



FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2021

So....we welcomed 3 Ofsted inspectors to our school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week!

We were informed they were coming at lunchtime on Monday and as always, the children made them feel welcome and talked so passionately about their learning. The report will be published within 30 working days and as soon as we have the final report we will share it with you.

Thank you to all parents who completed their parent survey.
Mrs Frampton

Attendance

We had some really positive meetings with parents last week discussing attendance. We are here to help and want to support all parents with ensuring your child is in school every day.

Please remember the school's expectation is at least 96%. If a child's attendance drops below this, we will need to discuss this with you.

Lateral Flow Testing

It has been suggested by Public Health and the Local Authority 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 and you will be contacted if they do not have the correct uniform.

Christmas

We do not yet know whether we will be able to have live performances of our infant Nativities to parents but we will if we can!

We would like to invite you all to an outside carol concert on Monday 6th December on the KS2 playground at 5.00pm.

More Christmas events are on the diary sheet sent by Marvellous Me with the last newsletter.

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Anti Bullying Week

This week was our Anti Bullying Week which started with our Odd Socks Day on Monday. This year's theme of 'One Kind Word' fitted brilliantly with our school's ethos. Class Buddies and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors were elected and we thank them for doing this important work.

The children were reminded of who to talk to if they are worried about something that has happened or if they are being bullied.

PC Lauren Jones also spoke to all the classes about being kind to each other and how she helps people outside of school.

Thank you to Miss Briant and Mr Walsh for organising such an important week for us.

Trips!

We are very sorry to have had to postpone Year 4's trip to Stanpit Marsh. Rest assured we will reschedule this as soon as possible.

School Council

Our newly elected councillors had their second meeting this week and discussed what new equipment they would like on their playgrounds. I have been invited to the next meeting to talk about how much money they want!!

Reminders:

If children in Year 4, 5 or 6 arrive earlier than their allocated time, they need to line up straight away

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

An update from HC3S, our catering provider

On the new menu there are some dishes which the children have not tried before.

Please encourage your child to try the meal and not just decide they don't like it!

Please order lunches for the following week by THURSDAY. If you need help in

ordering, please contact

finance@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Remembrance Day

Children across the school spent time in lessons learning about why we remember. We held a special assembly and all observed a minute's silence. The children were so respectful and thankful to those who had kept us safe.

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Jubilee Wood

We have a very new and exciting project planned – we're going to plant a wood!
Yes a whole new wood and we hope you will help us to achieve our aim!
With your help, we are aiming to plant over four hundred trees to create The Jubilee Wood.

The wood is being planted to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to do our bit to fight climate change. By planting a variety of native trees we will be creating a wild wood and wildlife haven for generations to come. This means that with your support, we will be planting and creating the largest area of new woodland in Christchurch.

We have the land, we have the trees, we have the volunteer tree planters – but now we need sponsors.

With Christmas just round the corner. You can offset your carbon footprint by gifting family and friends a tree or trees to be planted on their behalf. You can also sponsor a tree to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, a birthday, anniversary or in memory of a loved one? Whatever the occasion, when you sponsor a tree, you can be confident that you are investing in the future well being of our children, our community and the local environment.

Our wildlife tree plantings will be; hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel, common oak

Our wildwood tree plantings will be; hazel, crab apple, downy birch, hawthorn, goat willow

Please help us by sponsoring a tree today

<https://donatemyschool.com/somerford-primary-school-2785>

Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Congratulations to our elected ambassadors!

Year 6

Stanley, Sophie-Elise, Felix and Ashley-Ann

Year 5

Clayton, Darcy, Harry and Amelie

They had their first meeting with Mr Walsh, our Anti Bullying Champion today.

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TWYNHAM CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday 20th November
9.30am – 3pm
99 Barrack Road, Christchurch BH23 2AL
ENTRY £1 – includes a Raffle Ticket
To win a Christmas Hamper!
Children entry free
See Father Christmas and ride the Santa Special!
Pre-booking essential T. 01202 473626
£5 per child
Under 2 free
Lovely Local Christmas shopping!
Delicious food and drink in our Loft Café!
All Proceeds to Link Project  Charity No. 1122666
All arrangements subject to COVID guidelines

Job Opportunities

Are you looking for term time only employment? Our school caterer, the award-winning HC3S, are looking for enthusiastic, customer orientated people to join their teams. Find out more by visiting [Work with us | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

Marvellous Me Survey Feedback

Thank you to those parents who competed the survey.

How useful is the app? 5/5
How happy are you with amount of communication? 5/5
How easy do you find it to use? 5/5

We are really pleased you are finding the app so useful!

Tree Planting

The first of our 342 trees have arrived! Over the next few weeks we will need all hands on deck to plant them. If you can help, please contact us via the office. If you are a member of a club or organisation who may help us too please let us know! Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Congratulations!

Well done to Mr Walsh who has been nominated by pupils for a Anti Bullying Week Staff Award from the Anti Bullying Alliance.

We all agree it is very well deserved!

Date of next newsletter
Friday 3 December 2021

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