



FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2020

Happy Half Term!

What a fabulous return to school we have had. The children have adapted to being back brilliantly and I am so proud of all of them. I am also immensely proud of the staff at our school who have consistently gone above and beyond for the children and have adapted to new systems so flexibly.

I also want to say a huge thank you to all of you. I am grateful for the support, for the friendly smiles at the gate and for your patience. I would also like to thank those parents who have emailed asking after the staff and to those of you who have bought books for us at such a difficult time. It has really felt like a team effort this half term.

I wish you all a fabulous week off.

Breakfast Club

Mrs Thacker, our Finance Officer, has managed to secure some funding through Magic Breakfast, to offer a limited number of Breakfast Club places at a heavily subsidised rate. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club and you would benefit from this significant reduction in price, please email finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Non uniform day

Thank you for all your generous donations to the Foodbank today. These have been collected by Tracy and will form some of the Holiday Hunger packs you can access over half term.

Halloween

We have received advice from BCP regarding 'celebrating' Halloween:

Halloween cannot be "celebrated" outside of people's family units within the rule of 6. Clearly visiting people's houses would be unwelcome and could be scary for people isolated and poorly. The more people socialise outside of their school bubble, the more risk they bring back into schools. All of us want pupils to be able to attend as much as possible; we need support from pupils and families for that.

The Police have said:

With Halloween season fast approaching, families may be wondering whether trick or treating is worth the risk this year.

This year police and partners across the South West are asking families to ditch the usual trick or treating plans and channel all their creativity into celebrating safely indoors as we all continue to do our bit to prevent the spread of coronavirus and keep infection rates low across the region

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Please remember half term is 26th-30th October.

Parent Consultations

Thank you for embracing our new model of parents' meetings. If you have any feedback for us we would really value that. Please drop us an email at office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Parent Governors

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.
If you are interested or would like to find out more, please email office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk
It is really important to us to have parents represented on our Governing Body so please consider getting involved.

COVID reminders

Thank you to all parents who have supported school by adhering to the guidelines for isolation and for informing us of any suspected or confirmed cases. This has meant we have not had to close any bubbles and the risk at school has remained low. We could not manage that without everyone's support of the 'rules'.

A couple of reminders:

- If you or your children have symptoms you must stay at home whilst you seek testing and until the result is confirmed. This is already helping to reduce the need for any children to self-isolate as contacts and miss out on school. Thank you!
- If the school was to be notified of a positive case and the person had been in school during their infectious period, the school would work very closely with Public Health and the Local Authority to identify any children or staff who would then be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The school will communicate with parents of affected children directly using Marvellous ME.
- We really appreciate all the efforts families make to adhere to guidelines—hands, face, space.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on 9th November to take individual portraits. We have undertaken a risk assessment to ensure this is safe.
There will no family group or sibling photos this year.
Children in Y6 must wear full school uniform to school on that day and not PE kit—they may wear trainers.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 6th November 2020

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