



# Friday 22 September 2017 Newsletter

Have you noticed on the bottom of our school letters are the words 'Enjoy, Aspire, Achieve'?

We have been talking about these words with the children in school and thinking about what they mean to us at Somersetford. This half term we are focussing on how all of our learning links to these words. Please talk to your children about them at home – what have they enjoyed this week at school for example?

**Mrs Matthews and Mrs Frampton**

## This week's challenge....

This week in assemblies the children were challenged to say thank you. How many thank yous can you hear over the weekend?

## Reading

Our main focus this school year is on reading. There are things you can be doing at home to support your child at home too:

- Please ensure your child is reading to an adult at least three times at home per week
  - Join the library
  - Read **to** your child and enjoy sharing books
  - Read signs and notices when you are out and about

Pick up one of our Reading Leaflets from the main reception for more ideas

## Clubs

We are pleased to be offering a wide range of clubs starting after half term. Look out for a letter on Monday with more information.

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### 5<sup>th</sup> October – Census Day!

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, the school has to submit to County how many children have a hot school dinner that day. This number determines how much of a particular pot of funding the school receives.

So, we are urging as many children as possible to have a hot dinner that day so the school receives as much funding as possible to spend on your children's education.

We have chosen our most popular options for the menu that day:

Hot dogs and chips

Or

Margherita pizza and chips

With

Baked beans or sweetcorn

Chocolate sponge and custard

Or

Fresh fruit

Please remember orders must be made by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you

### Online payments through 'AGORA'

Years 3,4,5 and 6 were sent letters with activation codes before the Summer to set up an account through Agora to enable parents to pay online (there is no charge for this). If you need another code please e-mail Mrs Campbell on [finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk)

Letters for Goslings, Reception and years 1 and 2 will be sent out shortly.

What can you pay for?

All trips and swimming. Hot school meals are not available yet and will be set up in a different way, we hope to have a system to pay directly for meals online by next year.

If you do not wish to use Agora and would like to pay for your meals/trips/ swimming directly into the school bank account, please e-mail Mrs Campbell and she will give you the information you need.

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## New Reception and Gosling Children

Our new children have settled so well into their classes and all look so smart. Next week Reception children start attending school full time. If you have any concerns about this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Staff Training Day

Please remember the school is closed for Staff Training this Friday,  
29<sup>th</sup> September.

## Foodbank

Thank you, as ever, for your generous donations to the Foodbank. We know they will be very grateful for your gifts as stocks are always lower after the long summer holiday.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017.



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