

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2024

We have one more week until the half term break. School will close for a week from 28th Oct to 1st Nov. We reopen at usual times on 4th Nov.
Mrs Frampton

Forest Schools sessions

We are really pleased to tell Year 3 and Year 4 that their Forest School sessions have been rescheduled for Friday 25th October. Children should come to school in their school uniform and bring a change of clothes and shoes (or wellies) to change in to for the session.

Rags to Riches

A reminder that our next collection will be on Thursday 24th October. We can accept bags anytime.
The more we collect, the more we earn so please have a sort out!

World Mental Health Day

Thank you for supporting this important day by wearing something yellow last week.



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A focus on early reading....

This year we are working with the English Hub to make our teaching of phonics and early reading as good as possible. We are already doing a pretty good job as we had 88% of last year's Y1 passing the phonics screen which is above national average but we can always do better.

We have had our first visit from our consultant and we are looking forward to 5 more across this year.

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	93.79%	below
1	97.88%	above
2	95.44%	Just below
3	93.43%	below
4	92.86%	below
5	93.43%	below
6	90.58%	below

We have certainly been hit by some bugs over the last fortnight! Let's hope things improve now people are feeling better.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

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A great time was had by the Wellbeing Ambassadors and Wilfred the Wellbeing Bear at the Crafting Minds Coffee morning. We look forward to welcoming to our next meeting on the **26th November @ 2.15pm**. Come along for a hot drink and some mindful craft.

Lucy Macmillan
Senior Mental Health & Pastoral Lead

Parent consultations

Thank you to all those parents who attended these important meetings.
77% of children had at least one parent or carer attend.
If you weren't able to make the meetings this week, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a new date.

A big thank you to Rob from Goosemoor Educatering for providing samples of our menus for parents and children to try. Delicious!

Harvest Festival

Please can we ask that children bring a donation for the Foodbank on Tuesday for our Harvest Festival at Highcross Church. Unfortunately, due to space, we cannot invite parents.

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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.

Mr Wallace



Mr Wallace is our Deputy Headteacher . This means he is part of the Senior Leadership Team and is responsible for assessment, Pupil premium and the curriculum.

Mr Wallace holds several other important roles in school including:

Year 4 class teacher (Monday and Tuesday)
Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Lunchtime Supervisor Line Manager
Design Technology Leader
Y4 residential organiser
Running the school with Mrs Frampton

A typical day for Mr Wallace may include talking to parents, supporting children with an issue, running a training session for the lunchtime team and planning our exciting curriculum events.

If you would like to contact Mr Wallace you can email on office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk or call the school office on 01202 485436.

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

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