



# The Weekly News

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending our parent information meetings over the last few weeks- our partnership with you is such an important part of your child's education and teachers really value the chance to share what we do in school. In a couple of weeks' time it is our first Parent Consultation Evening, which you will hopefully be able to join us for.

Somers Park: The dates of the Parents Evenings are Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Due to clashes with steel pan club (a tuneful distraction!), we have adjusted the timings, so the early slots will be on the Tuesday and the later ones on the Wednesday (it was the other way round on the published list of dates).

Malvern Vale: Your Parents' Evening take place between 4pm and 7pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Information about the online booking system will be coming out soon.

## Communication at Somers Park and Malvern Vale

Thank you so much for your feedback about the way we communicate with you through our parent survey. It's really pleasing that many of you have commented how you enjoy viewing Twitter and reading the newsletter. We also acknowledge those of you who have commented about the school text service, particularly the fact that each text comes from a different number making it tricky to search back through. We also find this frustrating; it is a change that was made by the company we have always used and we are looking at options to remedy this. Thank you for your patience.

We are adjusting our parental communication strategy at the moment and will be using email to distribute more of our letters. We have had really positive feedback about the newsletter and we know the paper copy in the book bags may be missed by some. However, with email so widely used and accessible on mobile devices, we have made the decision to do our bit for the environment by cutting down the amount of paper we use, whilst also saving money, which we can spend in other ways on your child's education. We value your support and hope that you are still able to access the information you need. **In order to do this we need your email addresses.** These will be stored on our pupil management system and will not be visible to anybody else when letters or other information is distributed.

Please complete the response slip below, printing your email address so they are clear to read for our office staff who will need to input onto our system. Alternatively, send an email to [Parents@somerspark.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:Parents@somerspark.worcs.sch.uk) stating your child's name and class in the Subject field.

Before the system goes live, we will send a test email and text to let you know it is sent- this will give you the chance to let us know if there are any problems.

**ALL PARENTS:** Please return the slip, or send an email to [parents@somerspark.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:parents@somerspark.worcs.sch.uk) to the school office by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### Email address notification for school communications - October 2018

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ | Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address 2:.....

## Year 3/4 Hockey Report

'On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of September, Year 3 and 4 played in a Hockey match against Great Malvern. As soon as Year 4's match started, Josh immediately scored a goal.

When the Year 3's match started, Great Malvern almost scored a goal at the start but for great goal keeping from the Somers Park keeper. In the end, both of our teams secured narrow victories

Overall, it was a fun tournament and we'd like to thank Great Malvern for playing so well and competing brilliantly.'

Report by Lucy M and Mia B



Early writing in Reception: working hard on our pinchy pencil grip

## Our Box of Pencils Appeal

From my Tanzania Blog last year:

"In Tanzania pencils are not provided by the school and so you will often see children sharing pencils smaller than their own little finger in order to complete their work. This has really given me some food for thought regarding our priorities when we return next year."

**Please donate 'a box of twelve pencils' to our friends at Chumbageni School.** If you would like to do so, please pop £1 in an envelope labelled with your name and 'Box of Pencils Appeal' and drop it to the school office. We will take the money to Tanzania, purchasing the pencils over there to support the local economy.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Chris Hansen

**Coming up:**  
**FOSP AGM Thursday 4th Oct**  
6:30-7:30pm at Somers Park School. This is your AGM please come and support.  
Everyone is welcome, and we welcome new parents from Malvern Vale.



Year 6 Reading Raffle winners

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**Back of reply slip**

**Please return to school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**