



FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

It has been wonderful to see our after school clubs back up and running. There are still some spaces left so please talk to your child's class teacher if you would like your child to attend.

A huge well done to Year 4 who achieved 100% attendance again!
Mrs Frampton

Forest Schools sessions

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing time in their Forest Schools sessions this week. Have a look on X and Facebook to see some of the photos!

Next week is Year 3 and 4 and then Reception, 1 and 2 the week after. Remember to send your child to school with a change of clothes and shoes as they are likely to get muddy and wet!

Date for diary

Parents of Reception and Year 1 are invited to a workshop led by the Mental Health in Schools Team on 3rd October at 2pm. They will be discussing worries and anxieties and how to support your child with these. There will be refreshments and you can bring younger siblings if you need to.

Staff training day—school closed to children

School will be closed on Monday 30th September for staff training. We will be reviewing our curriculum offer and considering ways to improve children's retention of knowledge.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Group

We are keen to have some interested parents to become part of our MHWB action group. Mrs Macmillan will lead the group in a meeting every half term. The group will include staff, parents and governors with the aim to further develop our mental health and wellbeing offer to pupils, parents and staff.

If you would like to be part of this, please email Mrs Macmillan on
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Parking

Please use our car park safely

- only park in the designated parking spaces
- enter slowly and be aware of children
- listen to Mr Parry who is monitoring the car park

Please be respectful of our neighbours

- please don't park across driveways and drop curbs
- please don't park on bends or on the zigzags
- please don't sit on our neighbours' walls

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 2 weeks

Year group	Attendance	96% expectation
Whole school	96.09%	In line
1	97.04%	above
2	98.13%	above
3	93.94%	below
4	99.6%	above
5	93.45%	below
6	93.89%	below

Date of next newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our focus for this year

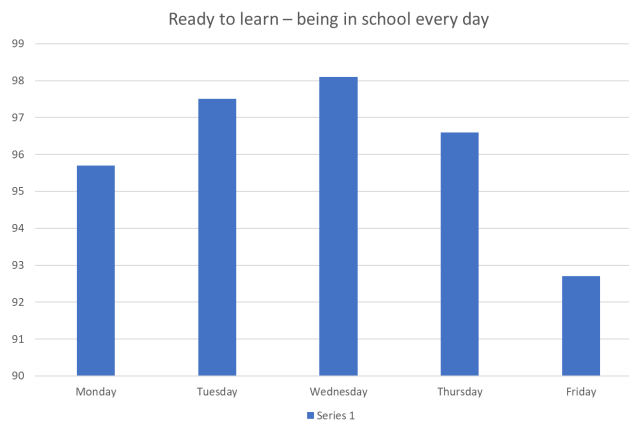
- *Improve attendance and decrease the number of persistent absentees*

We have noticed our school attendance is much better on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is much worse on a Friday.

It is so important your child attends on a Friday as there are some lessons your child will only have on a Friday. It is just as important as any other day.

As part of our attendance monitoring we look for patterns of absence for individual patterns and if your child is absent more on certain days of the week we will need to unpick this with you.

Please remember that the new attendance regulations are now in place.



Our school attendance last week by day of the week.

Cauliflower Cards

Every child in school will be designing a Christmas card again this year and you can choose to have these designs made in to packs of Christmas cards, present tags, mugs and much more.

The children will be creating their designs over the next few weeks and will bring a letter home with their design to show you.

If you would like to order some cards, all of the information for ordering online is on the letter. You **must** return your child's design to school by **25th September** so we can send them off to Cauliflower Cards for the magic to happen!

The school receives commission on each order placed so you are helping the school as well as receiving some fantastic cards.

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Who are we?

On each newsletter we will share with you a little more about the amazing staff who work at Somersetford and how they can support you and your children.

Mr Thorne



Mr Thorne is our school's SENDCo (Special needs and disabilities coordinator). This means he is responsible for overseeing the provision for all children on the SEND Register.

Mr Thorne holds several other important roles in school such as:

Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Managing pupils' medical conditions and medicines
Line manager for the teaching assistant team
Geography subject lead

A typical day for Mr Thorne may include meeting with parents, holding an Annual Review for a child with an EHCP, observing a child in class, offering support to a member of staff who is supporting a child with SEND, delivering a TA training session and carrying out a dyslexia screen.

If you would like to contact Mr Thorne you can email Claire Northey on cnorthey@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436 and Claire can make you an appointment.

Next time we will find out more about Mrs Northey.....

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