



FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2025

SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

I have had the pleasure of reading the children's annual reports before they come home to you next Friday, 21st March. It has been wonderful to read how much progress the children are already making and to see the next steps they can make to ensure even more. We also looked at children's work books from across the school at our leadership team meeting this week and I was so impressed with the progress from September to now. When you come to parents evening meeting on 25th or 26th March, do make sure you spend some time looking through your children's books too as I am sure you will also be really proud of what they have achieved.

Mrs Frampton

Learning Events over the last two weeks....

- Y5 continued their Stormbreak sessions
- Year 1 and 2 had their final after school Forest School session
- Year 3 helped Hannah to develop our Forest School site further and Year 4 enjoyed their second session
- Farmer Nigel visited Reception as part of their farm topic to talk about careers in farming. He also brought some beautiful lambs with him!
- Our Young Carers took part in some craft activities in their sessions
- Our after school bike club riders showed some amazing cycling skills
- Miss Hyde took some children from Year 1 and 2 to a multi skills event at The Grange
- We celebrated World Book Day in style with some amazing costumes and activities
- Books at Bedtime was a huge success and the hot chocolate was delicious!
- Year 6 welcomed a visitor to talk about WWII
- Children from Year 4 and 5 took part in a 2 day drama project
- Our Rocksteady bands continued to practice for the end of term concert coming up soon
- Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Whitefield Moor to support their river studies
- Year 2 went up, up and away with their visit to the Aviation Museum
- Some Year 2s represented the school at a football tournament and did brilliantly
- We ended the fortnight with a fun and exciting science day

Reminders

- We break up for Easter on Friday 4th April at the usual time. That day will be a non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank. Please bring a tin or packet in exchange for wearing own clothes.
- We return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April** as the Monday is a bank holiday.
- Teachers have not yet been allocated to classes for next year. Some parents have been assuming Mrs Hinz-James will be the Reception teacher next year but this has not yet been decided. Please do not tell any new Reception children she is their teacher yet!

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A focus on improving writing

This year children in Reception have started Drawing Club. This is an exciting time in the day when children get to explore a story through their own drawings being creative and imaginative. It encourages vocabulary, oracy and language skills. The children then add their own special code and build up to writing sentences to accompany their pictures. This is having a positive impact on their early writing and their love of stories.

If you have a child in Reception, ask them about Drawing Club!

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. **This has now increased to £80 per parent, per child.**

Attendance for the last two weeks

Year group	Attendance	96% expectation
Whole school	94.52%	Below but much improved
1	93.3%	Below
2	93.42%	Below
3	94.32%	Just below
4	97.08%	Above
5	93.77%	Below but much improved
6	92.59%	Below but improved

Well done to Year 4 as well as Y5 and 6 for their improvements!!

Date of next newsletter

Friday 28th March

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Miss Hyde



Miss Hyde is our Year 1 teacher and RWI lead.
Miss Hyde has many important jobs in school including:

- teaching Year 1
- leading RWI and ensuring all children make as much progress in early reading as they can
- administering the phonics screening check to Year 1
- leading computing and history across the school
- being our Online Safety Champion
- being the KS1 leader
- being part of the school's leadership team

If you would like to contact Miss Hyde you can email on
1mh@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436.

Next time we will find out more aboutMrs Hudson!

Parent survey

Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey so far. We have already had 64 responses which is great! We are keen to hear from all parents though so please do fill it in if you can. It only takes 3 minutes!
<https://forms.office.com/e/1waANF3M48>

Coming up....

- End of term assessment weeks
- Reports home to parents on Friday 21st March
- Sustrans Big Walk weeks
- Reception walk to Stanpit Marsh
- Choir performing at the Regents Centre
- Rocksteady end of term concert
- Parent consultations

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