



FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021

What an exciting week it has been in school! As Year 6 have missed their residential, the Y6 team organised an activity week for them. There have been a range of incredible activities over the week, many of which the rest of the school have been able to join in with.

It has meant it has been a really fun and enjoyable week but a very busy one! Thank you to all the staff involved in organising the week.

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.

Cases have risen in BCP in educational settings over the last couple of weeks. It is important we keep our control measures in place to ensure our whole school community is safe.

Have your say about SEND support

BCP Council, are committed to improving services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

They want to hear about the experiences of parents and carers as well as children and young people who are at SEND Support level or have support through an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

With the help of Parent Carers Together (PCT) and other partners, including Health, they have put together two surveys, one for Parent /Carers and one for Children and Young people.

These views are really important in helping them to improve and develop services across education, health and care, and both surveys will be completely anonymous.

Have your say here: <https://haveyoursay.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/send-survey-2021>

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PMG Uniform Shop

If you wish to visit the shop to buy uniform you will need to book an appointment. The cut off for orders is 12th August to ensure you receive your uniform in time. Please do not leave it too late as all children will be expected to be in full uniform from September. Please talk to Mr Walsh if you have any uniform concerns or questions.

Summer Holiday Activities

Planet Education has secured funding for 1500 spaces over the Summer Holidays for their OFSTED registered holiday programme for children aged 5 – 12 at Sir David English Leisure Centre from 26th July - 27th August.

This provision is FREE for children who receive free school meals.

The holiday programme will include
Provision of at least one meal per day.

At least one hour of physical activity for all attendees.

An additional session that will focus on fun and enriching activities such as leadership programmes.

Nutritional education aimed at improving the knowledge and awareness of eating a healthy, balanced diet.

A training and advice session for parents/carers once a week on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food.

A flyer with contact details will be sent in a MM message.

Race for Life

Your child should have brought home details about our school Race for Life in memory of Mrs May.

Please ask your class teacher if you have not received these. Thank you in advance for your support of this event.

New classes

Next week we will continue with our 'Meet the Teacher' morning on Wednesday. We will maintain children's year group bubbles and ensure all rooms are cleaned in between groups of children. Year 6 need to attend school as usual on Wednesday as their transfer day has unfortunately had to be postponed.

Your child will bring home a letter on Tuesday afternoon informing you of their teacher for next year. On Wednesday morning the children will start in their current classes so please use the usual gate at the usual time.

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Staffing updates

I am very sad to be writing this section as we are saying goodbye to a number of incredible members of our team at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Cook

Mrs Cook has been at Somerford for nearly 25 years and she has played such an important role in the school's journey. In September, she will be joining Christchurch Junior School as an Assistant Headteacher. We are very proud of Mrs Cook for securing this promotion but she will be missed at Somerford a lot.

Ms Gaines

Ms Gaines has been such a loved teacher during her years at Somerford and she has loved her time with her classes. Ms Gaines has decided to make a really exciting change and move to France over the summer holidays so we will be saying au revoir to Ms Gaines at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Wilcox

We are also saying goodbye to two valued members of our teaching assistant team as they are retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Wilcox have worked across our school and all children have enjoyed their time with them. We wish them a very happy and healthy retirement but the school will not be the same without them!

Mrs McCarthy

Mrs McCarthy joined us this year in Y6 and has been a valued member of the team. She is heading off to new adventures next year and we wish her lots of fun!

Miss Hart

I am very pleased to tell you that Miss Hart will be continuing as part of our teaching team next year.

Sports Days

Due to the rising numbers of COVID cases in BCP, especially in educational settings, and the Government's advice to maintain our current protective measures in school, we will not be able to invite parents to our Sports Days or Race for Life event this year. I understand this is disappointing but my priority, as ever, is the safety of everyone in our school community. This decision is supported by the Local Authority.

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Upcoming Dates

- Week beginning 28th June—End of term assessment week for Y1-5
- 29th June—new teacher letters home to parents
- 30th June—Meet the Teacher morning
- 1st July—Y4 samba
- 1st July—tennis coaching for Y5
- 2nd July—end of month attendance letters home
- Week beginning 5th July—Sports week
- 5th July—Sustrans Bike it assembly and workshops
- 6th July—KS1 Sports day
- 7th July—KS2 Sports day
- 8th July—Cricket sessions across school
- 8th July—Y4 Samba
- 8th July—Y5 tennis coaching
- 9th July—Race for life event
- 15th July—End of year summary reports to parents
- 21st July—End of year attendance reports home
- 22nd July—Non uniform day for Foodbank
- 22nd July—Last day of term—1.30 finish
- 23rd July—Staff training day

September

We are really hoping that in September we can return to a more 'normal' version of school life. However, we have already started to receive information from the Local Authority that we may have to continue our protective measures for a little longer. This is as frustrating for us as it is for you and we will do our best to return to normal as soon as it is safe to do so.

The LA have asked the DfE for guidance before we break up, however, as decisions are made based on current case numbers it is more likely we will receive this information at the end of August.

I will, of course, contact you via Marvellous Me as soon as I receive any information. It is therefore important that you are using MM. If you have any problems with the app, please contact Mrs Hill before the end of term on jhill@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Thank you

Our next newsletter will be Friday 9th July 2021

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