



## FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2019

Last week it was a pleasure to show one of our newer Governors around our school. The children were working hard and proud to share their learning. They also showed what fantastic manners they have; saying good morning and holding doors open. I

was very proud!

Mrs Frampton

### School lunches

Please order your child's lunches online by Thursday for the following week.

If you are experiencing issues with the ordering system, please let us know and **order your lunches via the office staff** until they are resolved.

If you do not order, we will **not** cook a lunch for your child, so please send them in with a packed lunch. There are **still** some parents not ordering—please don't let your child go hungry!

Thank you for your support.

### Somerford School Council Reps

Congratulations to our nominated School Council reps for this term.

Year 1 – Tyler and Esme

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Year 2 – Isla, Josh, Sara and Freddy

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Year 3- Amelia, Alfie, Bailey and Ella

Year 4/5- Miya, Luke, Kayly, Jackson, Jayden and Elena

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Year 6 – Hayden, Perry, Ryan H and Chloe

Chair - Poppy

Vice Chair – Ellie-Mae

Secretary - Sophie

Treasurer - Izayah

### Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring every child is in full uniform. Please can we ask that the children do not wear oversized hair accessories. This includes hair bands with 'ears', jojo bows and similar items.

Please ensure any weekend make up, nail varnish or temporary tattoos are removed before school. Thank you.

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### Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 95.9% -what has happened? Come on team Somerford!

Year 6 – 94.72%

Year 5 – 95.40%

Year 4 – 96.84%

Year 3 – 96.71%

Year 2 – 95.13%

Year 1 – 94.47%

### Curriculum Events

At Somerford 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 two weeks:

- Year 1 and 2 worked with a visiting artist and learnt to use some new techniques to create amazing pieces of art
  - Year R were visited by Healthy Ted (and the School Nurse!)
- Bournemouth University worked with some children in Y6 to support their reading
  - 2MS performed an amazing class assembly
- Year 1 had a superhero Wow Day and looked incredible in their costumes
- We supported World Mental Health Day and raised money for a charity. We also learnt strategies to look after our own mental health
- We enjoyed a performance of The Secret Garden by M&M theatre productions and ticked off one of our '50 things to do before you leave Somerford'.
- Some Y5 and 6 children took part in a handball festival and represented the school impeccably.

What a fortnight!!

### Raising Achievement Plan

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

Reading, reading, reading!

As you know we really value the importance of reading at Somerford. This year children across YR, Y1, Y2 and some of Y3 and 4 are using our Read, Write, Inc scheme. Please remember to read the linked books they bring home at least 3 times in the week

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### BCP Book Mastermind

Please see the attached flyer to find out about an exciting event being run by Christchurch Library. With our whole school focus on reading, it would be a fantastic event to take part in. Could we have a Somerford winner?

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This week we were visited by Mrs Butcher who works with the Rotary Club who send shoeboxes filled with Christmas presents to disadvantaged children across Europe.

Your child should have brought home a leaflet telling you more about this.

It would be great if you could decorate and fill a shoebox with your child over half term and return it to school by the Tuesday after we come back (5th November).

If you would prefer, your child could bring in a shoe box, or some wrapping paper, or one or two items to go in a joint box from their class.

It would be fantastic if every child could donate something.

More leaflets are available from Reception if you haven't seen one.

Thank you for your support and kindness.

### Parent Consultations

I hope you have signed up for your parents consultation slot for Wednesday or Thursday next week. This is a really important opportunity for us to share your child's learning and progress and to answer any questions you may have.

Sadly, we have had to postpone Mrs Hudson's and Miss Darley's meetings until after half term as they are currently unwell.

### Chris the rat and Suzy the snail!

We have welcomed two new additions to our school—Chris, who is a beautifully coloured rat and Suzy, who is a rather large African land snail!

They are visiting each class in turn and a letter will be coming home shortly to ask for your permission for your child to handle the animals—if they wish to.

We hope to build up our school 'zoo' or 'farm' over time.

### Weekly Awards

Well done to 2MS and 6SC for winning this week's reading trophies and to St George's House for winning the House Cup!

### Half term activities

Please find attached leaflets detailing activities available at the 2Riversmeet leisure centre and Highcliffe Castle over the upcoming half term break.

Our next newsletter will be 25th October 2019

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