



Somers Park Primary School Malvern Vale Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

This week we have run three visits to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. The festival is an amazing opportunity to listen to authors speak about their writing and to meet them after during a book signing. Some of our children in Year 2, 4 and 6 get to do this each year. We look forward to reading their reports next week. (If you're at a loose end, there are still tickets available for this weekend for some very well-known authors; you might bump into me! <https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/Literature/whats-on/list>)



Year 5 visit to the Innovation Festival

'On Tuesday 9th October, all of Year 5 went on a trip to the Innovation Festival at the Three Counties Showground. From school, we got on a double decker coach and when we arrived, we were put into 5 groups. We went around the different stands, which had interesting and exciting scientific activities to do. We especially loved the space dome because it was so realistic. It was a wonderful experience and we would definitely recommend it to other schools!'
Harriet and Savannah – 5ZM



Year 5 Innovation Festival

Tanzania

Next Friday, Mrs Russell and I travel to Tanzania to work at Chumbageni School. This is the last week you will be able to donate to the 'Box of Pencils' appeal. We will be taking all money raised over with us, purchasing the pencils over there to support the local economy. If you would like to 'buy a box', please drop £1 in a named envelope into the school office by next Wednesday.

Email addresses

Thank you so much for swift and efficient response to our request for email addresses. From 460 children, we have all but 30 now and text reminders have been sent out individually. If you are yet to send in your email, please email the school office:

parents@somerspark.worcs.sch.uk, putting your child's name in the subject field.

Next Friday we will be sending out a test email with a text to ask you to check; then after half term, all newsletters will be sent home via email.

Talking of text messages, we have managed to work with our providers to ensure that text messages now come from one number, as opposed to a different number every time. We hope this has improved your experience.

Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for parents' evenings. At Somers Park they take place on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, whilst at Malvern Vale, due to lower numbers, they take place only on Tuesday.

West Malvern Residential

After the success of last week's Year 4 residential, we thought we'd share some of the children's comments and a few photos:

'The night walk up End Hill was my favourite because the view at the top was amazing.' Sam, 4NV

'My favourite part was the King Swing because it went really high.' Ruby, 4NV



'The zip wire was the best. It felt like I was flying.' Liam, 4NV

'I was nervous that I'd go crashing down any moment on the King Swing. My group cheered for me loads of times. Eventually, the instructor had no choice but to push me off the platform. In the end, it was one of my favourite part of the trip.' Elliott, 4NV



'I liked the zip wire best because when Nathan let go of you, you felt as if you were a bird.' Hannah, 4NV

'I loved the King Swing because you go so high you feel like you will fall off. You are clipped on it so then you don't fall off but you do have to let go and slide off it.' Phoebe, 4AC



'When we went to West Malvern, my best bit was when we went on the King Swing because you have to jump off a high platform. Then, we went really high.' Evie, 4AC

'I liked the zip wire the best because you zoomed down really fast.' Joseph, 4AC

'My favourite part of West Malvern was the Wild Woods Walk because it was really fun when we trained to hide from the Drop Bears.' Erin, 4AC

'I liked the King Swing best because you just let go and then you swing really fast and when you get to the ground you have to try and get back up.' Josh B, 4AC



Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Chris

Chris Hansen

Community Links

The Chase School's Art Department presents...

The Big Draw

Saturday 20th October 1pm-3pm

You and your family are invited to take part in a range of drawing activities as part the Big Draw.

You will have the opportunity to use a variety of media throughout the session and you will be able to take your work home. Do not worry about your ability, all you require is a sense of fun and a willingness to have a go and be creative!

