



FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023

We've reached the end of the first half term already! We hope you enjoy the break and come back refreshed for the Christmas countdown!

Thank you
Mrs Frampton

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank. The children behaved exceptionally well on our visit to High Cross Church and we'd like to thank Rev Paul and his helpers for a lovely service. We have Foodbank vouchers in school. If you need one, please don't hesitate to ask.

School Photographs

Your child will have brought home a proof of their photograph this week. All orders need to be made online by **Friday 3rd November**.

Hot Chocolate Friday

We are really pleased to have started Hot Chocolate Fridays again. This a reward that is given to children who consistently follow our school rules and show our values in all they do. This isn't a reward for everyone to have a turn. It is for those children who are always being excellent—as a thank you to them.

Parent Consultations

It was great to see so many parents at our consultation sessions this week. If you didn't make an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher to book one in.

Y5 STEM trip

A group of Y5 children visited the AEEC in Boscombe this week with a STEM focus (Science, technology, engineering and maths). The children had a fabulous day and we would like to thank BCP for organising this visit for us.

End of half term

We close for a week's half term holiday today at the usual time. We reopen at the usual times on Monday 30th October.

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our focus for this year

Online Safety



Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

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

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	92.8%	95.2%
2	95.3%	95.5%
3	95.0%	95.8%
4	93.8%	95.6%
5	94.5%	95.4%
6	91.5%	95.0%

That means across the whole school, 114 children have met or exceeded our target of 96% attendance! Congratulations to those children! This is an increase of 6 children!

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Y3 swimming

Y3 had a great first swimming session. They will continue after half term. We appreciate that £4 a week may be tricky to find. We are happy to take a smaller amount over more weeks if that helps. The school already subsidises the swimming sessions by about 50%. We really need as many donations in each week as possible to cover the rest. Thank you.

Reception class photo

Every year the New Milton Advertiser takes a photo of all the Reception classes in BCP. They then publish them in a Reception special. Our class photo is being taken on 31st October.

Parent Governors

We are looking for some enthusiastic parents to join our Governing Body. We meet about once a half term on a Monday from 4.30-6.00pm. As a governor you can really help shape the direction of the school and help to ensure the best outcomes possible. If you would like to know more, please catch one of us on the gate.

Rags 2 Riches

Our next collection is 16th November, so half term is the perfect opportunity to have a clear out. We are happy to take bags as soon as they are ready. Remember, the more donations we have, the more money the school earns.

Trips and donation planner

We have updated our trip schedule and donation planner for this year to give you an idea of costs coming up. We are going to put all trips on Arbor as soon as possible so you have as long as possible to pay. Please do speak to us if finances are tight as there are things we can do to support.

Poppy Appeal

When we return to school after half-term we will have a selection of items available including poppies from The Royal British Legion for a donation in aid of Remembrance Day on the 11th November

Date of next newsletter

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