

## FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2024

We were very excited to welcome the Mayor of Christchurch today with two teachers visiting from our twin town, Allen, in Germany.

The Mayor stayed for our Celebration Assembly and handed out the trophies to this week's winners. They were very impressed with our children and we learnt a lot about how German schools work too.

Mrs Frampton

### Forest Schools sessions

The children have really enjoyed their Forest Schools sessions so far. It has been great to see children outside using our lovely grounds.

Year 3 and 4's session had to be postponed due to Adam's car breaking down but this will be rescheduled.



### Consent for local trips on Arbor

Please ensure you have consented for your child to attend local trips this year on Arbor. This needs to be completed each year.

We will be walking to the Church for our Harvest Festival on 22nd October so please ensure you have consented by then.

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A focus on Arithmetic

This year we are focussing on children's arithmetic skills. Arithmetic is the basis of maths and covers methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing as well as fractions, decimals and percentages.

Children need to be fluent in arithmetic to be able to apply these skills to problem solving and reasoning.

A really strong knowledge of times tables really helps!

Please ensure your child logs on to Times Tables Rock Stars each week to practice.

### 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	96.17%	In line
1	94.67%	below
2	98.15%	above
3	96.59%	In line
4	97.32%	above
5	93.57%	below
6	95.17%	below

### Payments

Please ensure payment is made for any school meals or Breakfast Club bookings on Arbor **at the time of booking**. Thank you.

### Date of next newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

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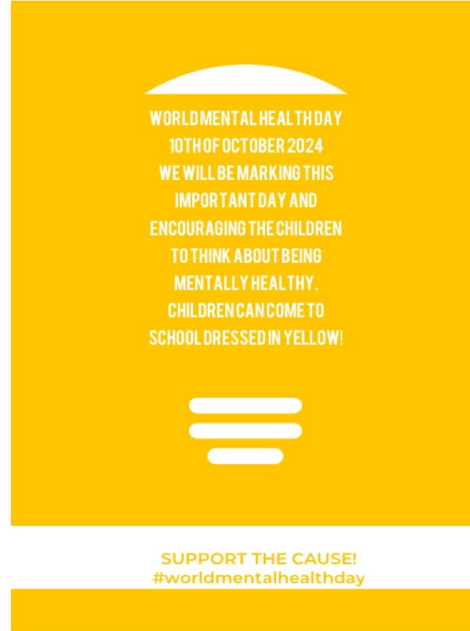
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#### **Flu immunisations**

Please ensure you have completed the consent form for your child to receive the nasal flu spray if you would like them to receive it.  
If you do not complete the form, your child will not receive the immunisation.

#### **Goodbye**

After working at our school for our 25 years, Mr Foreman will be leaving us on 7th October. We would like to thank him for all his commitment to the school over such a long period of time and hope he enjoys the next stage of his life.  
Mr Parry has now become our Site Manager and we are really pleased to congratulate him on his promotion.

#### **Brightbites**

On 16th October, we are pleased to be welcoming Dentaid The Dental Charity to run a BrightBites health education programme around good tooth brushing and oral health.  
The team will start with an assembly to the whole school and then will run a workshop in Reception and Year 1. The workshop will be an interactive presentation that covers teeth names, tooth brushing, sugar awareness and the importance of visiting a dentist.

Children will also receive a sticker, toothbrush and some toothpaste to take home!

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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 Somerford and how they can support you and your children.

### Mrs Northey



Mrs Northey is our Receptionist. This means she is responsible for greeting our staff, children and visitors, answering the phones and keeping our school safe and secure.

Mrs Northey holds several other important roles in school including:

Attendance Admin Assistant  
SEND Admin Assistant  
Lunchtime Supervisor  
Breakfast Club Supervisor

A typical day for Mrs Northey may include serving breakfast in Breakfast Club, signing a visitor in to the school, answering calls from parents, following up on any absences, organising SEND meetings with Mr Thorne, sending letters to parents and looking after Year 6 at lunchtime.

If you would like to contact Mrs Northey you can email on [cnorthey@somersford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:cnorthey@somersford.dorset.sch.uk) or call the school office on 01202 485436.

**Next time we will find out more about Mr Wallace.....**

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