

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a really exciting couple of weeks with classes having their wow days, a science dome in the hall, samba lessons starting for Y4, fencing after school club and Rocksteady band lessons starting!

We try hard to offer a wide range of activities extending beyond the National Curriculum and it fabulous to see the children so engaged.

Mrs Frampton

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 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: 92.1% compared to 93.4% nationally

Year 1: 92.8% (93.0 nationally)

Year 2: 93.8% (93.8 nationally)

Year 3: 95.1% (94.1 nationally)

Year 4: 90.6% (94.1 nationally)

Year 5: 91.8% (94.0 nationally)

Year 6: 91.8% (93.8 nationally)

Staffing updates

We are really pleased to be welcoming Mr Foreman back after his absence on a phased return.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Peters, one of our lunch supervisors, as she leaves us at the end of the month.

Parent Champion

If you would like to book in to see Tash, our Parent Champion in January please email the school office.

Date: Wednesday 23rd January

Only slot left—10.30am

You can talk to Tash about your child's needs, ask questions, gain advice and think about next steps for their future—she is well worth a visit!

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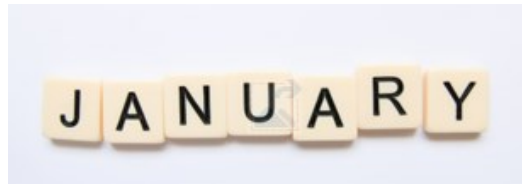
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Number Day

On the 3rd February 2023, it is the NSPCC's annual Number Day. The theme is 'Dress up in Digits', which means children can come in anything that shows or represents numbers. This can be football tops, but there will be prizes for the best dressed in each class; the more original, creative and home-made the better! As in previous years, we will be asking for a £1 contribution to raise money for the NSPCC. Please help us celebrate this amazing day.



Trips and visits

We are working hard to keep the cost of our trips as low as possible and seeking sponsorship and donations from local charities and businesses to help with this. The Priory Church have really kindly helped with the Y4 residential and Y3's upcoming trip and we are very grateful. If you know of any businesses that may like to support us, please let us know and we can make contact.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check-June 2023

This June, children in Y4 will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June 2023. The purpose of this is to assess their fluency of the multiplication facts.

The following link will give you more information about the MTC: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDFA.pdf

Your child is already working really hard in school with learning their multiplication facts, but you can also be supporting your child at home by making sure they are logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars at least three times a week, for 10 minutes. Your child is trying to answer each question within six seconds. Their speed is highlighted on TTRS, so you can monitor their improvements easily. Your child will be completing a few practises at school, so when it is time for them to complete the MTC, they will be really familiar with what they have to do.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please either speak to Mrs. Whitehead or Miss Southam, our maths lead.

Reminder

Please do not bring dogs on to the school site.

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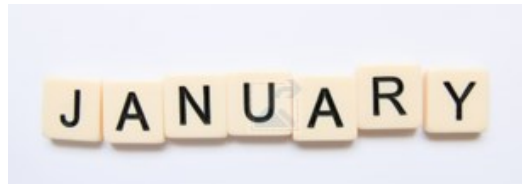
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Schools Rebuilding Programme

You may have seen us in the news lately!

We are one of 5 schools in BCP who will see their sites transformed as part of the Department for Education's (DfE) School Rebuilding Programme.

Following investment secured by BCP Council, Somersetford Primary have been prioritised for investment in their buildings.

The School Rebuilding Programme carries out major rebuilding and refurbishment projects at school and sixth-form college buildings across England, with buildings prioritised according to their condition.

The schools were identified by the Department for Education from over 1000 nominations received from local Councils and Academy Trusts across England.

Somersetford Primary has been selected because our buildings had the highest condition need, we have buildings of specific construction types that require replacement and our buildings had a severe condition need that meant they were a high priority for replacement.

Schools are provisionally allocated a place on the programme, subject to further due diligence, and projects will enter delivery at a rate of approximately 50 per year. There are currently 400 projects in the programme which means we do not yet know when the project may start.

We are delighted to have been selected for investment. We have a large site. Legacy usage means that we are not maximising the opportunities to share learning across the years, and we operate out of some areas that are no longer fit for purpose. Notwithstanding this we have been rated "Good" by Ofsted and the funding will enable us to consolidate and modernise our school, ensuring our students have a positive learning environment for years to come, and help us on our journey to Outstanding.

Strike action

The school will remain open on 1st February and all children are expected to attend.

Parent Coffee Morning

Mr Walsh and Steph, our Navigator, will be running a parent coffee morning next Friday in the Family Hub (building next to the green gates at the front of the school). Come along and grab a drink and a treat after you have dropped your children off.

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