



FRIDAY 21 APRIL 2023

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to the summer term. This is an exciting term full of fun activities (as well as a few tests!) and we aim to send you dates for these as soon as possible.
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: 93.2% compared to 93.9% nationally
Year 1: 93.8% (93.2 nationally)
Year 2: 94.0% (93.9 nationally)
Year 3: 95.4% (94.3 nationally)
Year 4: 92.5% (94.3% nationally)
Year 5: 92.4% (94.2% nationally)
Year 6: 92.8% (94.0% nationally)

Our analysis shows that boys attendance is lower than girls—so **if you are a boy in Year 4, 5 or 6, we really need you in school every day!**

Events coming up...

Tuesday 25th April—Y3 Around the world dress up day
Thursday 27th April—Y1 Safari wow day
Thursday 27th April—Y5 swimming
Friday 28th April—Parents' coffee morning
Monday 1st May—Bank holiday—school closed
Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April—Y4 at Leeson House
Friday 5th May—Coronation celebrations

Strike Days

The NEU has proposed two more strike days for this half term; Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We will let you know as soon as possible whether your child's year group will be open or closed.

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Coronation family picnic

On Friday 5th May, from 12.00pm, we will be holding a family picnic on the main school field to celebrate the King's Coronation. We would like to invite you to come in to school to share a picnic lunch with your child. Many of you will remember we did this for the Queen's Jubilee and it was such a wonderful afternoon.

Children can come to school in red, white and blue for the day.

Please remember to bring picnic blankets or chairs and some delicious nut free treats. If you order a lunch for your child for that day, the kitchen will provide a packed lunch for them.

We hope to have an ice cream van, music and face painting but the main idea is to celebrate together. Ball games are not allowed.

If you are unable to make it, please do not worry. Staff will be picnicking with any children whose parents cannot make it. You can also arrange for another parent to celebrate with your child—just let us know.

When you have finished enjoying the sunshine (hopefully!), you can sign your child out at the gate and take them home.

Please enter via the green gate to the playground (same as carol concert) from 12.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Arbor and lunches

Thank you for signing up to Arbor and for being patient as we get all the features up and running. We are learning all the time and appreciate your feedback on different elements of the app. Please make sure you have ordered lunches by THURSDAY the week before. If you miss this deadline you will need to provide packed lunches for the week. If you have any questions about the actual food served, HC3S would be happy to answer them.

Children on site after school hours

Sadly, we have had reports of some of our children coming on to the school site after school hours and not being respectful of our school site. We do have CCTV cameras that cover the car parks and we will contact parents if we can identify the children involved. Please talk to your children about where they go and how they behave if they are with friends after school. Thank you.

Date of next newsletter

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