



**FRIDAY 06 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Welcome back!**

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you had a fabulous summer break. It has been lovely to hear the children talking about the special times they spent with you over the 6 weeks.

This week the whole school has been studying a book called The Story Machine by Tom McLaughlin and the quality of learning for the first week back has been impressive.

We have welcomed lots of new children to our school this week and I have been so proud of how our children and staff have made them feel welcome – it's hard to remember they have only been with us for a few days as they already feel part of our school family.

Here's to a fantastic year!

Mrs Frampton

We all hope you enjoyed the first week at school as all the staff have tried to make it as fun but productive as possible. Thank you to all the staff for welcoming all students with open arms even after teaching them before. Also, thank you to all the new students for settling in and acting like they've been here our whole school journey. Many thanks also to the students showing them around this week. Assembly has now changed from 9.00am to 2.45pm as children start their learning early making it easier for them. We would finally like to thank Mrs Frampton and Mr Wallace for checking in to our classrooms and being very kind and helpful.

- Head Girl and Boy—Ellie-Mae and Rares
- Deputy Head Girl and Boy—Evie and Charlie

**Twitter**

Twitter and Marvellous Me

We will be sharing our learning and sending reminders via Twitter a lot this year. Please follow @mrsfsomerford so you don't miss any.

Please activate your Marvellous Me account by following the instructions on the letter you received in July. If you need a new copy of that letter, please just ask your class teacher. New parents will receive information shortly.

**School lunches**

The issues we were experiencing last term have now been resolved so please can we ask all school lunches to be ordered online by Thursday for the following week. If you need any support with this, please come and see us. You will be asked to bring a packed lunch in to school if you have not ordered. Thank you.

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Talk to us

If you have a question, concern or problem, please come and talk to us. We are keen to work with you but cannot help if we don't know the issue. Using social media is rarely the way to resolve your concerns.

A reminder about our communication structure:

1. Talk to your child's class teacher. They know your child best and can work with you to resolve most issues and answer most questions.
2. Talk to your child's Phase Leader. If you have not been able to resolve your issue or concern with the class teacher, please ask to speak to:
  - Mrs Hinz-James for Year R and Y1
  - Mrs Cook or Mrs Semple for Y2 and Y3
  - Mrs Hudson for Y4, Y5 and Y6
3. Talk to Mr Wallace our Deputy Headteacher
4. Talk to Mrs Frampton, Headteacher

We also run a monthly coffee club (which often has bacon butties!) and this is a great way to learn more about the school.

### Holidays

The Governors would like to remind you that no holidays will be authorised in school time. Only absence for exceptional circumstances will be authorised. Unfortunately, holidays being cheaper or quieter in term time is not counted as exceptional. If you chose to take your child out of school for a holiday the school will request a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child to be issued by the Local Authority. If you believe your request is for exceptional circumstances, please explain this, with supporting evidence, on the application for leave form available from the office.

### Grange Children on school site

It has been fantastic to see the new Y7s coming back to say hello looking so smart in their Grange uniforms.

Please remember, if your Grange child needs to access the Somerset site after school to collect a sibling they must have their contact book stamped and signed by the Grange to gain entry.

They can have their book signed at Student Services if you write a note to state they need this access. From Monday 16th September, children without their contact book stamped will not be allowed access.

### Goodbye

We are very sad to announce that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Doherty in a few weeks time as she moves on to another school where she will be developing her Pastoral role even further.

Mrs Doherty has worked with numerous children and families during her time at Somerset and she will be very much missed but we know she will be amazing in her new role and they are very lucky to be having her!

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### Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 95.09%

Year 6 – 95.27%

Year 5 – 94.91%

Year 4 – 95.30%

Year 3 – 95.72%

Year 2 – 95.48%

Year 1 – 93.81%

### Hidden Books

This week children have been finding some books hidden around our school site. When you find a book, the idea is that you read it and then hide it somewhere else in the local community for other children to read. This initiative has spread across Dorset this summer and if you would like to share that you have found the book, there is a Facebook page called 'Dorset Hidden Books' where you can post a picture or message. Let's spread our love of reading!

### Nut Free School

At Somersetford we want to keep all our children safe. We have some children in the school with severe allergies to nuts and therefore we are a nut free school. The kitchen operates in this way and we ask parents to think about this when packing lunch boxes.

The biggest issues we have are with chocolate spreads. Nearly all chocolate spreads contain hazelnut and therefore we are now a chocolate spread free school too! This includes the ready filled pancakes. Please do not send these to school as they could make a child seriously ill and this could be upsetting for your child to experience.

Thank you for your support.

### Parenting Courses

There are two parenting courses being run by Christchurch Schools this month—please see the flyer which has been emailed or collect one from Reception. The Dad's course is being run by Mr Walsh here at Somersetford Primary. The details for booking a place are with the flyer.

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**Headlice**

We have already had some reports of headlice in the infant classes. Please, please, please check your child's hair this weekend and treat accordingly.

Thank you

News from our community

Messy Church

Wednesday 11th September at All Saints Mundeford

Thursday 26th September at High Cross, Amethyst Road Somerford.

As usual there will be craft activities based on a Bible theme from 3.15pm for about an hour, then a short assembly in the church, followed by a hot meal. The activities are suitable for all ages from 2 years to about 9 years and all children need to be accompanied by an adult.

There is a charge of £1.00 per child to cover the cost of the food.

Understanding Your Child's Mental Health

Monday evenings 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Children's Centre

23/09/2019 – 14/10/2019

This is a supportive and inclusive course focusing on developing an understanding of children's mental health and how you can support them. How to support good-mental health

Key Dates for this academic year

Monday 9th September / Tuesday 10th September – Reception children start school

INSET days

Friday 4th October 2019

Thursday 13th February 2020

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

A full set of diary dates will be issued shortly.

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