.

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Menu Change for Bonfire Night

Beef burgers  
or  
Vegetable sausages  
With  
Chips  
and  
Beans or peas  
and  
Coleslaw

Sticky apple crumble  
and  
Custard  
or  
Fresh fruit

Please order by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October



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## **Shout out to all Coffee & Cake Lovers - INVITATION TO Somerford's first Parent Coffee Club!**

Dear Parents & Carers,

we are delighted to invite you to our first Parent Coffee Club on Friday 20th October 2017 at 9am. If you are a parent, grandparent or carer of children in any year group, you are welcome to attend. The aim of the coffee club (apart from eating delicious cake!) is to bring our school community even closer together and to help each other feel included, up-to-date, and provide a platform for parents to be able to ask questions and learn more about working together, making school an even friendlier place. This coffee time is also a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and the Pastoral Staff where you can share any concerns or ideas you want to raise.

So all you need to do now is put this date in your diary and come along for what we hope will be the first of many.

Mrs Doherty & Mr Walsh (Pastoral Care Workers)

### **News from our community**

Save a life – give blood  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
12.30-3.30 and 4.20-7.00  
Church of Latter Day Saints  
188 River Way  
Christchurch

For more information visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

### **Art workshop for children with international artist Sharon White!**

Saxon Square Shopping Centre have teamed up with international artist Sharon White with a series of free art workshops based on the theme of identity. The art workshops will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the following times:

10am – 12pm; 1pm – 3pm; and 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

To sign up for a place on the workshop people are asked to email Sarah on [sbristow@savills.com](mailto:sbristow@savills.com) and express which time slot on which day their child / children would like to attend as places are limited on a first come first serve basis.

Following on from the workshops, the children's art will be displayed around the shopping centre creating a lovely art trail for the public to come and see. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite three pieces of artwork and the children with the most votes will win some exciting prizes! The art will be on display from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October during the half term holidays.

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