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THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter and I hope you are able to safely enjoy some time outside with family and friends. We have worked so hard to keep everyone healthy and safe throughout this last year and it is wonderful to see the end in sight. I do urge you to keep to the rules for a little longer so we all remain safe and well.

We have had lots of Easter fun this week and I would like to thank all those members of staff and the community who donated eggs including High Cross Church, Sainsburys and a **VERY** generous grandmother! I would also like to thank Mrs Cahill, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Assinder and Miss Blake for organising such a fun week.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Frampton

COVID Reminders

Please can we remind parents:

- If **anyone** in your household has symptoms, please do not send your children to school until the symptomatic person has been tested
- **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



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SPACE

Uniform—PMG

We have advised parents not to replenish uniform this term as your child is likely to grow again over the summer but we do expect all children to be in full uniform from September. PMG, our uniform stockist, is reopening on 12th April and will be taking bookings for appointments at the New Milton store. You can still order online if you prefer. If you do not book an appointment you are likely to have long delays when you arrive. PMG have also advised you order uniform early. If you leave it to the last minute, they are unlikely to be able to fulfil your order. [PMG Schoolwear -](#) If you need any support with uniform please speak to Mr Walsh.

Easter Holidays

We are closed for Easter from today as tomorrow is Good Friday. We are then closed for two weeks and return on Monday 19th April. We will be continuing with staggered starts and finishes as the government guidance has not yet changed.

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Online Safety

We have had some recent incidences in school involving Whatsapp and Tik Tok. If your child has these apps, please talk to them about being safe. Children in primary schools are not old enough to be on these apps, so if they are, it is vital they are using them safely. As a minimum, accounts should be set to private and no personal information shared. This includes photos and videos—no school uniform! PC Lauren Jones, will be leading some more sessions in school to emphasise these points.

Results of parent feedback on remote learning

Thank you to all the parents who completed our online survey. I will share some of the headlines on each newsletter.

If you have contacted the school office via email, how pleased were you with the response?

[More Details](#)

42

Responses

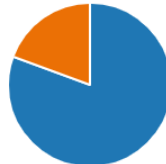


4.71 Average Rating

Have you contacted your class teacher via the class email address?

[More Details](#)

Yes 54
No 13



If you have contacted your class teacher via class email, how pleased were you with the response to your question?

[More Details](#)

58

Responses



4.78 Average Rating

How well do you think the school has been communicating with you and keeping you up to date on the ever changing situation?

[More Details](#)

67

Responses



4.64 Average Rating

How well do you feel supported by the school during this period of school closure?

[More Details](#)

67

Responses



4.54 Average Rating

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Ordering Lunches

We will no longer be using Biostore to order lunches and I am sure many of you are relieved to hear this as we are aware it has not been the simplest system to use.

From now on if you don't pay for your lunches you will only need to email finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk with your order by the Thursday before (YR, Y1, Y2 and Free School Meals). If you pay for lunches, you will be able to order these directly on SIMS Pay. We hope this will make the process much simpler. There is a letter with more details following in a separate Marvellous Me message.



Christchurch RFC
Age Grade Rugby



From age groups under 6 upwards – Contact us to join our mailing list

Training will take place at:
The Grange School
Redvers Road, Christchurch, BH23 3AU

 christchurchrugby  @ChristchurchRugbyClub  @ChristchurchRFC

Training Time/Date: 10am – Sunday 11th April (restrictions permitting)
Contact: Donovan
Telephone/text: 07854 039880
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Events coming up

Week beginning 19th April—Big Pedal week
Can you cycle or scoot to school all week?

19th April—Yoga starts with Y2

22nd April—Cricket taster day for all classes

29th April—Samba starts for Y4

Attendance

As you know attendance is now compulsory again and I am so pleased to report that our attendance is currently 96%! This is fantastic and I would like to thank you for your support.

We review each child's attendance at the end of each month and if your child's attendance is a concern, we will write to you initially to make you aware of our concerns and to offer support.

The government define any child whose attendance is below 90% as a 'Persistent Absentee' and we will work with you to identify and overcome barriers to your child's attendance.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on 21st April to take individual photographs. This has been carefully risk assessed and the photographers will be behind Perspex screens. Please ensure your child is in uniform and looking super smart on that day. You will receive proofs shortly afterwards and will be able to order online.

Thank you

Thank you for your generous donations for the Foodbank today. We are always humbled by your generosity and these donations really do make a difference.



Our next newsletter will be Friday 23rd April 2021

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