



## FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2022

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This week I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who are working so hard to keep the school open and running smoothly. At one point this week there were 11 staff off, including myself, and this clearly takes its toll on everyone. Thank you also to you for taking all the steps we ask from testing to keeping your child at home if someone in the household is positive. A real team effort!

Mrs Frampton

### 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. **We would urge you to test your child twice a week and daily if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.**

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

### Parent Survey

We are really keen to hear your views too and would urge you to complete our parent survey. Thank you to those 65 parents who have already done so. Remember to include your child's name if you would like to be entered in to the draw for a shopping voucher.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8jAdiceSwC>  
**The draw will take place next Friday at 2pm.**

### Number Day

Thank you for supporting Number Day today for the NSPCC. The children looked great and enjoyed number related activities during the day. We raised £122.20.

### Congratulations!

We would like to send our best wishes to Mr Thorne and his wife who have welcomed baby Otis in to their family. Mum and baby doing well and Mr Thorne is enjoying his paternity leave along with the sleepless nights!

### Staff updates

We are really pleased to be welcoming Mr Parry to our site team after half term along with Mrs Johnson who will be joining our lunchtime team.

We look forward to working with you!

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### School closed—staff training day

School will close for half term on Thursday 17th February as Friday 18th is training day. Teachers will be starting the annual report writing process ready for the reports to be sent home in March.

### Events in school

- ⇒ Year 3 continue their swimming lessons on a Monday
- ⇒ Year 4 continue their Samba lessons on a Tuesday
- ⇒ Some Y5 children continue their music lessons on a Wednesday
- ⇒ Mr Moody continues to work with a group of Y4s in PE on a Wednesday
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th February, a group of Y2s are at an Inspire Commonwealth Games festival
- ⇒ Thursday 10th February, the School Nurse will be in to carry out YR hearing checks
- ⇒ Thursday 10th February, Y1 are on a trip to Waterman's Park
- ⇒ Thursday 17th February, Bike it are holding a Bike Brekkie—more details to follow

### After school club

We are really keen to open an after school child care provision on site. We are working closely with Energy Kidz to try to make this viable but currently numbers are too low. If you are interested in using a provision like this but have not yet completed the survey to register interest, please do so.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VLS53BR>

### Parent Governors

We currently have a vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Board. If you are interested in finding out more please email [clerk@somerset.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@somerset.dorset.sch.uk) It is a really important role and we are really keen to ensure parents are fully represented.

### Update from HC3S, our catering provider

Did you know a minimum of 75% of HC3S school lunches are made from scratch? To find out more about our school meal caterer, their menus and ethos, please visit [www.hants.gov.uk/hc3s](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hc3s). As the weather has remains chilly, a hot school lunch can really help children stay warm and give them fuel to concentrate

**Date of next newsletter**  
**Thursday 17th February 2022**

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