



## FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a well reserved relaxing half term break. It has been a very long half term but the children and staff have worked so hard and we have seen incredible progress.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 4th November for the exciting half term leading to our Christmas celebrations.

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.

### Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind you that any bikes and scooters left on the school premises are left at your own risk and the school cannot accept any responsibility for any items that are lost, stolen or damaged.

Please can we also urge you to **lock your bike or scooter!**

There are three bike shelters and plenty of scooter pods which you can secure your item to. If you do not lock your bike or scooter you are taking an unnecessary risk.

Thank you.

### Junior Safety Inspector Family Tours - Halloween Special

SafeWise Bournemouth

Tuesday 29 & Wednesday 30 October 2019

£5 per person (+small booking fee) Under 4s go free

Children and their families can sign up for SafeWise Bournemouth's popular Junior Safety Inspector event this October half term with a Halloween twist! Booking online required:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/junior-safety-inspector-safewise-bournemouth-halloween-special-tickets-68594360579>

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### Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 95.75%

This academic year so far, 57 school days have been lost due to unauthorised leave from school. This equates to 0.6%. Without this unauthorised leave we would be above our 96% target.

Year 6 – 94.79%

Year 5 – 94.92%

Year 4 – 96.67%

Year 3 – 96.57%

Year 2 – 95.02%

Year 1 – 94.37%

### 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 week:

- ◆ We have been celebrating Black History Month this week. Why not ask your child about the famous person they have been learning about?
- ◆ We had visitors to our assembly on Tuesday sharing a Bible story in a fun and interactive way.
- ◆ After school clubs for next half term are proving to be popular and many children have already signed up. We have linked these clubs to our curriculum this year and are looking forward to sharing the exciting activities with as many children as possible. If you haven't signed up yet there is still time!

### 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.

#### Governing Body

We are developing our Governing Body and are looking for people with skills or experience in finance, education or premises. If you are interested in finding out more or you know someone who may be interested, please ask to speak to Mrs Frampton.

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### Reception Photograph

The New Milton Advertiser came in to school this week to take a photograph of the Year R class—they were very smiley!  
The photo is due to be in the paper on 22nd November.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to those parents and children who have already brought shoeboxes and items in to school to support this appeal.  
If you haven't made one yet, you can do so over the half term as long as you bring it in to school by Tuesday 5th November.

### Parent Consultations

It was fantastic to see so many parents attending consultations this week. We are really keen to work in partnership with you so these meetings are so important. If you weren't able to attend this week, please see your child's class teacher to find a mutually convenient time slot.  
Mrs Hudson's and Miss Darley's consultations will be rescheduled after the break.

### Fire safety

As Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali are soon approaching and as a consequence candles, fireworks and sparklers are used, it increases the risk of fire and or burns especially to younger children. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have produced a short video on their YouTube channel highlighting the importance of fire safety.  
<https://youtu.be/hEoHwiw5LYU>

### Weekly Awards

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

### Headlice

Over the half term holiday, please take the opportunity to check your child's hair carefully and treat if necessary. There have been some reported cases in school.

Our next newsletter will be 8th November 2019

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