



It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our monthly coffee morning again today. This time we welcomed staff from The Grange School so Y6 parents could meet them and ask questions about transition to Y7.

Mr Walsh and Mrs Doherty are keen to focus these coffee mornings on subjects that YOU want. Please do let them know what would be useful. If you haven't attended a coffee morning yet, please let them know why – they really would like to make them accessible to all parents.

Mrs Frampton and Mrs Matthews

Goodbye

I am sad to inform you that Mrs Perks has made the difficult decision to resign from her teaching post and will be leaving Somerset Primary School at the end of this term. We are all very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Perks but we understand this is the right decision for her at this time.

Visiting author

We were so excited to welcome the author, ER Reilly to our school this week. He performed an inspirational assembly for us where he told us about his books and about being a writer. During his talk he set us some writing challenges which some year groups have completed already!

We were even more excited to welcome him back today for a book signing event. Many of the children bought one of his books and Eamonn was kind enough to personally sign all the books with the children.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended parent consultations this week. We hope you found them a useful way to be kept informed about your child's progress. If you were not able to attend this week, please speak to your child's class teacher to make another appointment.

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Wave 105 Cash for Kids and FJB Hotels

Many of you will have seen the huge cheque for a huge amount of money displayed in the main reception! Mrs Bowen submitted a bid to try to raise some money to develop the school's sensory room and to create two satellite sensory areas in the school. We were told we were finalists and the judges wanted to visit to find out more. When they arrived we realised it was the most fantastic trick and we had actually won over £3400!!

We would like to say a huge thank you to FJB hotels and Cash for Kids for their generous support of the school

Non uniform day for Foodbank

Next Thursday will be a non-uniform day for the Foodbank. Please can the children bring a tin or packet of in date food as a donation for wearing their own clothes.

Easter holidays

School will close at the normal time on Thursday 29th March.

We return to school on Monday 16th April. Breakfast Club will be open.

If you require any family support during the holidays, the following services may be able to help:

Christchurch Foodbank: 07587 371088
Family Partnership Zone: 01202 225724
Social Care MASH: 01202 228866
Police Community Support Officers: 101

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Cashless school and what that means for hot school dinners

As many of you will be aware Somerford Primary school will be moving to cashless hot school meal ordering at the end of April. That means all parent/carers will soon be able to pop online and order their child's meal selection, we will no longer be taking the paper copies via reception. If you have already ordered for next term and/or have a roll over menu, it will stop on **Friday 4th of May**. The office will only be accepting payment and order forms for the first 3 weeks of the Summer term (a full menu turnaround). You will still need to order a week in advance so all meals for w/c 7th May 2018 will need to be ordered online no later than Thursday 3rd May 2018.

You have been sent home letter to register your child on Agora, you will need to do this **even if you are a free school meal family or your child is in years R, 1 and 2 and receives free meals**. If you have yet to register for Agora you will be sent home a new letter next week. **We urge all parents to sign up** as you will use this system to not only order hot school dinners but also to pay for trips and swimming.

We will be sending home a letter over the upcoming weeks to give you clear and simple instructions on how to not only pay for the schools meals but also how to order them.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in the exciting time of change.

News from the community

Squash Camp

'Easter Squash Camp on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April - 1.30 - 4.30pm at Two Riversmeet Leisure Centre. £10 per day. Age 5 up - all abilities welcome. Contact Charlie on 07952 912732 or email: charlie@squashatspeed.com to book your place'

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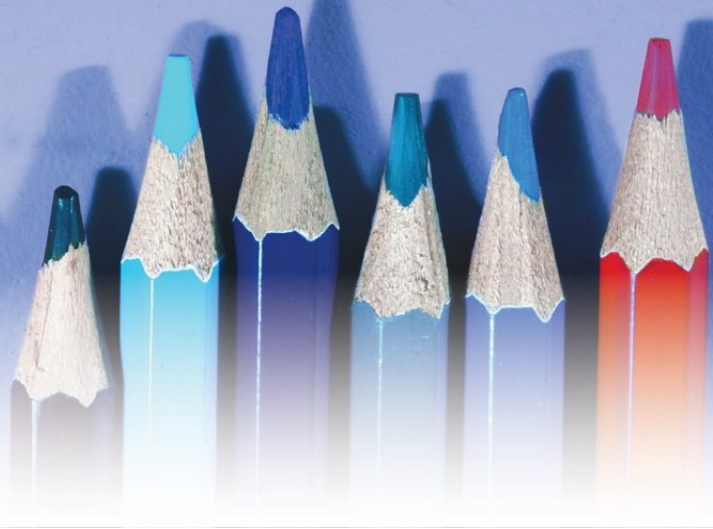
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Thousands of bunnies let loose across Bournemouth!

Over 1000 golden bunnies and 11 virtual bunnies have been let loose on Bournemouth's Coast and we need your help to find them!

Love Bournemouth Bunnies will take you on a fun adventure this Easter while discovering and finding out more about Bournemouth's coastal areas. To find the physical and augmented reality bunnies, just download the free Go Bournemouth Coast app. Then use the app to take photos of where you find the mischievous bunnies and post them on social media with the #GoBoCoast hashtag to help us locate them all. As a reward for finding bunnies, there's the chance to win up to £1000 in shopping vouchers!

For more information visit www.gobournemouthcoast.co.uk

Lifestyle Active Holiday Guide

Please see the attached leaflet for holiday activities in the local area

English for Families

If English is not your first language and you would like to learn or improve your English you are invited to join us in the World Languages Centre at Avonbourne College on

Wednesdays – Elementary/Intermediate 4-5.30

Thursdays – Beginners 4-5.30

For enquiries contact joanna.short@avonbournetrust.org

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