



# Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,

## Baby news!

This afternoon we say goodbye to Miss Edkins and Mrs Everett who both begin their maternity leave. We look forward to hearing about their news and will keep you informed!

## Parental engagement

We really appreciate parents' engagement with school activities. Our open afternoons, performances and sports days are well attended; we get good responses to our surveys to help us improve our school and have a good turnout at parents' evenings. Miss Edkins and Mrs Simpson (who will be taking on the SENCO role from Miss Edkins) have been really pleased with the high number of parents who have been able to come in to meet over the last couple of weeks.

Our next parents' evenings take place at the beginning of March. We will once again be using the online booking system and information about this will be sent out before the half term break.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Chris Hansen



Year 5 science- 'rolling' in fun!

Community Links  
Rotary Club of Malvern  
Pancake Race

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018

- Toddlers 11:45-12:30
- Elite and Veterans 12:30-2:00

Entry forms available from: Malvern Tourist Information Centre/ Waitrose/ Morgan Motor Co. or call 01684 575879

Raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Research, End Polio Now and other local causes.



## Why read?

*Reading forms an important part of our Home Learning Policy. Here are ten top reasons why reading is a brilliant thing to do!*

1. **Children who read often and widely get better at it.** After all, practise makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

2. **Reading exercises your brain.** Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.

3. **Reading improves concentration.** Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. **Reading teaches children about the world around them.** Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. **Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.** Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. **Reading develops a child's imagination.** As we read, our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. **Reading helps children to develop empathy.** As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. **Reading is fun.** A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. **Reading is a great way to spend time together.** Reading together on the sofa, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

10. **Children who read achieve better in school.** Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

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