



Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic summer break and all feel recharged and ready to go for the new term. A warm and special welcome to our new starters across the school, especially those who begin their school journey in Reception- we are sure they will settle swiftly into life at Somers Park!

It's been an absolute pleasure to return to school this week, your children have come back with big smiles on their faces, with positive attitudes and they have settled back into routines really quickly. Teachers have commented how much they are enjoying being with their new classes too! Our thanks go to you too- morning routines have been seamless and pick-ups smooth- thank you!

This is also the first week of our adjusted leadership structure. As I have also taken on the leadership of Great Malvern Primary School as Executive Headteacher, Mr Williams has come out of class into the role of Head of School. He will be leading the school alongside me on a day to day basis and we will both be on the playground before and after school as often as possible- please come up to say hello!



Looking smart in our new PE t-shirts

School Planners

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have come home with a school planner this week. As we aim to further develop our communication with parents, these planners offer the opportunity for teachers and parents to acknowledge children's reading in school and at home, as well as the ability to communicate with brief messages. Class teachers will keep you informed about how they will monitor your child's planners over the coming weeks.

Walking home permissions

You will remember last term that we introduced our **Walking to School Policy** and that we now require written permission to enable our older children to walk home alone. Permissions completed last term will be continued this year, however if you would like to make any changes complete the permission slip and return it to the school office. We have put a copy of the Policy, including the permission slip in the Policy section of the school website; alternatively, one can be obtained from the school office.

Handwriting

As part of our focus to produce beautifully presented work, we are introducing a new *curative handwriting* style across the school. This means that children will be taught to join all of the letters in their words in a fluent manner. Some of the individual letters they write will look slightly different, with loops for the letters which go below the line. Ask your child to show you what they have learnt- I'm sure they'll be very proud to do so! In order for you to support your children at home, we have put a copy of the letter formation guidance onto the school website.

Twitter

Once again, our Twitter feed is up and running and new classes can be followed with the following addresses-

- Reception
- @SomersParkRGS
- @SomersParkRJP
- Year 1
- @SomersPark1JC
- Year 2
- @SomersPark2SG
- Year 3
- @SomersPark3SD
- @SomersPark3R
- Year 4
- @SomersPark4NW
- @SomersPark4AM
- Year 5
- @SomersPark5ME
- @SomersPark5JB
- Year 6
- @SomersPark6LE
- @SomersPark6GM



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The main school account is
@SomersPark1



following week, on Tuesday 19th September, Early Years will be holding an Information session about how we teach the children their letters and sounds; this takes place at 6pm as well.

The weekly newsletter will continue in its current form and will be distributed on a Friday. The letter will contain useful updates and interesting articles so please try to take time to read it. Should your child not return with a letter, may I remind you that it can also be found on the school website (under Headteacher's Newsletter) and is often tweeted too!

Coming up...

Date	Event
Wednesday 13 th September	Key Stage 1 parent meetings
Thursday 13 th September	Key Stage 2 parent meetings
Tuesday 19 th September	Early Years letters and sounds meeting
Thursday 21 st September	Key Stage 1 maths meetings
Thursday 28 th September	Key Stage 2 maths meeting

A full list of dates for the term as they currently stand, will be sent out next week.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes,

Chris
Chris Hansen



Hard at work in Year 2

(Sorry the letter has come home in black and white this afternoon- the colour copier still thinks it is on holiday!)



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Updated regularly, the school and class Twitter feeds include useful reminders and updates about what your child is doing, as well as lots of pictures of the children working, classroom displays and work they have produced. The school account now has over 300 people following. **Why not try downloading the Twitter app**, setting up a simple account (you can just use it to watch what we are doing and even to get notifications of when new information is 'tweeted', straight to your phone) and then watching what your children are up to? Teachers really appreciate your 'likes' and interactions too, and there's even the occasional house point on offer!

Safeguarding update

The safety and wellbeing of the children in our care is of utmost importance. All members of staff receive regular safeguarding training and are fully aware of the school procedures for making sure that all of the children stay safe. **Mr Byron Williams (Head of School) is the Designated Safeguarding Lead**, whilst both Mrs Sarah Green (Assistant Head) and I are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Uniform

Your children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniform this week. We are proud of our uniform and remind you that extreme hairstyles, including very short shaved 'grade 1', or dyed hair are not permitted as part of our uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parent Information Meetings

A strong relationship between school and home is so important for your child's education. Next week we have our **information sessions for parents** which you are all invited to attend. During these meetings, teachers will explain routines, expectations and what they will be teaching, as well as answering any questions you may have. Year 1 and 2 meetings take place on Wednesday 13th September at 6pm; Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 meetings take place on Thursday 14th September at 6pm. Please join us! The



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