



FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

Thank you for your patience this week as the admin team have taken over the running of the reception desk. There have been a few teething problems as would be expected but we are getting there!

Please use Mr Walsh and Mrs Doherty our Pastoral Workers at the front of school if you have any general enquiries in the mornings as they will be able to help you too.

Please may I remind you that we expect all parents and visitors on site to behave appropriately and any aggressive behaviour or swearing towards staff will not be tolerated. Please remember we are all role models for our children.

Thank you.

Y7 Open days

Parents of children in Y6 would have received a letter with information about the Grange School Open Morning visits. If you would like to attend with your child, your child will be given an authorised absence for this session. Please bring your child to school as normal and you can pick them up from the school office and take them to the Grange ready for the 9.30am start.

We have also been asked to inform you that St Peter's Secondary School is holding their Open Evening on 25th September at 6.00pm. If you wish to apply to St Peter's under any of their religious categories you can bring Baptism and Christening Certificates or equivalent to that evening for verification and copying.

Twitter

Somerford Primary now has its own Twitter account and we have already started tweeting. Follow us [@mrsfsomerford](https://twitter.com/mrsfsomerford) for reminders and updates. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Goodbye

Today we said goodbye to Miss Briant as she starts her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. I will let you know as soon as there is any news!

School Closed – staff training day

School will be closed next Friday, 28th September, for staff training. Mr Wallace will be leading staff on a day focussing on quality first teaching.

Junior drop offs

We have noticed that some parents are coming to the KS2 corridors in the morning to talk to adults and settle children in. This is understandable while the children are new to KS2 but please may we encourage you to say goodbye to your child before they come in to the school. Part of being in the Juniors is developing independence and after three weeks of being in Year 3, the children should now be ready to come in themselves.

The adults on duty can take messages in to teachers and parents are of course able to speak to teachers after school.

Please also remember that Mr Walsh and Mrs Doherty are always available outside the main reception at the start of school with a smile and are happy to help you sort out any issues you may have.

Thanks in advance for your help with this

Grange Children on school site

Please note that all Grange children now need their contact books signed by the Grange in order to have access to the school site after school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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Agora

Over the Summer Capita completed an update and sent an e-mail to users with details on how to update their accounts. It has become apparent that some users did not receive an e-mail or the e-mail was not actioned. Please check you can still access your AGORA accounts. If you are asked for an invitation code please contact Mrs Campbell - finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

If you are experiencing any issues with Agora or require a new code, please contact Mrs Campbell on 01202 485436 or email finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk. New parents will be issued with their codes and details on how to register next week.

Reference Biostore - over the coming week you will find a letter in your child's book bag with instructions on setting up your Biostore account to order meals. Please look out for this and action as soon as possible.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached a newsletter from the Safe Schools and Communities Team for your information. This has also been added to the website.

Paddy's Purpose

We have been delighted to welcome Paddy and his mum, Gemma, to our school this week. Gemma and Paddy have been teaching us all about Paddy's disabilities and what makes him different but more importantly, what makes him the same as us.

All classes will work with Paddy and Gemma in a workshop and next week some children in Years 5 and 6 will also have the opportunity to have their workshop filmed.

Please make sure you have returned your consent form if you would like to be a part of this.

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"Worth Less" campaign

"Worth Less" is a campaign being run by Headteachers across the country to lobby the government over funding difficulties for schools. It is putting the case of school leaders that they feel they do not have enough money to meet the demands placed on schools, and are having to cut services and "do more with less".

On Friday 28 September Headteachers from all over the country will gather in Downing Street to lobby the chancellor and his colleagues to use the upcoming autumn statement to increase investment in our schools. I will be attending this event to represent all our local schools in Christchurch.



Parent nominated stars of the week

This week we are celebrating

Alfie in 3/4EW for some amazing test results at the end of last year! Mum is so proud.

Kaiden in 6DC for an amazing end to last year at school and a fantastic start to this year. Mum and Ellie feel so happy!

Well done to all our stars!

The next newsletter will be on Friday 5th October 2018

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