



## FRIDAY 12 MARCH 2021

We have had such an amazing week in school. It really has been lovely to see and hear children reconnecting with their friends and their teachers. We have also been really impressed with your teaching at home as the majority of the children have come back with lots to share that they learnt with you. Their skills in reading and maths are also still impressive. Thank you for your effort with this.

Mrs Frampton

### COVID Reminders

Please can we remind parents:

- **Please keep 2m apart from other parents as much as possible**
- Please do not stay and chat or arrive early and chat with other parents
- **Wear a face mask at the school gates** and especially when talking to staff



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

### Attendance

Our attendance has been fantastic this week! On Monday it was 99.6%! Thank you to those parents who have kept children at home if they display symptoms of COVID19—this will of course, help all children to remain in school. Schools have been asked to remind parents that attendance is now mandatory and schools must use their usual processes to tackle any non attendance. We will continue to write to you initially if your child's attendance is a concern but I want to stress that we want to work with you to ensure your child's good attendance.

### Annual reports

Your child should have brought home their annual report today. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher. Information about parent consultations is included with the report.

### Winners

Congratulations to Phoebe, Harry and Hope who won the Book Bingo competition and to Arthur who won the Masked Reader competition. Amazon vouchers will be winging their way to you soon!

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### Tutoring

You may have heard in the press that schools have been given some funding to support children as they return to school. This money is called 'Catch Up Funding'. However, we don't like the term 'catch up' at Somerford. We don't see your child's learning as a competition or a race with their peers. We are committed to all children achieving their full potential.

We are using the funding initially to run tutoring sessions in school and on line. These sessions are with a qualified teacher and will focus on either reading, writing or maths.

They will be run as 1:1 sessions or with a maximum of 1:3.

If your child is going to receive tutoring sessions this half term you will have been informed by your child's class teacher.

These tutoring sessions will be regularly evaluated and additional children will be selected as the year progresses.

If you have any questions about your child's tutoring sessions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### PC Lauren Jones

As part of our continued work with other agencies, we are delighted to inform you that we have been allocated a link officer from the Safer Schools Team. PC Lauren Jones has been working in school today so your child may tell you they saw a police officer today!

### YR Vision Checks

The school nursing team will be coming to school on 16th March to carry out vision checks with our Reception children. You will have received information about this. If you have any questions or have not received the form, please speak to Mrs Hinz-James.

Unfortunately we are no longer able to use the Wraparound Care for Breakfast Club in Sims Pay - all parents who paid money into this last term have been fully refunded. For Breakfast Club next week please pay for Breakfast Club on Sims Pay as before:

Select School Clubs

Select Breakfast Club

Select date of Breakfast Club

Add to Basket for each day and pay

We will accept cash at Breakfast Club until the end of term until we can get all parents set up on Sims Pay.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 26th March 2021

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