



Somers Park Primary School  
Malvern Vale Primary School

# The Weekly News

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in getting your children into school on time in the mornings. It's been great to see the children into their work so swiftly at the start of the day- even our youngest children have learnt their routines exceptionally well.

## School Crossing Patrol

You may be aware that prior to the summer holiday, Worcestershire County Council were planning on stopping crossing patrols outside schools, even preventing us from funding this provision ourselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our parent community, particularly those who petitioned, campaigned and took the issue to the council chambers and the front page of the newspaper.

As a result, you will have noticed that the council have changed their mind and seen that Mrs Miltiadou and Mrs King are still there every day to keep your children safe before and after school.

Thank you to all involved.

## Parental questionnaire

We'd love to hear how you think we're doing! Please find below a link to a brief online, multiple choice survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SPParents2018>

We have also included comment boxes to enable you to explain your responses should you wish.

This survey can be completed on phones, tablets or computers so hopefully you will find it accessible. The survey closes next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Accessibility

At the moment we are reviewing the Accessibility Plan for Somers Park. If you have noticed any difficulties with accessing our site, please let us know.

## Coming up at Somers Park:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September:**

6-7pm Early Years Parent Information Sessions

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

Year 6 visit from Mr Gunston, Dyson Perrins High School

## Coming up at Malvern Vale:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September:**

6-7pm Reception Parent Information Session

## Additional date for the diary

Both schools have received a list of diary dates for the term. We have an additional date for Somers Park parents to note:

**Key Stage 1 Christmas Play**

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December*

*Performances at 2pm and 6pm*

## Walking home from school

Children in Key Stage 2 will have brought home our Walking Home from School Policy with this newsletter. If your child walks home from school, you need to complete the attached permission slip, regardless of whether you have previously completed one. From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018, any child without an updated form will not be allowed to walk home alone.

Although not a set rule, the school's recommendation remains being that children in Year 3 and 4 should be dropped off and collected from school by an adult.

If you intend on your child walking home from school, please return the permission slip by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## Breaktime snacks

May I remind you of our school Policy for breaktime snacks. In order to reduce litter and to promote healthy eating, our Policy is that children may only eat fruit for their snack at break time. Thank you for your support.



## School Governors

On Tuesday, the Delegated Governing Committee for Somers Park and Malvern Vale Primary Schools had their first meeting of the year.

The school governors play an important role in monitoring the performance of our schools. During this meeting, governors reviewed pupil outcomes, agreed our school improvement priorities and monitored other aspects such as attendance, health and safety, behaviour and Safeguarding.



*Getting to know each other*

## Yr6 Secondary School Open Days

### The Chase High School

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Open morning 9-11am

Open evening 6:30pm and 9:00pm- parents and children welcome.

### Dyson Perrins High School

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. 9-10:30am

To book, contact Dyson Perrins directly on 01684 564751

### Hanley Castle High School

Open mornings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 9:15am- by appointment. Please contact

[pa@hanleycastlehs.org.uk](mailto:pa@hanleycastlehs.org.uk) to book a place

Open evening 4<sup>th</sup> October

Tours from 6pm:

Headteacher's talk: 7:30pm in the school hall.

Adults and children welcome

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Chris Hansen

Executive Headteacher

## Friends of Somers Park (FOSP)

Welcome to another exciting year with Friends of Somers Park (FOSP) and an extended welcome to Malvern Vale Parents, who it would be great to meet!

Dates for your diary:

**Saturday 22nd Sept**

Adults 80s/90s Disco

7:30-11:30pm

The New Inn, Lower Howell Road.

£5.

**AGM Thursday 4th Oct**

6:30-7:30pm at Somers Park School. This is your AGM please come and support. Everyone is welcome.

## Starting school- September 2019

If you live in Worcestershire and your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, you need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2019. For more information and to apply,

visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Please note, Malvern Vale and Somers Park are separate application options so if you don't mind which school you go to, please ensure you fill them out as preference 1 and 2. If you would like to visit Malvern Vale, please contact the school office at Malvern Vale- it's already proving popular!

## Join our team

Mercian Educational Trust (MET)

We have the following vacancy within our estates team.

### Caretaker/ Handyperson

Grade 3\*, 30 hours per week full year (£14335 - £15139)

(\*Grade 4 will be considered for an exceptional candidate)

To work closely with our Estates Manager across the 3 school sites within the MET. The successful candidate will need excellent DIY/Handyman skills and have the ability to be flexible.

For further information, please visit <http://metacademies.co.uk/Vacancies-within-MET>

Closing date: Wednesday 26th September 2018, 9am.