



## FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2020

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had an enjoyable break and managed to find some time to rest amidst all the festive fun!

I have been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled back in to their learning and I have seen some incredible pieces of work. Year 6 have been particularly proud of their circulatory system poems!

2020 is going to be a fantastic year!

Mrs Frampton

### Curriculum Events

At Somersetford we continue to ensure all children have a broad and balanced curriculum—which is fun!

These are some of the things that have taken place over the last week:

- ◆ Year 3 have enjoyed their Stone Age wow day
- ◆ KS1 have taken part in cricket coaching sessions
- ◆ A huge number of children have signed up for our after school clubs which start next week
  - ◆ Y6 have relaxed in their weekly yoga session
- ◆ We have celebrated children going 'above and beyond' with our first Hot Chocolate Friday of 2020

### Uniform

We have high expectations for the children at Somersetford and want everyone to be proud of being part of our school family. One of the ways we show this, is to wear our school uniform. We have made our uniform as simple and affordable as we can but we do expect all children to wear it.

Grey school trousers or skirt

White polo shirt

Blue cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo

Black shoes or **plain black** trainers

Please ensure your child is not wearing jeans, tracksuit bottoms, hoodies or coloured trainers to school. You may be called to bring the correct uniform to school if necessary.

Please can you also make sure that the children are not wearing nail varnish, tattoos or oversized hair accessories. Thank you.

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### Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 94.87%

Year 6 – 94.88%

Year 5 – 94.31%

Year 4 – 96.12%

Year 3 – 95.91%

Year 2 – 93.21%

Year 1 – 92.05%

Unfortunately the chicken pox across the school has hit our figures hard.

The attendance for this week however is much more encouraging.

Whole school – 96.1%

Year 6 – 94.8%

Year 5 – 97.4%

Year 4 – 96.5%

Year 3 – 96.9%

Year 2 – 96.5%

Year 1 – 94.0%

### Raising Achievement Plan

We have a plan for this year that will help us to raise achievement at Somerset. We are sharing the key actions with the children and are keen to share these with you too.

### Parental Engagement

We have introduced Marvellous Me, Tapestry (in Reception) and Twitter and these have significantly helped our communication with parents. We have been so pleased to invite over 100 KS2 parents in to classes for our Afternoon at the Museum event. We will now build on this by offering parents an open morning for reading and one for maths so you can come and learn alongside your child in their usual lesson. We will give you lots of notice! We would like to create a welcome booklet for new parents. If you have recently joined our school and would be willing to work on this with us, we would really welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please let the office know.

### Reminders

- Clubs start on Monday
- Swimming for Year 3 starts on Monday
- Order lunches online

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### Parent Survey

Please find the parent survey results attached.

You will also see the improvements since last year's survey.

We are very proud that 98% of parents would recommend Somerset to other parents (1 parent said they would not) and 100% of parents stated their child does well at Somerset.

We are really keen to find out even more about how we can improve and therefore you may receive a call from one of the Phase Leaders to discuss your responses in more detail.

### Opportunities at Bournemouth University

**[BU Family Showcase – Science and Animals](#)** – Wednesday 12 February 16:00 – 18:45, Fusion Building, Talbot Campus Families are invited to attend this year's first family learning evening on our Talbot Campus and can register to attend through [this Eventbrite link](#). Completely free of charge, with free parking on site and refreshments provided for children and adults, the evening will include a series of interactive workshops where families are encouraged to learn together. Spaces are limited so please do pass on to parents and carers so they don't miss out! Activities are aimed at children in Key Stage 2, but all family members are welcome to attend – note that children should be accompanied at all times. If you would like paper versions of the attached flyer to hand out, please reply to this email to let us know how many are required.

### [Writing Wizardry Competition](#) – Closing date Friday 27 March

Focussing on writing stories or poems with your class this term? BU's Fresher Publishing is calling all children aged 11 and under to get writing to enter our Writing Wizardry Competition. We are looking for original stories and poems that are 500 words or less and would love to see more entries from across the local area! Prizes include being published in a book, a £25 book token, £150 worth of books and a school visit from the competition's Head Judge, author Maz Evans. The closing date is Friday 27th March so there is lots of time to get entries in. You can find out more information and how to submit entries on the [Fresher Publishing website](#).

### School Lunches

Thank you to all those parents who have been ordering lunches online. If we do not have an order for your child for next week, we will not be able to provide them with a hot meal.

Please send your child with a packed lunch if you have not ordered a hot dinner.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 24th January 2020

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