



# Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,

This afternoon I am joining Mr Wilson along with colleagues from other Malvern schools, on a visit to Chumbegeni School in Tanzania. Whilst we visit we will be working in the school, visiting classes, teaching lessons, developing the garden area and just as importantly, keeping in touch with the children at Somers Park to share our experiences. As well as using Skype to communicate live (dependent on quality of internet access) we will also be keeping a regular blog which can be found at:

<http://somerspark.com/Curriculum/International-Links>



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During our visit we will be delivering a large amount of sports kit donated by Worcester Warriors Rugby Club, including shirts and rugby balls- I am really looking forward to doing some rugby coaching with the children!

## Staffing update

We have a few changes coming up with staffing next term.

## Baby news!

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Edkins is pregnant and expecting her first child in February 2018- such lovely news.

This does of course mean that she will be on maternity leave and therefore we have restructured our staffing to meet the needs of the school.

Mrs Everett, who currently teaches in Year 5, is an experienced Year 6 teacher and she will be moving classes after Christmas to take on Miss Edkins' class.

Although it will be a change for the children in 5ME, they will be taught by Miss Verney. Miss Verney is a qualified teacher, who taught in France before moving to Malvern earlier this year. She has been working in school since April 2017 as a cover supply teaching assistant and knows the children in the class well.

## A fond farewell

We can also inform you that Mr Wilson (4NW) will be leaving Somers Park at Christmas to pursue his interest in teaching abroad. Mr Wilson has been at Somers Park since September 2015. We are sad to

see him leave and are currently undergoing a recruitment process to find his replacement.

## Malvern Vale

You will be aware that from September 2018, Malvern Vale Primary School will be opening as a satellite expansion of Somers Park. Our Reception class is extremely successful and we are keen that this is maintained not only here, but also at Malvern Vale. I can confirm that Mrs Price (Currently teacher of Class RJP) will be the class teacher for the very first class at Malvern Vale Primary School. She will continue to work closely with Mrs Simpson as part of the Early Years team (albeit on a different site) and will be a full part of the planning for Malvern Vale's opening in September.



Year 4 residential

## West Malvern

*'Year 4 had a fabulous trip learning about the Iron Age and stepping out of their comfort zone on their two-night residential visit to Outdoor Elements Centre, West Malvern. It was a fantastic experience and the children were excellent ambassadors for Somers Park School. Everyone had a go at the activities, listening to instructions with care and learning new skills. The children encouraged each other, demonstrating brilliant team work.'* - Mrs Marsh

Here's what the children had to say...

*"I loved going on the King Swing, it felt like I was flying."* Josie

*"I overcame my fears and got to the top of the climbing wall."* Kyle

*"I enjoyed learning about the Iron Age at British Camp."* Caitlin

*"The zip wire was amazing. I still can't*



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*believe I did it!" Grace*

*"I persevered when I was making my clay pot." Anna*

*"I enjoyed the challenge of climbing the climbing wall in the tricky zone." Jackson*

### Year 1's Talk about Malvern:

Mr Head from Malvern Tourist Information came to talk to Year 1 about Malvern. **Malvern** is Year 1's topic this term.



*"I learnt that a long time ago the Malvern Hills were surrounded by water." Finley*

*"I learnt that Morgan cars are made by hand." Maeve*

*"The Malvern Hills have springs and wells for water." Megan*

*"I learnt the Romans made a path around British Camp." Chloe*

*"I learnt that ill people came to Malvern to use the water to be made better." Harley*

*"I learnt that we can still find shells on the Malverns." Toby*



*All ready to go on the Y4 residential*

### Admissions arrangements 2019/20

We are required to consult on admissions arrangements for the academic year 2019-20 prior to publication. There are no changes to the current Admissions Policy, however should you wish to view the document and make comments, the information can be found in the School Policies section of the school website.

Best wishes,

*Chris*

## Friends of Somers Park Update

Following the AGM which reported another highly successful year for FOSP, a massive thank you must go to Claire Evans (outgoing Chair) and her team who have put lots of hard work and fun into all the events. Without your energy and commitment we would not have had as much success!

FOSP's next big project is to support the school in renovating the libraries so the money raised will go to ensuring the children have a welcoming area for reading.

To kick off the library project we are running a sponsored reading challenge. Details are in the book bags and we hope that you and your children will have lots of fun doing this.

Dates for you diary:

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3:15pm - uniform sale.
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3:15 - cake sale.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - school disco.
- December - Chocolate Raffle
- Christmas Cards

Please volunteer to help out at these events.

We also receive donations from companies by you doing your everyday shopping through [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - it doesn't cost you anything!

If you have any FOSP issues or ideas for FOSP then please contact me via the FOSP Facebook site or e-mail: [friendsofsomerspark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsomerspark@gmail.com)

New Committee appointments are:

Vikki Atkinson - Chair  
Alastair Cameron - Vice Chair  
Rebecca Byrne - Treasurer  
Karen Smyth – Secretary

Next committee meeting is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please come along.

Vikki Atkinson - Chair

