



# Somers Park School

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**Newsletter: Spring 10**  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear parents and carers,

With just two weeks of term left, we've got a lot to fit in! Additional activities are outlined in the diary below and you will also notice that we break up for the end of term on a Thursday; this is because it is Good Friday at the end of that week.

## Mobile phones

In line with our safeguarding procedures, please remember that mobile phones should not be used on school grounds either before or after school. As well as phone calls and messaging, this also includes browsing the internet or using social media.

We thank you for your ongoing support with this matter.

## Year 2 hear...

### A Rumble in the Jungle!



*'On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March the Year 2 children went to see 'The Jungle Book' at Malvern Theatre. We travelled there on a double decker bus, which was very exciting!*

*The performance was telling the story of Mowgli through dancing, singing and acting - the children couldn't take their eyes off the action on the stage, and were very keen to share their favourite characters:*

*"I loved Shere Khan because he was so mean, and the costume made him look just like a tiger"- Alfie B*

*Jacob S and Mrs Green really liked Baloo the bear because 'He was really funny, and he cared for Mowgli - he wanted him to stay safe but wasn't too strict.'*

*The performance was very unusual for many of the children because there*

*were puppets used to tell parts of the story; the snake had a huge tail, which took three men to move!*

*Mrs Green was very proud of all our children who listened really carefully and were a credit to our school throughout the performance.'*

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Chris Hansen

### Coming up ....

| Date                                   | Event   |
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| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March         | Year 5 visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival       |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March       | Year 3 visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival       |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March        | Year 6 Dance Festival                         |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March          | Year 1 mini-cricket coaching                  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March         | Year 3/4 hockey fixture v Great Malvern       |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March       | 2:45pm- Ensemble concert for parents          |
| <b>Thursday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> March | Last day of term. Break up for Easter         |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April          | Term begins today. Children return to school. |



### Tweet of the Week



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# E-safety information



## Age ratings and computer games

We are aware of some children in our school playing computer games which have an age rating of 12+, 16+ or 18+. Whilst we cannot control, or indeed decide, what games your children play at home, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the following information:

*'It is important to note that in the UK, PEGI 12, 16 and 18 ratings are legally enforceable, meaning that they cannot be supplied to persons below those respective age bars...'*

*Essentially, the PEGI rating on a game confirms that it contains content suitable for a certain age group and above. So a 7-rated game is suitable for everyone who is seven or older, while an 18-rated game is deemed suitable for adults only. It is not, however, a measure of who will enjoy the game or how difficult that game is. When buying a game for anyone under the age of 18, always look at the age rating to check it is suitable for the intended end-user. Adult games contain adult-only content, so you should treat them just like any other 18-rated medium.'*  
<http://www.askaboutgames.com/pegi-rating/>

Please also note this information from the BBC:

*'Games are rated 16-years and over if the depiction of violence or other adult activity looks the same as it would do in normal life. Drug and tobacco references also trigger the age limit.*

*Games are rated 18-years and over if there is a "gross" level of violence likely to make the viewer feel a sense of revulsion.'* <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-19042908>

## Age rating and social media

*'The majority of parents across the country don't know whether their children are old enough to be using social networks.*

*Shockingly, 1 in 5 parents think that there are no age requirements at all for social media.*

*Some sites can be a dangerous place for younger children, potentially exposing them to bullying, inappropriate content or grooming. But they can also provide important support networks for younger people.'* <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/social-media-age-limit/>

If you are aware that your child uses social media to communicate with friends, it may be worth looking at the age ratings below. NSPCC advice for families, on [Online Safety](#) and from the [Net Aware](#) service will help you learn how to keep children safe online.

