



FRIDAY 21 MAY 2021

Another fabulous week of learning here at Somerford. I love walking into classes and finding children who are so keen and proud to share their learning. I have heard some fabulous reading and blending in Reception as well as some Y5 children sharing their newspaper reports with me and Y4s talking about the power of the words they used. Well done everyone!

Today's newsletter contains a few reminders - we need to ensure our expectations remain high.
Mrs Frampton

COVID Reminders

Please can we remind parents:

- If your child shows ANY of the symptoms of COVID (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell) you must arrange for a full test and your child (and any siblings) must not attend school until you receive a negative result or complete 10 days isolation.
- You can book a PCR test online for a test centre or order a test to be delivered. We also have some tests in school we can hand out.
- **It must be a PCR test and NOT a 30 minute lateral flow test. LFT tests you can do at home are for regular use when you have no symptoms. They are not the correct test for someone with symptoms.**

We know this can be frustrating but these rules are here to keep everyone safe.

Mobile Phones

If your child **needs** to bring their mobile phone to school, it must be turned off and handed to a member of staff immediately on arrival to school. Please consider carefully if your child does need to bring their phone. Please note we cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to electronics brought in to school.

Ear rings

Only one plain stud is allowed in each ear. Your child will need to remove their earrings for PE lessons and will need to be able to do this themselves. It may be easier to leave earrings at home on PE days.

Cycle helmets

If your child cycles to school, please ensure they are wearing a cycle helmet so they are safe. We would also recommend your child wears a helmet if scooting to school.

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Healthy Snacks

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack for breaktime. Children should not be bringing items such as crisps, chocolate and sweets etc.

Coming up....

- Primary Futures assembly—an inspirational assembly to get children thinking about jobs they might want to choose when they are older
- Year 4 continue with their Samba lessons—they are sounding amazing!
- End of the month attendance letters will be sent home—these highlight if we are concerned about your child's attendance and offer support in improving this
- Year 3 continue with their yoga and mindfulness sessions
- 11th June—Class photographs
- 11th June—Queen's Birthday Celebrations—more details to follow!

Half term

We close at the usual times next Friday, 28th May and reopen at usual staggered times on Monday 7th June.

COVID help sheet

Your child will be bringing home a 'what to do if...' style sheet today. This can be stuck to the fridge and used if you are not sure what action is required. If you are ever in doubt, please email office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Safety

The Governors are committed to making our school as safe as possible and regularly carry our safety visits.

Following a recent 'near miss' and some concerns raised by parents, the Governors have attended at drop off and pick up times to observe the car park. As a result, we will be making some changes to how the car park can be used at certain times of the day. More details will follow next week.

The Health and Safety Governor is also visiting next week to ensure the whole site is as safe as it can be.

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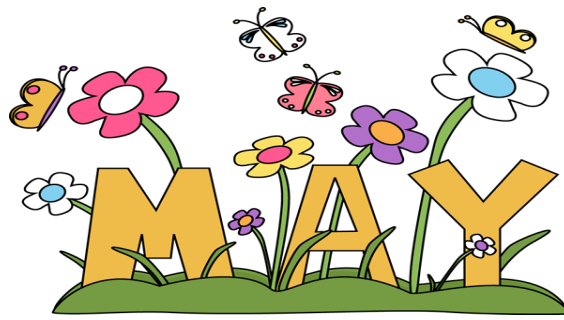
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Being Safe Online

In school we have been dealing with a significant increase in the number of incidents occurring online and on social media. Research by the organisation ESafe suggests that this reflects the national picture and that lockdown has been a significant factor in the increase.

One of the main problems is that our children are often a lot more knowledgeable about social media than we are and we underestimate what they can do, and what they have access to. As parents and teachers we don't know what we don't know!

I will be adding some advice on each newsletter with suggestions to keep your child safe online. Please talk about these issues with your children and keep yourself informed about the websites and apps they are accessing.

Some initial safety tips

- check the age rating for the apps your child is on. If they are using an app with a 13 rating, they have lied to access the account for example
- make sure you know the passcode to enter your child's phone
 - keep devices out of the bedroom
- talk to your child about what they access online and ensure they understand that once they post something, it can be on the Internet forever

We have more information on our Internet Safety page on the website.

Pupil Survey results

Please find attached a summary of the results of the recent annual pupil survey. We are really pleased with the positive results but we are also keen to work on the areas children raised which we could do better. We will be informing children of any changes we make through a 'You said, we did' display.

Updated guidance for schools

Unfortunately, the recent updated guidance we received from the DfE still requires us to maintain the control measures we currently have in place such as working in bubbles, staggered starts and drop offs and no mixing.

We are expecting further guidance after the next roadmap milestone in June and after this we will be able to tell you if we can have parents on site for events such as sports days and Leavers' assembly.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 28th May 2021

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