



## FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022

As we reach the end of our first half term I continue to be proud of our children and staff. We had a visiting teacher here this week and she told me it was a delight to come to our school. She reported that there are clear and high expectations, systems and processes and most importantly, wonderful children!

I totally agree—have a great half term!

Mrs Frampton

### Half Term

School closes today for our half term break. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 31st October.

### Flu Immunisations

We welcomed the School Nursing Team to school this week to administer the flu immunisation to all children whose parents had given consent. Your child will have brought home a certificate and you will have received an email confirming your child has had the immunisation.

### Wow days

Year 4 and Y1 had fabulous WOW days this week. These days helped bring their topic learning to life and sparked lots of questions. Thank you to parents for helping with costumes for these days.

### Swimming

Year 4 will have their last swimming session on Monday 31st October (first day back after half term) and then Year 3 will start swimming on Monday November 7th. Please can you ensure your child's permission slip is returned as soon as possible.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who attended their child's consultation session. It is only by working in partnership that we can ensure your child reaches their full potential.

Consultations for Miss Southam's class will be rescheduled after half term. If you haven't yet met with your child's teacher but would like to, please arrange a meeting by emailing the class email address.

### Harvest Festival

We had a really enjoyable Harvest Festival at High Cross Church for the first time in 3 years! Thank you for all of your generous donations for the Foodbank. There are some lovely photos of the service on Twitter. Thank you to Reverend Paul and his church team for such a child friendly service.

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### Our focus for this year

This week in assemblies we have talked about the British Values of Democracy, Individual Liberty, Rule of Law, Tolerance and Mutual Respect. We have talked about how we can demonstrate those values in our school and in our wider community.

### 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 95.1% nationally  
Year 1: 92.8%  
Year 2: 95.6%  
Year 3: 97.0%  
Year 4: 92.7%  
Year 5: 93.7%  
Year 6: 94.3%

Well done to 6JH for earning a non uniform day for 100% attendance last week and to Y3 for beating the 96% expectation!

### Parent Champion

As you'll now 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. November's slots are already booked up but there are spaces on December 5th at 10.30.

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

### Holiday food vouchers

We are pleased to tell you that BCP Council have issued food vouchers again for this half term break. We had been informed that the scheme had come to an end so we are really happy they are providing them again. This time the vouchers are £15 per child who has registered for free school meals. These will be sent to you via the usual methods on Monday.

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### Reminders

- Children should not be bringing toys or collecting cards in to school
- Children need to arrive at school on time as learning starts straight away
  - Please ensure your child is not climbing on the trees
  - We are a nut free school

### Headlice

Please use the half term break to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. It helps us prevent spread in school if all long hair is tied up. Please support us with this.

### Car park safety

Please can you ensure you park in a space in the car park and do not double park. If there are no spaces, you will need to park outside of the school. Please only use the car park if you absolutely have to.

### School uniform

Thank you for ensuring your child looks smart in their school uniform. We have a large stock of pre loved uniform including shoes and winter coats. Please do ask at Reception if you would like some items. All we ask is for a donation if you are able to.



**Somerford Primary School**

**Starting school in September 2023?**

Somerford Primary School is an exciting and fun place to learn. Our dedicated team of staff work hard to ensure that every child enjoys their learning, achieves the best possible outcomes for themselves and aspires to reach their full potential.

We are very proud of everything we do in our school and our team welcome the opportunity to show you around to see for yourself all the great things that our children get up to.

**Come and visit our 'Open Afternoons'!**  
15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2pm to 3pm Refreshments available.  
Draper Road, Christchurch BH23 3AS. [Tel: 01202 485436.](tel:01202485436)

### Date of next newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

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