

October

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022

We've had another great fortnight in school and have been pleased the rain has finally stopped (for now!) and we've been able to have play and lunchtime outside. It is colder now so please make sure your child has a named coat in school every day.

Thank you.
Mrs Frampton

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is an exciting opportunity for a parent to be involved in the decision making and strategic development of the school. We really value input from all of our stakeholders and the parent community is a really important one.

If you think you might be interested and want to find out more, please chat to Mrs Frampton on the gate or email clerk@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Trip to Waterstones

Mrs Hudson and Mrs Frampton had the absolute pleasure of taking our School Council reps and our Y6 Reading Ambassadors to Waterstones at Castlepoint last week. We had been awarded a £450 grant from the Siobhan Dowd Trust to spend on reading books for classes and with an extra discount awarded by Waterstones we came back with bags of books to improve our class libraries!

The children were wonderful representatives of our school.



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Our focus for this year

This week in assemblies we have talked about our school values of Enjoy, Achieve and Aspire. We have talked about what things we enjoy and who inspires us to pursue our dreams. We talked about achievement being for all and used some of the Strictly Come Dancing contestants as our inspiration. Finally we discussed what it takes to reach our aspirations and we looked at the heroes from the London Marathon.

Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above. Children need to be in school every day and on time to ensure the best chance of them reaching their potential.

Please remember that where possible, medical appointments should be made out of school time and the school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Attendance at the end of this week

Whole school: 94.1% compared to 95.5% nationally
Year 1: 91.1%
Year 2: 95.5%
Year 3: 96.1%
Year 4: 93.6%
Year 5: 94.9%
Year 6: 93.1%

Well done to Year 3!

Parent Champion

As you'll know from a Marvellous Me message, we now have a Parent Champion who comes in to school once a month to support parents with children with SEND. October's slots are already booked up but there are spaces on November 2nd 9.30-11.30.

Please email the school office if you would like to book a slot.

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Parent Consultations

These are being held on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October after school. Your child should have brought home a letter with more details. Please return the slip as soon as possible as spaces will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

School CLOSED—staff training

School is closed tomorrow, Friday 7th October, for staff training. We are looking forward to a training session led by Inner Drive on developing resilience and independence—two of our main foci this year.

Harvest Festival

We are visiting High Cross Church on Tuesday 11th October for our Harvest Festival. Unfortunately there is not room for parents to attend. We will be walking to the Church and back in school time. Please can children bring in a tin or packet donation for the Foodbank as part of this service.

Permission form

Please ensure you have completed and returned your child's permission form for trips in the local area this year. Thank you.

Flu vaccine

On Tuesday 18th October, the School Nursing Team will be in school administering the nasal flu spray. You must give consent if you wish your child to have this vaccine. Your child will have brought home a letter with details of how to give consent. If you do not give consent by the deadline, your child will not receive the vaccine.

Cost of living crisis

Please come and speak to us if you are struggling at the moment. You can talk to us in confidence and we have several avenues we can explore to help. You can catch anyone of us at the gate or email Mr Walsh on cwalsh@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Items from home

Children should not be bringing toys, cards or other items from home into school unless it has been agreed with a member of staff. We cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to items brought in from home.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

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