



Somers Park Primary School Malvern Vale Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the great attendance at parents' evenings this week; I really enjoyed spending time at both schools to chat to parents. Our partnership with you really makes a difference to your children's achievement at school- thank you.

Your feedback forms have been read and followed up where required; we are absolutely delighted that these are overwhelmingly positive and that you unanimously feel you have received useful information from the teachers, about your child's start to the school year.



Year 3 couldn't wait to read their books from the Beeline Festival!

Operation Christmas Child

Accompanying this letter is a leaflet explaining the Operation Christmas Child Appeal we are supporting this term. If you would like to fill a shoebox to donate, there are clear instructions about what to do, and what can be included.

Email distribution test

We're using the Operation Christmas Child standard letter as our test for the email newsletter process. If you do not receive the Operation Christmas Child letter via email, please let the school office know and they can check we have the correct email address for you.

FOSP Cake Sale @ SP

Friday 26th Oct 3:15pm.
KS1 Playground Shelter.

Please bring cake donations in on Friday morning drop off or pick up.



Inside Malvern Vale Oak classroom

Malvern Vale Open Evening

Now we are up and very much running at Malvern Vale, we're opening our doors between 5pm and 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th November for an Open Evening. This evening is for any prospective parents for Reception next year, but we also welcome Somers Park parents to come in and take a look should you be interested in seeing our new school.

A very special mention

Talking of charity, I thought an extra special mention should go to Alfie B in Mrs Russell's class. Alfie has chosen to donate £10 of his birthday money to pencils for Chumageni School in Tanzania- what a kind, lovely and thoughtful thing to do. 😊

Children's Challenge

Today we have set the Children's Challenge task for this Half Term. Setting it today gives you the additional week if you would prefer not to do the task over the school holiday; we are not setting any other homework this week. We hope you enjoy the different nature of this task- **Make or Bake** involves spending a bit of time in the kitchen together! Please stick a picture of your child's creation onto the folded paper provided and return to school by Monday 5th November. We can't wait to talk to the children about what they have done and we think they'll look fantastic on display around school!

Morning playgrounds

With so many people on the playgrounds at Somers Park during morning drop off, often including younger children, may I remind you



that we discourage children from playing chase or running games at this time.

Also important at both schools, is that children do not ride scooters or bikes on the playgrounds. Although this is a change to what has been happening at Malvern Vale up until this point, we feel it important these routines are established early- we've already had a couple of bumps during drop offs and pick ups. We want to make sure these don't happen.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

'When we went to Cheltenham Literature Festival, we were more inspired to read because the authors we saw made it sound so much fun. The authors we saw there, Mitch Johnson and Kieran Larwood, explained the process of story writing very well to us and told us it took a long time to write a story and that it wasn't easy.

The books they showed us were Kick, which was by Mitch Johnson, and the other book was a series of Podkin One-Ear books, by Kieran Larwood. The talks were very interesting because there were lots of games and challenges. One of the challenges by Mitch was fixing boots; the quickest one of the teams included a Somers Park child and her team won! We were very impressed with her skills. On the day, we were able to buy their books and have them signed. This was a spectacular experience and a fantastic opportunity to meet real authors.

"I loved the fact that we got to meet the author of the book we were reading in English. He is an inspiration to me and the class." Bella

"I loved seeing all the interesting books and meeting new authors: Mitch Johnson and Kieran Larwood. I also really enjoyed going up on stage and buying the books." Danielle

"I really enjoyed meeting Kieran Larwood and Mitch Johnson." Mathilda

"I liked Cheltenham because I saw two amazing authors which really inspired me." Liam

"The Cheltenham Literature Festival was very inspiring and the authors were brilliant - I would recommend them." Claudia

"I really enjoyed it because the authors were well prepared and delivered amazing talks." James

Article by Charlotte, Alex and Hugo Year 6

French visitors

Continuing our international theme, next week we are delighted to welcome ten teachers from Jules Ferry School in Bagnères de Bigorre, France (it's their Half Term) for an inaugural visit to Somers Park and Malvern Vale. Bagnères de Bigorre is formally twinned with Malvern and Mrs Marsh's classes have been exchanging letters with children from Jules Ferry for the last couple of years- it's great to see the link developing further. The visitors will be in classes with our teachers during next week- I'm sure you'll make them feel very welcome.

Worcester Beeline festival

'On Tuesday 16th October 2018 Year 3 went to the Worcester Beeline Literary Festival. We saw Steve Cole- he was very humorous, also he told us extremely funny story titles. One of the first books Steve Cole ever wrote was a small pop-up book. He only wrote books for his hobby then he wrote for a full time career. Everyone got a book that cost less than ten pounds.'
By Tyler and Cooper

Mrs Russell and I are leaving to travel to Tanzania this evening. We are working in Chumbageni School next week. Keep up to date with what we are up to through Twitter and our online Blog:

<http://somerspark.com/Curriculum/Global-Links-Tanzania-2018>

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all after Half Term.

Best wishes

Chris Hansen



All smiles in Y2 maths!

Coming up

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd Oct	3:45pm Year 3/4 hockey @The Chase
Thursday 25 th October	Year 5 visit to Classic Rhythm workshop- Malvern Theatre
Thursday 25 th October	4pm- Netball and football tournament @ The Wyche
Friday 26 th October	Year 4 visit to Synagogue
Friday 26 th October	Last day of term- break up for Half term
Monday 5 th November	Term starts today- children return to school