



# Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,  
Just a few items this week...

## Homework review

We need your opinions! This term we are reviewing our Homework Policy and we would like your views and opinions to help us shape our policy. We are trialling the use of an online survey, which you can access from your phone, tablet or a computer by visiting this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SR37J59>

Please try to spare ten minutes to complete this brief online questionnaire. The questionnaire contains only 10 multiple choice questions, as well as comment boxes where appropriate should you wish to elaborate on your answers. (the survey will ask you if you want to 'sign up' at the end- there is no need to do this!) The survey will close on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## Term-time holidays



We have a responsibility to ensure that children are in school during term time and as such, the statutory guidance we receive from the Department for Education is that schools should not authorise holidays during term time, except in 'exceptional circumstances'. Family holidays during term time do not count as exceptional circumstances. For this reason, holidays requested during term time are unlikely to be authorised by the school. This does not stop you taking your child out, but for extended term-time leave and/or poor attendance it may lead to referral to the Educational Welfare Officer; the Local Authority may also issue a penalty notice of £60 per parent per child. However, if you plan on taking leave during term time, please fill out a term time holiday request form, which is available from the school office (we can always send one home if you contact the school office). Term-time leave should be requested with a minimum of two weeks' notice.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Chris Hansen

## An invitation from Friends of Somers Park

The next FOSP meeting will be our AGM and October committee meeting, which takes place on Thursday 5th October at 6.30pm in the staff room.

All are welcome to attend. Parents of children here are automatically members of Friends Of Somers Park and are welcome to participate in meetings and fundraising activities.

This year, most of the posts on the committee are up for re-election and a number of long-serving committee members are standing down due to changes in family circumstances. As a result, FOSP will be looking for a new Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary, as well as the treasurer position becoming vacant. If you are interested in standing for election for any of these posts and want to find out any more about what they entail, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us in the playground. If you are yet to work out who we all are, we can be contacted at [friendsofsomerspark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsomerspark@gmail.com) for more info or to arrange to meet you on the playground one morning or afternoon.

We will of course help you in any transition period and are not disappearing completely.

FOSP is responsible for organising the cake sales, uniform sales, discos, summer fayre, the Christmas cards and gifts from Father Christmas. Funds raised over the last few years have renovated all the play grounds, provided the bike and scooter racks and blinds in both the halls. Without your involvement, these events and projects cannot go ahead and so we ask that if you have even a small amount of time to spare, you come along and get involved.

I look forward to seeing you on the 5th October.

Claire Evans (Chair)

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017



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