



## FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 2021

I can't believe we have arrived at half term already!  
I have been so proud of the learning achieved this term and it has been fabulous to see children enjoying learning across the school. Our new Reception children have settled in so well and are already making great progress. Applications are open for next year's Year R and we will soon be announcing the date of our Open Evening. Thank you for your support this term. The staff have worked incredibly hard in some challenging circumstances and I know they appreciate your support and kind words.  
Have a great half term!  
Mrs Frampton

### Reminders:

- ◆ If children in Year 4, 5 or 6 arrive earlier than their allocated time, they need to line up straight away outside the green gate
  - ◆ No dogs on site please—this includes the car park
- ◆ No smoking on the school site or near the back gate—this includes vaping
- ◆ Please complete your child's reading log on MM when you have heard them read

### Review of COVID arrangements

As you know, we reviewed our additional COVID measures at the end of October. Unfortunately at this time, we had a significant number of cases and we had to in fact increase our measures for a short time. We have reviewed them again this week and we are continuing to have some cases in school and the numbers in BCP continue to rise as you can see:

*Cases in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole*

*A confirmed case is someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.*

*240 new people had a confirmed positive test result reported on 18 October 2021. Between 12 October 2021 and 18 October 2021, 1,603 people had a confirmed positive test result. **This shows an increase of 46.1% compared to the previous 7 days.***

[Simple summary - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

The numbers are also increasing across the South West and Public Health have advised all schools to maintain or increase our measures.

In the light of this advise and the winter period approaching, we will be maintaining some of our additional measures including staggered starts and ends to the day with no parents on site in order to limit the number of adults on site. I have had lots of positive feedback from parents about these arrangements and I am sure many will be pleased they are remaining for the moment. I am aware however, that if your child's gate is not the most convenient, you may be disappointed by this. Please remember we are just trying to keep everyone as safe as we can. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss these arrangements for your child.

There are some slight changes to timings—please see the next page for details.

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### New timings for start and end of day

Year 1	Back Gate	8.45	3.10
Year 2	Back Gate	8.45	3.10
Year 3	Back Gate	8.50	3.25
Year 4	Front Gate drop off	8.40	3.15
	Side Gate pick up		
Year 5	Front Gate	8.45	3.20
Year 6	Side Gate	8.45	3.20
Year R	Front Gate	8.50	3.15

### Marvellous Me

We have now been using Marvellous Me as our main method of communication for some time and we would love your views on how it is working for you.

Please share your opinions via this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/5aQFGc7ENe>

### Half Term Food Vouchers

The Local Authority are issuing £30 vouchers for half term for each child eligible for benefit related free school meals. If this applies to you, you will receive an email with details of how to claim this. It is £30 instead of the usual £15 to allow for food and fuel costs. Please make sure you claim your voucher!

### Flu Vaccinations

As the School Nursing team have been asked to prioritise COVID vaccinations at secondary schools, our flu vaccinations have been postponed until after half term. We will let you know when we have been given a new date.

### An update from HC3S, our catering provider

Our award-winning caterer, HC3S have published their new primary school menu that starts after the half term break. To view the new menu and download the new three-week cycle menu resources, visit the school website.

Orders for meals can be made on Sims Pay (now SIMS 360) and need to be ordered by Thursday for the following week.

If you need any help ordering, please email [finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk)

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## Non Uniform Day for Foodbank

Thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank. The Foodbank is open this half term and you can drop in to talk to them if you need help.

## Half Term

Next week is our half term break. School is closed for a week and will reopen on Monday 1st November. We hope you all have a great week.

## Year 4 swimming

Year 4 continue to swim after half term—they are doing so well! They will be swimming on Monday 1st November—1st day back so remember those kits!!

## Twitter

There are some fabulous photos of the children's learning on our Twitter account. Just download the free app and search for Somersetford Primary or @mrsfsomerford Then click 'follow' and you will receive our daily posts.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent consultations this week. If you weren't able to sign up, your class teacher will be contacting you to arrange one.



**ARTY SPOOKTACULAR HALF TERM FUN!**

Join us for free family arts and crafts, lunch and a spookey woodland walk  
Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th and  
\*Friday 29th October  
12-4pm  
Red House Museum & Gardens  
Quay Road, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 1BU

Spaces are limited! For more information and to book a child's place please text or call 0742355318.  
Open to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole children and young people.  
\*Friday 29th session is more suited to those with mobility and access needs priority will be given.

BCP Council  
HANTSWOODS COLLEGE  
Southwest College Collective  
HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST

## Please drive safely

Please drive safely and slowly in the car park but also at the entrances to the school. Remember there are pedestrians using entrances too.

## Jubilee Wood

We have won a bid for 340 trees! We will be creating a Jubilee Wood at school and need your help! If you can spare any time to help us plant trees, plan the project or help us raise sponsorship for the trees we would LOVE to hear from you. Please email the office or let a teacher know and we will be in touch. If you know any clubs or organisations which may help too that would be fantastic.  
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Thank you

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**BREAKFAST Hub**  
WELCOMES  
The SAMEE CHARITY

**FREE Support for the parents of Somerford!!**

Are you a single parent?

- Do you need help with employability skills?
- Is your dream to run your own business and need support to bring your ideas to life?

**The SAMEE CHARITY CAN HELP!**

Jules from the SAMEE Charity will be joining us at Breakfast Hub every Thursday 9.30am- 11.30am:

Somerford ARC Community Centre  
20 Southey Road  
BH23 3EH

Breakfast hub:  
Breakfast £1.00pp under 5s free  
Toddler play

## A message from Dorset Fire and Rescue

Dear parents/carers,  
With Halloween and Bonfire night soon upon us, it is important that your child understands how they can help keep themselves safe. Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have produced this sway [Halloween and Bonfire Night \(office.com\)](#) (which can be opened on any device with internet connection) which you can use with your child to aid discussion in how to stay safe near fireworks, bonfires and other flame sources. There is also the chance to enter a free prize draw for a VIP trip to a DWFRS fire station! (Ts& Cs apply – see sway for details)

We encourage you to talk to your child about safety at this time of year and use this resource to aid you and remind you of the main safety advice. [Halloween and Bonfire Night \(office.com\)](#)

Thank you, good luck if your child enters the prize draw and have a happy and safe half term break. Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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## **PARK LIFE**

# **Bulb planting**

## **community event at Watermans Park**

**Wednesday 27th Oct 2021**

**9.30am-12.30pm**

**We need your help! We have hundreds  
of spring flowering bulbs ready to plant.  
All tools supplied, just drop by and give  
us a hand!**



**Date of next newsletter**

Friday 5th November 2021

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