



FRIDAY 29 April 2022

Welcome Back! The summer term is always full of exciting activities and events and this year is no exception. We have attached the diary dates for this term to this newsletter and are looking forward to a full packed term.

Mrs Frampton

Bank Holidays

We are closed on Monday for the early May Bank Holiday—let's hope the sun shines! As the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee falls in the May half term, all schools have been given an extra closure day to put wherever they want. We have put this on the last day of the summer term so we will finish a day early.

Goodbye

I am really sad to inform you that after 23 years of working as such an important member of the team, Mrs Assinder will be retiring at half term. I know she and Mr Assinder have lots of exciting plans and we wish her a fantastic retirement. However, she will be greatly missed here at school. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Somersetford Primary.

Number Day

You may remember we recently held a Number Day to raise money for the NSPCC. Thank you for your donations, we raised a total of £122.20.

Theatre Kidz

On Tuesday we welcomed Stacey from Theatre Kidz to run a short session with all classes to show them what our new after school club would be like. Children were given a letter to take home with details of how to sign up.

Year 5 swimming

Year 5 had a fantastic first swimming session yesterday and the swim teachers commented on how amazing our children were. Please remember to pay for the sessions on SIMS pay or in exact cash.

Attendance

It was great to meet with parents this week to discuss how we could further support with raising their children's attendance. We want to work together with parents to ensure all children are in school every day they can be.

Our expectation is at least 96% attendance at Somersetford Primary. It has also been good to see so many more children arrive on time. Remember, if your child arrives after 9.00am that is an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

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Parent Governor

We have one vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Body. We really value the input of all members of our school community and would encourage you to think about whether you can join our friendly team. If you'd like to know more about the role you can chat to Mrs Frampton or Mr Wallace at the gate or email clerk@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Wow days

It has been wonderful to see Y1 and Y4 dressed up for their wow days this week. We know this takes considerable effort from you at home so thank you! These days have been a really enjoyable start to their new topics. You will be able to see photos on our Twitter page.

New Reception children

We are really excited to now know who will be joining our school in September and we look forward to meeting everyone really soon. Our inductions days will start in June but we will send home some information in our welcome park soon.

Bike Fix It Day

On Monday 9th May, BCP are running a day where they will check and fix your child's bike for free. Interested children have brought a letter home. If you haven't received one, just ask your child's class teacher. There is a maximum of 30 spaces and these need to be booked online with the link on the letter.

Y6 SATs week

Y6 will sit their end of KS2 SAT tests in the week of 9th May. Please see the letter your child has brought home with lots of information for you and your child.

Free webinar for parents

Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it! - Christine Curl
Is it really true that we can cut sleep and get away with it? And what if it's a struggle to get to sleep? During this webinar, Christine will explain why sleep matters to our young people's physical and mental health and what is happening in the body and mind when you sleep. She will suggest some ideas and habits to build to improve the quality of your sleep and your children's sleep.

Wednesday 4th May 2022 12.00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/why-sleeping-well-matters-and-what-you-can-do-to-improve-it-tickets-255961897927>

Update from HC3S

Our award-winning caterer, HC3S, have launched a new primary school menu. Take a look at their three-week cycle and look out for their new dishes and those staple dishes that are firm favourites with pupils. <https://bit.ly/3gvRwPs>

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□ BRAND NEW THEATRE KIDZ CLUB □

@ SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION to Y6
Every Monday straight from school until 5.15pm, commencing 09/05/22

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY BOOKED!

Our Theatre Kidz classes provide the most magical and exciting environment for youngsters to develop their stage skills.

In Dance the children will enjoy learning routines in a range of popular Dance styles including Street, Pop and Jazz!

In Drama classes children will learn new acting and performance techniques including Improvisation, Poetry and Prose. Children will enjoy working in groups to develop and perform their own group plays.

Children will be brought to the school hall by their class teacher at the end of the school day and will take lessons with our qualified, experienced Dance and Drama teachers.

If your son or daughter would like to join us please use this link for full information and to book your place:

<https://the-enrichment-academy.class4kids.co.uk/info/33>

If you do have any questions at all please drop us an email to:
office@theenrichmentacademy.co.uk

We can't wait to meet you all!

□ The Theatre Kidz team □

Free webinar for parents

Loneliness: How to Support Young People - Alex Cochrane

It's normal to feel lonely sometimes. However, now with the COVID-19 pandemic isolating young people perhaps more than ever before, if it looks and feels like these feelings are taking over in young people, we want to be there. As parents, carers and educators we want to be able to recognise the signs, and this presentation will help us to have a better understanding of loneliness.

The session will help us feel more confident to offer support to our young people experiencing symptoms of loneliness, who may have barriers in trusting others. We will look at ways of starting a conversation and discuss ways to help and potential signposting for young people to know there is support available. Our goal is for us to help the young person to feel less alone and for them to feel comfortable to reach out and choose something or someone to connect with.

Tuesday 10th May 2022 12:00

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loneliness-how-to-support-young-people-tickets-274131403407>

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Congratulations!

Felicity and AliceRose (1AR) would like to celebrate their Nanny Nik. Nanny was aiming to raise £2000 for The Stroke Association by shaving her head. Instead she absolutely smashed her goal and actually raised £3048! She went from having over 25 inches of hair to just 5m millimetres. She also donated those 25 inches to The Little Princess Trust. Felicity and AliceRose are so so proud of their Nanny.

Leave in term time

A reminder that we are unable to authorise leave in term time except in exceptional circumstances. Holidays do not count as exceptional circumstances unfortunately. The school policy is to request a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child for unauthorised holidays in term time. Further details can be found on the school website.

Volunteers

We are currently looking for a volunteers for a range of roles in school. They have different time commitments and hopefully you may feel able to support with one of these roles.

PTA—we are keen to re establish a PTA to support fundraising for the school. The PTA needs a committee and non committee members.

Reading Sheds—we need some parents who would be able to support us setting up two sheds on the playgrounds that we want to develop in to reading dens

Bedtime Book Bags—we need a volunteer to set up the bags for each class

Reading—we are always looking for volunteers to listen to children read

If you are able to offer support with any of these roles, please call or email the school office and the most relevant team member will contact you with more information.

Reading with dogs

Selected children have started reading with our volunteer dogs, Bambi, Luca and Turkey this week. They have had a great time. We are looking forward to welcoming Prudence too very soon.

Date of next newsletter — 13th May 2022

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