



FRIDAY 28 MAY 2021

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

What an amazing half term! I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back in to school life after such a long time off. We break up today for our half term break and I hope you all enjoy the week—hopefully with some long overdue sunshine!

We are still unsure how things like sports day will look next half term and we are awaiting some more guidance from the DfE. As soon as we know anything for sure, we will let you know.

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.

Bike It

Hello, my name is Amanda Shorey and I am the Sustrans Bike It Plus officer for Somersetford Primary School. I work with 12 schools across the BCP area and my job is to help build confidence around active travel and to improve pupils cycling and scooting skills.

I work in partnership with BCP councils sustainable travel team as a part of the new you program.

Now the weather is starting to improve it really is a great time to try experimenting with how you travel to school and back. Walking, cycling or scooting to school helps children's levels of concentration and helps get them in the mood for learning. It contributes to a healthier lifestyle and helps to build confidence. It can also aid a better night's sleep.

I have attached some walking and cycling maps that may help you plan an active route to school this summer term.

I hope to be visiting school soon and look forward to meeting you all.

Happy cycling!

Amanda

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PC Lauren Jones—drop in

On Tuesday 15th June, Lauren will be offering 1:1 sessions with parents. You can book a 15 minute session with Lauren to discuss any concerns you may have or ask any questions about your child's use of the Internet, social media or their phone. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about how to keep your child safe, ask questions about the apps your child is using or about parental controls. You can book a slot by emailing or calling the school office.

Car Park

Following concerns raised by parents and subsequent safety visits by Governors and BCP, we will be making some changes to the use of the main school car park. What these changes will look like has not been fully confirmed yet and we are working with the Estates Development Team, Transport and Engineering Team and Public Highways to ensure a safe plan is constructed.

Please note that any plan will significantly reduce parents' access to the car park and I strongly suggest parents start to consider alternative options to driving in to the car park.

In the meantime, please can I urge parents to **only park in a parking bay** if you have to enter and not to double park. This increases the danger to children walking through the car park to enter or exit a car. Parents must only park in a designated disabled space if you display a blue badge.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

This year the Queen is celebrating her 95th birthday and we will be celebrating this on Friday 11th June.

Children will have a street party in their bubbles during the day and will be learning about the Queen, the Royal Family and events in her life time during the week.

We will send a reminder after half term but on the 11th:

- children come in smart full uniform (it is also class photos that day!)
- children bring a **small** plate of party food to eat at the party. Children will not be able to share food.

If you have any bunting or other appropriate decorations you would be willing to

Diary Dates

Please find an updated list of summer term dates sent on Marvellous Me.

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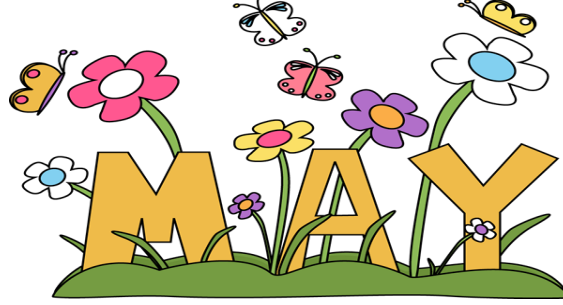
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Tik Tok

TikTok is a social networking app that replaced the popular Musical.ly app when it went offline in 2017. Known as Douyin in China, it gives users the ability to watch and create short clips of up to 60 seconds. The minimum age to have a TikTok account is **13**.

Seven things you can do to keep your child safe on the app

- **Don't let your child have an account until they are 13.** If they do have one they have lied about their age and date of birth
- Users can leave comments on videos posted so, this may leave your child open to receiving negative messages. Giving them guidance about what to do if they are cyberbullied or see others being cyberbullied will help them to keep themselves safe.
 - Go to their account profile page and tap on the three dots in the top right corner. Then select "Privacy and Settings". From the options select "Privacy and Safety" options and toggle "Private Account" **on**.
- Help them to think more carefully about what they post and who it may be seen by so that they protect themselves—this is their digital footprint and can stay forever
- To make sure you know what is and isn't accepted on the app you and your child can read through the community guidelines to help them to be informed about what they can and can't do.
- Some of the songs featured on the TikTok app may have explicit language and sexual content that may not be suitable for your child. It is best to review the app together with your child beforehand.
 - Enable Digital Wellbeing. You can also enable the Restricted Mode.
- You can report any inappropriate, abusive live video, comment or anything else on the platform

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.

Attendance

We have sent the end of the month attendance letters home today to parents of children whose attendance is a concern.

Thank you to all those parents who are working with us to send their children into school every day. Our current whole school attendance is 96% - well done!

Our next newsletter will be Friday 11th June 2021

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