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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As you are aware the weekly news comes out every Friday and includes regular reports and updates about happenings in school. We use letters as a form of communication as parents have told us that is what they want, however teachers have informed me that they are finding letters in book bags that have not been seen by parents, this is a significant barrier to our communication with you (however, I do recognise that if you are reading this it does not necessarily apply to you!). Please check your children's bags regularly.

Regular Reading

We cannot emphasise enough how important regular reading at home is to your child's success in school. A few week's ago, all staff had an excellent day of training in the development of reading, we viewed the slide below, which strongly supports the reason we encourage reading at home. Reading is really enjoyable too! Please remember to record reading in your children's personal planners so that teachers can monitor this as well.



A busy Egyptian Museum

Egyptian Museum

Last week we had over 70 parents join our Year 3 children at our Egyptian Museum. It was a hugely successful event, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children:

"It was really fun because we knew lots of the parents and could tell them about our projects. They were nice comments, no bad ones" Lauren 3R

"I had a brilliant time because everyone said fantastic things about our projects" Eden 3D

"I think the parents learned some more things about Ancient Egypt from our projects" Rafe 3R

"I had a brilliant time showing the parents my Tutankhamen artwork" Szymon 3R

"My job was to meet and greet the parents and I liked taking them to the exhibition" Tyler 3R

"I made a clay head called Tutu-beau, a factfile and made 3 pyramids. Everyone thought they were great" Beau 3D



One of the Egyptian Museum exhibits

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Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year
1,800,000 words	282,000 words	8,000 words
90th percentile	50th percentile	10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



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Dogs on site

May I remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school site, this includes the playgrounds and next to the school office.

Staffing update

As mentioned a few weeks ago, Mr Wilson leaves us at the end of term. I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Laura Shepherd as his replacement. Laura is an experienced teacher who will begin teaching Mr Wilson's Year 4 class in January; she will also be in school for the last two weeks of this term to meet the children and familiarise herself with the school.

Nursery hours

Please let nursery know if you plan on changing your Nursery hours from January as we are planning our staffing for next term. nursery@somerspark.worcs.sch.uk

Young Shakespeare: Macbeth

'On Friday the 17th of November, the Young Shakespeare Company came to Somers Park School to perform Macbeth.

These incredible five actors performed many characters from the story of Macbeth and made sure they included all of Year 6, so we all got the chance to participate in the art of performing.

Here are the quotes from the fantastic, incredible performance:

"Extremely intriguing!" Josh L

"The performance was amazing! Can they come every Friday?" Hazel

"It was sooo good!" Robert

"It was action packed with amazing actors." George D

"It was amazing and we loved that they involved everyone." Tilly and Sophia

"I thought it was brilliant and very well done." Reuben

"It was very good, I liked the interaction with the audience." Alice

"I thought the play was really good and interacting and the witches were extremely scary." Charlie C

"Stunning – a must see." Milo

"I like the fact that they included all of the children-it made it a lot more fun and interesting." George S

"It was an amazing experience! I love how we all got involved and the characters were absolutely amazing." Georgia

"It was outstanding performance and I loved how the stunning actors got us involved." Polly

"I know that everyone loved this performance as the entire audience was involved in the play." Owen

As you can see the whole of Year 6 loved the experience!

Report by Tilly, Robert and Hazel from 6GM.

Twitter-tastic!

Our school Twitter feed continues to be very successful. We have over 80 new followers this term, which is a testament to the hard work the teachers put into sharing your children's learning through this platform. One recent example has been where Year 5 have been writing to authors, with the medium of Twitter facilitating instant interactions! Over the last week we have had Twitter responses from Liz Pichon, Sarah Driver and David Baddiel. We also love it when you tweet us with how your children are interacting with their learning at home too- thank you for your support.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Chris
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Coming up	
Mon 27 th Nov	Yr 1 Zoolab visitors
Friday 1 st Dec	10am/2pm Early Years Nativity
Friday 1 st Dec	Last day of clubs
Tues 5 th Dec	Early Years craft day with parents
Wed 6 th Dec	2pm/6pm Y3/4 Carol Service
Thurs 7 th Dec	Reception Smart Trees visit
Fri 8 th Dec	Xmas jumper day



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