

October



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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We all enjoyed our special Harvest Festival services at High Cross Church on Tuesday and would like to say a huge thank you for your generous donations to the Food Bank. During the service, Tracy from the Food Bank told us how powerful one tin can be through a true story of a young man called William. Ask your children to tell you the story so you know how important your donations are.

The children all walked to the church sensibly and Rev Paul was impressed with their singing and their poems.

Mrs Frampton

This week Somerset Primary have had a great time at High Cross Church celebrating Harvest Festival. We donated lots of food to Christchurch Food Bank to help others who are less fortunate than us. At the church each year group performed a poem about Harvest.

Rose, Head Girl and Alfie, Head Boy

Twitter

Somerford Primary now has its own Twitter account and we have already started tweeting. We currently only have 16 followers. There will be a prize for the 25th follower – will it be you?! Search for @mrsfsomerford



Christmas Cards

Your child will be bringing home their Christmas card design today. If you would like to order some cards, please return the design and the order form to school – please do not bend the design! The school makes a small commission on each pack of cards purchased so you are helping support your school as well as sending a really special card this year.



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Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended parent consultations this week. It was great to see so many parents engaging in their child's learning journey with us. If you were unable to attend but would still like an appointment, please talk to your child's class teacher and they will be happy to arrange one with you. Please note, this may not always be straight after school due to the other commitments teachers have at this time.

Visiting Author

On Monday and Tuesday after half term, the author Steve Clifford will be visiting school. You should have received more details from Mrs Hudson about the opportunity to buy one of his books.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 1st November to take individual portraits. Appointments for family and sibling photographs can be made directly with the photographers. Please see the leaflet sent home with your child today for details on how to contact them to make your booking.



Bonfire Night Themed Lunch

On Monday 5th November the kitchen will be serving a themed lunch.
The menu will be:

Beefburger or veggie sausage in a roll
Chips
Beans or peas

Rocket lolly or chocolate orange cake

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HOT SCHOOL MEALS

Please continue to complete paper slips for your lunch orders for the week commencing 5th November. We will be launching the new online ordering system on 7th November, from this day you will be able to order your children's meals for week commencing 12th November onwards. Please look out for a letter with instructions to set up your account for pre-ordering. Please note paid meals will need a **SIMS AGORA account** as well, to enable you to add credit.

Please contact Mrs Campbell if you need a new code or instructions.

Bronze Ambassador Sports Leaders

Last week 10 children from Year 5 and 6 attended a Leadership day at the Grange to be trained as Bronze Ambassadors for the school. They will now act in the role of sports leaders, promoting sport across the school. They represented the school so well and made us all feel very proud.

Well done!

Comics and magazines

If you have any comics and children's magazines you no longer need at home but are still in good condition, Mrs Hudson would be very grateful for them for use in our school library.

Please drop them in to the main reception – thank you.



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Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 95.30%

Year 6 – 94.68%

Year 5 – 94.60%

Year 4 – 94.94%

Year 3 – 94.94%

Year 2 – 96.41%

Year 1 – 94.52%

Well done to Year 2 this week and to Y1 for the biggest improvement!

Half Term

School closes for half term today and reopens on 29th October at 8.45am (Breakfast Club will be open from 7.45am as usual).

We wish you a restful break.

Staffing Update

I am writing with sadness to let you know that Mrs Bowen has secured another job at Linwood school and she will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Bowen has transformed provision for SEN children at Somersetford and has supported so many children and parents during her ten years at the school.

It goes without saying that her leaving will be a huge loss to Somersetford but the timing is right for her and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her well.

We now start thinking about the plans to recruit a new SENCo and I will of course keep you posted as these develop. Please be assured Mrs Bowen will continue to work with you and support your children until Christmas and there will be very detailed handovers with the new SENCo.

Mrs Frampton

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News from the community

First Aid Lifesaving Awareness Course

7th November 2018

10.00-12.30 at Somerford Children's Centre.

For children of 12 months to puberty.

CPR, choking and drowning.

Please book to confirm your place. There is a £2 donation

Somerford Arc

Saturday 20th October

Family afternoon of games, crafts and a treasure hunt.

See flyer attached for more details

Parenting Courses

Please see the attached information regarding parenting courses available from our local schools

The next newsletter will be on Friday 2nd November 2018

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