

JANUARY

FRIDAY 11 January 2019

*welcome
back*

I hope you had a restful holiday and managed to avoid some of the nasty bugs around. The children have returned with amazing behaviour and attitudes to their learning. So much has been achieved this week it feel as if we've been back for a month rather than a week.

Some children have looked a little chilly outside as the cold weather has hit. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and extra bits to keep them warm such as a hat and gloves.

Mrs Frampton



Our first week back at school has been quite an eventful week as we have been introduced to our new topics. Our teachers have planned fun lessons for us and we have been enjoying them.

Rose, Head Girl and Alfie, Head Boy
Ella, Deputy Head Girl and Liam, Deputy Head Boy

Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils

As previously published, the school is closed on Friday 15th February to pupils for staff training.

SENCo Role

This week we welcomed Mr Luke Thorne to our team as our new Special Educational Needs Coordinator. He has extensive experience of supporting children with special needs and working with families.

Mr Thorne is keen to meet you all and is attending the Coffee Morning next Friday. Why not pop along to say hello? This time there will also be bacon sarnies!

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Most parents are now set up on the school meals ordering system and it is working well.

Unfortunately some children have not had a hot meal ordered for them this week but have still joined the queue as they were not provided with a packed lunch. The kitchen can only cook for the number of meals ordered. Please ensure you have ordered a meal for your child if they need one. You will be telephoned to bring in a packed lunch if you have not ordered one.

All of the last dates for ordering meals for the new half terms are on the website. Thank you for your help.

Twitter

Somerford Primary now has its own Twitter account and we have already started tweeting.

We are now up to 32 followers! There will be a prize for the 50th follower – will it be you?! There will be more prizes for followers to come so spread the word.

Search for @mrsfsomerford

In the parent survey, some parents wanted better communication and reminders about events. Signing up to the school's Twitter feed is a good way of having these.



After school clubs

Lots of children signed up to clubs this week. Clubs start MONDAY 14th JANUARY. There are still a few spaces in some clubs left so please bring your form to reception if you would like to book a space.

Please note the SATs club has changed to Wednesdays. A new letter will be coming home to Year 6.

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Breakfast Bagels

From Monday morning free breakfast bagels will be available as children and their families arrive at school. The school has linked up with a charity called Magic Breakfasts who are funded by the DfE from the sugar tax. These bagels will be on offer on the playgrounds and from Mr Walsh and Mrs Doherty at the main entrance. You need to be on time to grab one though!!



Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 94.82%

Year 6 – 94.61%

Year 5 – 94.70%

Year 4 – 94.81%

Year 3 – 93.95%

Year 2 – 95.47%

Year 1 – 93.74%

Next Monday we are holding an Attendance Panel with Laura Whittaker (DCC attendance officer) and it is very important you attend if you received an invitation.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 25th January 2019

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