

## SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### ISSUE 4

Welcome to our 4th Community Newsletter , I hope you all had a lovely half-term break!



## *Somerford Primary Forest School*

*Somerford Primary  
School*

*Spring term*

*February 2025*

After School  
Club continues  
on 24/02/25  
for Year 1 and  
Year 2.

Hello everyone at Somerford Primary School!

The first half term of Forest School at Somerford is complete. Thank you to those who have donated items, the site is being transformed from a field to a Forest School area with different areas for pupils to explore! This half term we focused on the fire circle and the mud kitchen:



Year 3 were brilliant and took part in activities which included den building, bug hunting, nature craft and cooking marshmallows on the fire!

This half term, year 4 will take part in Forest School, and have the opportunity to explore, play and learn in an outdoor environment. During sessions they will cover a variety of topics, including woodland skills, seasonal topics, den building, fire lighting and safety! Occasionally, we may include food to the sessions such as marshmallows so **please let us know if your child has any dietary requirements/ allergies or if you'd like them to opt out of food tasting activities.**

Forest School After School Club got up and running, with pupils beginning to explore the outdoors. They loved playing in the mud kitchen, bug hunting and building dens. After School Club will continue on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 15:20 to 16:20 for year 1 and year 2 pupils.

A key aspect of Forest School is experiencing the site in all safe weather conditions including rain! The programme runs all year round and depending on the weather, there is a possibility **your child will get muddy or wet!**

To ensure your child can access the sessions, please can you ensure they come into school with the following clothing:

- Wellies or appropriate outdoor footwear with a spare bag for after
- A change of clothes (suitable to get muddy)
- A warm jumper and coat
- Hat and Gloves
- Waterproofs (coat and trousers are advised)

Best wishes,

Hannah

**Holiday Clubs book  
[Here](#)**

**Scan to Book**



## Spring activities

### Workfree Family Writing Workshop

#### What is it?

A Bournemouth University based charity, Story Works, lead on free creative writing workshops for children.

They are offering a new family workshop where children and their parent/carers can participate in their own age-related writing workshop.

Children will create their own story booklet, and their parent/carers can participate in writing and discussion prompts

#### Who is it for

The group is for children aged 7-11 years old and their parent/carers

No experience is required so all levels are welcome

#### When

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

6.30pm – 8pm

Refreshments will be provided

#### Where

Christchurch Family Hub

Draper Road

Christchurch

BH23 3AS

To book your place, you can either email

[christchurchfamilyhub@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:christchurchfamilyhub@bcpcouncil.gov.uk), or call 01202 093500

Please share the adults name, child's age and a contact telephone number

Working across Bournemouth,  
Christchurch and Poole

 [bcpcouncil.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/familyhubs)



## Understanding your child's sensory needs



This free workshop will be delivered by the BCP Schools OT Sensory Outreach Team.

The aim is to empower parents to understand their child's sensory needs, and have supportive strategies they can try at home.

#### The workshops will be held on the following:

Wednesday 19th March 1pm-3pm

Wednesday 26th 4.15pm-5.45pm

Manorside Academy Evering Ave, Poole BH12 4JG

Friday 25th April 1pm-3pm

Wednesday 30th April 5pm-7pm

Muscliffe Primary school, Broadway Ln,  
Bournemouth BH8 0AB

Tuesday 3rd June 1pm-3pm,

Wednesday 4th June 6pm-8pm

St Katharine's C Of E School, Rolls Dr,  
Southbourne, Bournemouth BH6 4NA



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# CREATIVE WELLBEING

FREE ADULT PROGRAMME. NO NEED FOR REFERRAL

## SOMERFORD

### MONDAYS

### 1 - 3pm

### at Somerford ARC

20 Southey Rd, Christchurch BH23 3EH



"No matter what's going on in my life, I always feel better after the session."

programme user

[www.coda.org.uk](http://www.coda.org.uk)  
[martin@coda.org.uk](mailto:martin@coda.org.uk)  
01425 276161

This is a FREE service for local adults. Yes, really! We even provide the materials.

We would love to see you!

Coda uses music and the arts as tools for personal and social change, providing a place to learn, train and develop, and offering help and support through participation and creative therapy. We make a positive impact in our local community and tackle inequality by providing universal access to a broad range of artistic and creative services and by delivering innovative education and health programmes. Charity No: 1068710



## BAG 2 SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Guardian,

A big thank you to you all for all your kind donations, we raised a massive £76.00!

**Bag2School** is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Somerford Primary School it also helps the environment by helping to divert good quality unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.





# Behaviours that Challenge Us Information Sessions

"I implemented one of the strategies the next day with great results!"

We are pleased to be able to offer Free one-off sessions for parents living in Dorset to understand more about 'Child Behaviours that Challenge us'

For parents with children between the ages of 5 and 11

The session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist and an Action for Children Parenting Practitioner



**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue in Kinson area

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

09:30am - 11:30am

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

"I found it really useful to know about why the behaviour occurs, even if you can't always change it, having the understanding makes it easier for me to cope with"

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

09:30am - 11:30am

Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

These are one-off sessions so you only need to attend one event

Places are limited and can be booked via our website: [www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset)



**PARENT CARERS TOGETHER**



**Bournemouth Christchurch Poole**

## **Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)**

**PARENTS & CARERS-WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 8.45 - 10.15AM**

**SOMERFORD  
PRIMARY COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL**

**TEA, COFFEE &  
BISCUITS PROVIDED-  
PLEASE CONTACT US  
BELOW WITH ANY  
DIETARY  
REQUIREMENTS/  
ALLERGIES**



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# COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS.  
YOUNGER SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME.  
GRAB SOME PRE LOVED  
UNIFORM TOO!!

8.30-10am  
Thursday  
13th March 2025

