



FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2018

Welcome back to the busy half term that leads up to Christmas! Please keep an eye on the diary dates and newsletters so you don't miss any of the exciting things we have planned. Following us on Twitter is also a really good way of receiving reminders.

Mrs Frampton

On Tuesday and Wednesday, KS2 enjoyed a special visit from C.S. Clifton. C.S. Clifton is a very talented author who has written 63 books (but not all of them have been published yet).

He gave us all a writing task to do which was fun but very hard!

Rose, Head Girl and Alfie, Head Boy

TWITTER

Somerford Primary now has its own Twitter account and we have already started tweeting. We are now up to 23 followers! There will be a prize for the 25th follower – will it be you?! There will be more prizes for followers to come so spread the word. Search for @mrsfsomerford



Bikes and Scooters Due to ongoing safety concerns, please can all bikes and scooters be held by a parent or left in one of the bike sheds or the scooter pods when you are collecting your child from school. Unfortunately, children are continuing to ride these unsupervised at pick up time and we want to avoid an accident. We have received numerous parental concerns regarding this behaviour.



Thank you for your support.

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SPARKLER ADVICE

Please see the advice below regarding sparkler use. Please note **NO SPARKLERS** are allowed on the school site during the Somersetford Firework event. Thank you.

General sparkler safety reminders

Children under five are too young to safely hold a sparkler and don't really understand why they might be dangerous. Avoid giving them one to hold.
Babies or children can wriggle in your arms and reach out unexpectedly. Avoid holding a baby or child when you have a sparkler in your hand.
Children over five will still need you to supervise them when they use sparklers. It's safest if they wear gloves when they're holding them. They might seem like 'fireworks life' but sparklers can reach a temperature of 2000°C. Have a bucket of water handy to put them in so that no-one can pick up a hot one off the ground. Teach them not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run with them

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware of the difficulties some parents have been experiencing with the new hot dinner system and we apologise for the inconvenience caused. Please refer to the letter sent home this week for some helpful advice on rectifying issues.

Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 94.92%

Year 6 – 94.49%

Year 5 – 94.53%

Year 4 – 93.48%

Year 3 – 94.87%

Year 2 – 95.91%

Year 1 – 94.14%

Attendance Panel meetings are being held in November following our review of the attendance of all pupils. Please look out for a letter and confirm your attendance at the panel meeting if applicable. Thank you.

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NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Messy Church

Messy Church, this time at All Saints Church Mudeford (at the bottom of Mudeford Lane opposite the Christchurch Harbour Hotel) on Tuesday 6th November from 3.15pm. Same team, same format (craft work, assembly, hot meal), same price (£1.00 per child) but change of venue.

STEM Returners programme running in Dorset with Atlas Elektronik

- Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return?
- Are you working below your experience in a different sector?
- Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using?
- Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience?

If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the Atlas Elektronik 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in February 2019 in Winfrith. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com

More information on the programme is also available here:

<https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/10/24/atlas-elektronik-uk-supports-stem-returner-programme-dorset/>

The next newsletter will be on Friday 16 November 2018

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