



## Somers Park School

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Newsletter: Autumn 4  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear parents and carers,

Last week we informed you about a questionnaire we put on Survey Monkey to find out about your opinions about homework. We are very grateful for your incredibly thoughtful and informative comments which we will now be using to guide our policy writing over the next couple of weeks. The survey closes at 5pm this evening and we look forward to completing a full analysis of your responses. There will be changes to our current approach to homework and we look forward to informing you of these soon.

We are not surprised at the scale of the response to this survey, it is obviously an issue which parents have an interest in. At the time of writing we have received 139 responses, far exceeding any other paper survey we have undertaken. We may use Survey Monkey for our future consultation with you and any comments about your experiences would be appreciated. There is also a vote on our Twitter feed.



*Enjoying learning in Year 6*

### Reception places at Somers Park Primary School and Malvern Vale Primary School

Those of you who have been past the site of the new school at Malvern Vale will see that the shell is nearly complete and many windows are going in. Inside, the mechanical and electrical work is well underway and much of the interior is now boarded, giving a really clear

impression of how the school will feel when it is completed. It really is going to be a state of the art environment and it will have an equally modern feel inside.

At a meeting I had yesterday, we have been informed that it is anticipated that the building will be completely finished inside and out by *March 2018*. This will be perfect timing to enable us to prepare it fully for its first pupils in September 2018. We are currently making exciting decisions about playground markings and outdoor equipment!

In order for parents to make an informed decision before the final application date of January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, we have made arrangements to have **open site visits** in November (dates to be confirmed) for prospective parents to walk around and get a feel for the space and layout of the school, as well as to meet me and the teachers who will be working in the school to ask any questions they may have.

It is important to note that **applications for Somers Park and Malvern Vale need to be done as separate schools**. There will be no 'automatic' place at Malvern Vale should Somers Park be oversubscribed. To clarify, if you would like either Somers Park or Malvern Vale, you must put them down as first and second choice on your application.



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## Community Links

In our newsletter we will always try to share information about events for children and families in the local area. We recognise the benefits that children get from family time and enriching experiences outside of school. Please note that although we will provide you with this information, Somers Park Primary School cannot endorse any individual event or their child protection or safeguarding arrangements.

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**COLWALL and MALVERN HOCKEY CLUB** runs junior training sessions for:

**GIRLS AND BOYS** school years 2-5  
WED 6pm-7pm

**GIRLS** School years 6-9  
TUES 6:30-7:30pm

**BOYS** School years 6-10  
WED 7:15-8:15pm

All sessions are held at Malvern College astro pitch (off Court Road). All JUNIOR SESSIONS £56 for the term (2 weeks trial for newcomers). Places limited!! Gum shields and shin pads required, sticks can be borrowed.

For more information visit:

[www.colwallandmalvernhc.webs.com](http://www.colwallandmalvernhc.webs.com)

## AUTUMN FUN

October Half Term at Hartlebury Castle

Tuesday 24th –Friday 27th

Open daily 10.00 – 5.00

Activities run from 10.30 – 4.00



Follow the Hallowe'en Trail

Carve a pumpkin to take home!

Create Hallowe'en and Autumn themed crafts!

Normal admission applies (£13 per family), plus £2 per child for the day's activities. Additional charge for pumpkin carving.

Hartlebury Castle, Kidderminster, DY11 7XZ.

Tel: 01299 250416. [www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk](http://www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk)



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Proud of our Year 6!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Best wishes,

*Chris*  
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