



FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021

Welcome back! I hope you had a great half term break. This is such a fun half term as we lead in to Christmas, but it is also colder and darker. Please make sure your child has a warm NAMED coat and even a hat and gloves.

As you know we are currently having to take additional measures in school at the moment due to the high number of COVID cases in the community. Please continue to do all you can to keep everyone safe.

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

Lateral Flow Testing

It has been suggested that you test your child with a Lateral Flow Device before they attend school on a Monday morning.

Whilst we encourage this as an additional protective measure, it is your choice and we will not be asking for or collecting results.

You still MUST seek a PCR test if your child has symptoms, an LFD test is not correct in this situation.

PE Kit

Our Uniform Policy states that PE kit is a pair of black shorts or dark coloured jogging bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and a pair of plimsolls or trainers.

There are a lot of children not wearing or bringing this uniform to school on PE days.

This uniform has been chosen as it is easily and cheaply available.

We have some second hand kit we can arrange if you are struggling.

Children will be challenged if they do not have the correct uniform.

Thank you for your support.

Art competition

Congratulations to Lavinia who won the art competition set by House Captains at the end of half term. We all enjoyed looking at your autumn wreath in assembly and we hope you enjoy your prize.

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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

LA Advisor visit

This week Mrs O'Hare from BCP conducted a termly review of the school. She looked at our safer recruitment procedures and our plans for improvement this year. She also saw how well our Reception children had settled in. Mrs O'Hare was very impressed and can't wait to return to see more classes!

Odd Socks Day

On Monday 15th November we would like the children to wear odd socks to school—the crazier the better! This will mark the start of our Anti Bullying Week and remind us that we are all different but all welcome at our school.

Marvellous Me feedback

This is your last chance to offer your feedback on our Marvellous Me app by completing this quick form:
<https://forms.office.com/r/5aQFGc7ENe>

An update from HC3S, our catering provider

As the weather has turned cold, a hot school lunch can really help children stay warm and give them fuel to concentrate. Please order lunches for the following week by THURSDAY. If you need help in ordering, please contact finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

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Parents Carers Together Coffee Morning

Are you a parent or carer for a child or young person 0-25 with SEND living in Bournemouth, Christchurch or Poole?

Would you like to know more about the role Parent Carers Together (parent carer forum for BCP) has in improving services for SEND families across BCP?

If the answer is YES then Parent Carers Together want to invite you to an informal coffee morning

Where: Somerset Family Hub, Draper Road, Christchurch, BH23 3AS

When: Monday 8th November 2021 10am to 12noon

Coffee mornings are an opportunity for parents and carers in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to

- get together in a safe and supportive environment to meet people in the same situation as you and have a friendly chat over a cuppa (and some cake),
 - reduce isolation
 - help you feel more empowered
- find out more about services available locally
- feed into relevant consultations that affect your family

Key speakers sometimes attend coffee mornings too, to provide more information on a particular topic that has been raised by parents and carers.

You can register your interest for this by checking out our Facebook page: [Parent Carers Together | Facebook](#) or emailing louise@parentcarerstogether.org.uk



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Watermans Park November Programme



Park life - Bulb planting part 2

Saturday 6th November,
9.30am - 12pm

Come and join us for a morning of bulb planting at Watermans Park.

We aim to further improve the park for wildlife by planting a mix of spring bulbs, including wild daffodils and bluebells. These nectar rich flowers will bloom through spring, providing the first food sources for bees, beetles, and other important insects when little else is available.

Free event, family friendly,
just drop into the park

Email: josh@parksfoundation.org.uk
for more info.



Nature Tots

10am - 11am Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd, 30th November

If you and your little ones enjoy spending time outdoors and learning about nature, then NatureTots is the place to be.

A fun nature based playgroup for under 5's and their carer's, where child-led play and free exploration, is mixed with hands-on learning experiences that are themed around nature and the changing seasons.

Free event
Booking through Eventbrite



Wildlife pond coming soon...

Keep your eyes peeled for exciting volunteering opportunities coming up at Waterman's Park. Over the next few months we will start to create our wildlife garden and pond area. This is a fantastic way of attracting wildlife into the park and will serve as an educational resource and a haven for nature for many years to come.

If your keen to learn how we can help restore nature then please get in contact with:
josh@parksfoundation.org.uk



Book via Eventbrite: bit.ly/Eventbrite-ParksFoundation
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