



FRIDAY 21 JANUARY 2022

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a really exciting week! The planting of our Jubilee Wood has begun and children in Years 6,5,4 and 3 have helped so far. 4EW, Y2, Y1 and YR will be helping with the hedgerow planting soon. We also had a science dome in school today and the children LOVED the experience which really brought their topics to life. Thank you for your contributions to this additional activity.

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.

Staffing update

We are very sad to inform you that Mrs Thacker, our Senior Finance Officer, has secured a new role at a local school. We will miss Mrs Thacker and thank her for all her hard work and commitment to Somerset. We would like to wish her well as she leaves at half term. Her new school are very lucky to have her!

Year 3 swimming

Year 3 start their swimming lessons on Monday, 24th January. Please remember to send your child in with kit and a towel. Please also remember to pay for the session online or in cash.

Number Day

A reminder that February 4th is Number Day.

COVID arrangements

Whilst the Prime Minister is advising the end of Plan B measures next week, we are still seeing daily cases in school and currently have 3 members of staff and 11 children off school due to COVID. One staff member has unfortunately been quite unwell and has not returned to school this term yet.

Therefore, we will keep our staggered starts and finishes along with limiting visitors to site for a little while longer. This is to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. The arrangements also allow for a very calm start to the day and teachers report the learning in class is really helped by these systems.

Please remember that it is chillier than usual in school as we have to ensure good ventilation. Your child may like to wear additional layers under their uniform.

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Ofsted Report

We were delighted to be able to share our recent Ofsted report with you and it has now been published on the Ofsted website [50176054 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50176054)

I know you have all received a copy but I would like to highlight some of the parts we are most proud of.

This is a school that puts pupils first. Leaders have established a highly inclusive culture. Pupils are cared for and well looked after.

Leaders have raised their expectations of staff and pupils.

Attendance and behaviour have improved because leaders have high expectations.

Pupils are safe in this school. They report that bullying is rare, but when it does happen it is dealt with quickly and effectively.

curriculum planning is now more ambitious. It is well-sequenced and identifies the knowledge pupils are expected to learn as they move up through the school.

Leaders have successfully implemented an effective reading curriculum across the school. They have prioritised this work because they understand that being able to read is the gateway to success in the rest of the curriculum. Staff across the school consistently promote a love of reading and take every opportunity to develop reading skills.

Children in Reception are given a strong start.

The school's wider curriculum helps pupils to become responsible, active citizens who contribute to their school community.

Staff say that pupils come first in the school, that all are valued equally and that pupils now achieve more.

We are really keen to hear your views too and would urge you to complete our parent survey. Thank you to those 55 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>

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