



FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021

It has been wonderful to notice the school starting to feel more 'normal', despite all the COVID restrictions we still have in place.

We have run Bikeability for Years 4, 5 and 6; Year 4 have been swimming; all classes have resumed their PE lessons with Miss Roberts and children are producing fantastic learning. We look forward to being able to do more 'normal' things as the year progresses.

Mrs Frampton

Reminders:

- No dogs should be brought on to the school site. This includes car parks and waiting areas for pick up
- If your child is isolating, they should not be brought to drop offs or pick ups
- Please walk to school and if you have to drive, do not bring cars in to the car park

Wow –walk to school challenge!

This week we have started our whole school walk to school challenge. The children watched an assembly yesterday to tell them all about it and we have started to record how they travel to school.

The challenge understands that some families live too far away from school to walk the whole way. They are encouraging you to park a 10 minute walk away and walk the rest of the way to school.

This challenge links in well with our necessary plans to change how the car park is used. Please avoid bringing your car in to the car park at all to ensure the safety of all site users.

Marvellous Me

We have now been using Marvellous Me as our main communication method for some time and we are keen to hear your feedback.

A short survey will be coming out to all parents soon but in the meantime, if you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Thank you

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Bikeability

The children from Year 4-6 who took part in Bikeability this week really enjoyed themselves and are now much safer on the roads. They achieved their Bikeability badges and are now aspiring to reach the next level.

One of the key messages on their training was the importance of wearing a cycle helmet. We ask that all children cycling or scooting to school wear a helmet.

Swimming

Year 4 were incredible at swimming this week. This was our first venture out of the school for some time and the children represented the school perfectly. The swimming teachers were also really impressed with the children's confidence, perseverance and skills. Well done Year 4!

Cauliflower Cards

You will have received your child's Christmas Card design this week. If you wish to purchase cards or other items, please ensure all orders are placed and cards are returned to school by Wednesday 29th September. Details for placing orders were sent home too.

Sports Leaders

Year 6 have been trained today as our new Sports Leaders. Mr Moody from the School Games Partnership delivered the training and was impressed with their leadership skills. Your children will be able to tell you all about their roles. Well done Year 6!

COVID

As you will be aware, there have been positive cases in most classes now across the school. We are really pleased that our protective measures do appear to have contained them as isolated cases.

Public Health ask schools to send out template letters every time there is a case in school and I am sorry this has meant you have been a little bombarded with letters! To reassure you, if you need to take any action, you will also receive a paper copy of a letter. Please do check book bags and rucksacks in case your child forgets to hand it to you.

We are continuing to work closely with Public Health and BCP and we urge you to book a PCR test for your child if asked to so we can stop the spread via children who do not show any symptoms

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An update from HC3S, our catering provider

- A reminder that school lunches are FREE to all children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme. Otherwise, they are £2.20 each day. Children eat a two-course lunch and can have freshly-baked bread and salad too.
- If your family receive certain benefits, you can apply for 'Free School Meals' and if your child is entitled to them, this provides additional benefits.
 - We receive a pupil premium of £1,320 from the government for each child registered as eligible for free school meals. Pupil premium supports the learning and wellbeing of children and is used to buy resources, subsidise school trips, provide training for staff and fund support.
- For parents with children in years 1-6, the deadline for applying for a medical special diet menu is 30 September. Ask the office team for more details
 - School meals choices are found on our school website



FREE! ENTRY!

Bouncy castle

Reduced swims

2 RIVERSMEET LEISURE COMPLEX

Vibrant stalls

Exciting demonstrations

And much more!!!!

HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021 10AM - 3PM

Date of next newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

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