

## FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. This is an exciting half term with lots of things happening. Please make sure you keep an eye on Marvellous Me and the newsletters so you don't miss anything!

Please make sure your child has a warm coat in school at all times. Thank you.  
Mrs Frampton

### Y6 residential

A huge well done to our Y6s who have been on their residential visit to Avon Tyrrell this week. They have been amazing ambassadors for our school and you should be very proud parents. They pushed themselves to complete activities they may have been nervous about and learnt some life skills being away from home.

Thank you to the staff who attended, giving up time from their own families—it is appreciated.

We will send home details of next year's residential to our Y5s as soon as we can so you can start planning. It will come round very fast!

### Anti Bullying Week

Next week we will be focusing on Anti Bullying. At Somerset, this is important to us all year round but it is useful to dedicate some extra time to it in this week.

This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. This fits brilliantly with our school rule of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.

We want to empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when they disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make.

Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. I will be holding an Assembly with the help of our Antibullying Ambassadors on the 13th of November.

Mrs MacMillan (Pastoral & Senior Mental Health Lead)

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy or other merchandise to support the British Legion. We will be having a special assembly on Monday 11th to commemorate this important day.

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### A focus on careers

This year we are part of a project called 'Start small, dream big'. This aims to offer children employer encounters where they can learn more about the jobs that there are in the world and start to see themselves maybe doing a job they hadn't thought of. This fits brilliantly with one of our school values—aspire.

If you would be willing to come and talk to a group of children about your job, we would be so excited to have you! I will be sending home a letter with more information soon.

### 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 week

Year group	Attendance	96% expectation
Whole school	94.37%	below
1	94.12%	below
2	93.71%	below
3	93.58%	below
4	97.06%	above
5	93.03%	below
6	92.49%	below

**These figures are really disappointing and is a real drop since the start of the school year. We do know winter bugs can hit now but please ensure your child is in school if they are well enough to be here.**

**Well done to Year 4 who are still above expectations!!**

### Date of next newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

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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 Parry



Mr Parry is our Site Manager. This means he is part of the Site Team and is responsible for keeping us safe in the building and school grounds.

Mr Parry has many important jobs in school including:

- Keeping the car parks safe at drop off and pick up
- Completing our maintenance checks across the school
- Managing our CCTV system
- Keeping our grounds safe and tidy
- Lifting, carrying and climbing up ladders for us!
- Booking and looking after contractors on the site

A typical day for Mr Parry may include a morning safety walk around school, car park duty, checking our fire doors and extinguishers, supervising a contractor on site, setting up the hall for lunch and completing some repairs.

If you would like to contact Mr Parry you can email on [office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk) or call the school office on 01202 485436.

**Next time we will find out more about Mrs Cutler.....**

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