



# Somers Park Primary School Malvern Vale Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Another successful week both in and out of school, with our Year 4 children enjoying a brilliant few days and nights during their residential at Malvern Outdoor Elements Centre- reports to follow next week.

We are also looking forward to the next couple of weeks, during which many of our children will be visiting literature festivals and reading activities, beginning next week for years 4 and 6, who visit the nationally acclaimed Cheltenham Literature festival - we look forward to hearing how they get on.

## Tanzania- Chumbageni

Our partnership with Chumbageni School remains a strong one. In a couple of weeks' time, Miss Ward and I will be travelling to Tanzania to work with our colleagues in Chumbageni School. As mentioned previously, we have been very fortunate to receive a British Council Grant to fund both this and the reciprocal visit of our colleagues next summer.

## Box of Pencils Appeal

In 2018, we took over £100 of your donations to spend on stationary for the school. Resources such as chalk and pencils, are kept locked in the headteacher's office, and rationed carefully to ensure there are enough of these basic items to deliver an education.

**A reminder, that once again we would like to give you the opportunity to donate 'a box of twelve pencils' as well as other essential stationery items.** If you would like to do so, please pop £1 in an envelope and drop it to the school office, labelled with your name and 'Box of Pencils Appeal' - we'll keep you posted on how much you manage to raise!

In addition, particularly well-received last year, were the kind donations you made towards sanitary items for the girls, following the appeal by Mrs Russell. If you would once again like to contribute to the

fund to buy sanitary protection for the older girls at Chumbageni, please give donations to the school office, Miss Ward or Mrs Russell in a clearly marked envelope.

## Attendance

It's really pleasing to see such a strong start to attendance across the school. We are currently exceeding our target of 97% attendance- current attendance average is **97.38%** and we have 6 classes averaging over 98%! Well done and thank you for your ongoing support.

## Coming up

Date	Event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 visit to Cheltenham Literature Festival
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 visit to Cheltenham Literature Festival
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 visit to Malvern Library
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6 cross country competition for selected pupils
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 visit to the Beeline Storytelling Festival
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 visit to the Beeline Storytelling Festival



*All in the balance at acrobatics club!*



## MP Visit

A couple of weeks ago we welcomed our Member of Parliament, Harriett Baldwin into Malvern Vale Primary School. Mrs Baldwin was very impressed with environment, the communication of the children and how quickly they have settled into their learning.



*Mr Hansen, Mrs Price and Mr Lawday welcomed Harriet Baldwin MP to Malvern Vale School*

Have a super weekend

Best wishes

*Chris*

Chris Hansen



*Working hard in Year 1 Geography*



*Concentrating well in Malvern Vale Elm*

## From the classroom...

In Year 2, children have worked collaboratively to write their own version of 'Things I Have Been Doing Lately' by Alan Ahlburg, learning that poetry can be about absolutely anything!

### Things I have been doing lately, by Class 2AM

Things I have been doing lately:  
Writing until my hand hurts  
Tickling my brother's feet to make him  
laugh  
Rolling a ball down the hill  
Playing football with my team  
Picking my dirty finger nails  
Scaring my sister so that she screams  
Snoring like a dinosaur's roar!

### Things we have been doing lately By Class 2LB

Things we've been doing lately:  
Playing lots of electronic games  
Going to Ashton to play cricket  
Visiting my family and friends  
Opening lovely birthday presents  
Blowing out some candles  
Gobbling up cake and party food  
Watching the new Aladdin movie  
Reading a non-fiction book  
Building a magnificent Lego castle  
Competing in a football tournament  
Cooking yummy noodles with my mum  
Pretending to be detectives looking out for clues  
Eating honey flavoured popcorn at the theatre  
Gathering scrumptious ingredients to add to my  
milkshake  
Keeping secrets...