



Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,

We've had a busy few weeks with World Book Day and the excitement of the snow. May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff, to thank you for the support you gave your children in the completion of the Half Term Children's Challenge tasks. The children's responses are varied and interesting and they have been really enthusiastic when talking about how they tackled the project.

This Special Edition Newsletter includes some pictures of the children completing some of the many reading activities during Book Week, as well as some of the responses to the *World of Books* task for you to enjoy.

Payment for educational visits

I was disappointed to hear that this week, the proposed visit to Bishopswood for our Reception pupils had to be cancelled due to insufficient voluntary contributions made by parents. It is important to note that class trips can only go ahead if the cost is covered by sufficient voluntary contributions.

We hope that you will support our school with future trips so your child can enjoy the wide variety of experiences offered to enrich their learning. The following paragraph, which will appear on all visit letters, outlines the terms upon which a voluntary contribution is made.

***VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION:**

Under the 1996 Education Act, the school requests a voluntary contribution if you wish your child to take part in this visit. The contribution is voluntary, but the visit will only take place if there are enough voluntary contributions to make the trip possible. Otherwise, the trip will be cancelled and a full refund will be made. Please indicate your agreement to pay the voluntary contribution on the reply slip.

Sporting success

Well done to Natalie Seyler and Evan Blakely who, after success at a previous competition, were selected to represent West Worcestershire in the Worcestershire School Games earlier this week. Both performed brilliantly and Natalie, who finished third in her race, has now been selected to represent Worcestershire in the National competition.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Chris
Chris Hansen



Coming up

Date	Event
Wednesday 14 th March	Pm- Year 2 theatre visit
Wednesday 14 th March	Pm- Year 3/4 mini tennis tournament for selected children
Friday 16 th March	4pm- Y5/6 football and netball @ Dyson Perris
Friday 16 th March	FOSP uniform sale
Tuesday 20 th March	Year 5 visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival
Wednesday 21 st March	Year 3 visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 6 Dance Festival
Monday 26 th March	Year 1 mini-cricket coaching
Tuesday 27 th March	Year 3/4 hockey fixture v Great Malvern
Wednesday 28 th March	2:45pm- Ensemble concert for parents
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term- Break up for Easter
Monday 16 th April	Term begins today- children return to school.

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Message from Mercian Educational Trust

Dear parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term and had the opportunity to spend time together.

As a new term begins I thought it would be an apt time to write to you to introduce myself and share with you my thoughts and findings about MET after my first few weeks.

I took over as Chief Executive Officer from Mr Sewell who retired in the New Year. Stuart gave many years of service to the children of Malvern, building a very successful school at Somers Park and creating the Mercian Educational Trust partnership between Great Malvern and Somers Park. Stuart was also an instrumental person in the wider area. For example, building strong links between Malvern Schools through the development of the 'PIMS' group, one of the biggest school partnerships I have seen in my career.

I have worked within education for over 20 years, mainly within the Local Authority of South Gloucestershire. I spent 10 years as a Headteacher, in a wonderful school on the Gloucestershire / South Gloucestershire border. When the school achieved Outstanding status I was given the opportunity to spend two years as an Executive Headteacher, working between two schools and helping to set up a new primary school within a development of 2500 houses.

As someone who has never 'left' school, I challenge myself to learn something new every day. Very often I learn something fascinating from a child. For example, on my last visit to Great Malvern the children enlightened me about the problems faced by the homeless in Worcester.

Since coming to MET I have been on an amazing voyage of discovery. Learning how both schools work together; the strong links they have and how they share good practice.

The children have great learning behaviours – I have seen children beaming from ear to ear about their learning and bursting with pride with their achievements. I am sure you see this through the schools use of Twitter (the best use I have ever seen) and the weekly newsletters.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks and I look forward to building upon MET's achievements in the future.

Best wishes

Dafydd Lawday (CEO, Mercian Academy Trust)

TheHive

Science Night 2018

Thursday 15th March



FREE Talks for all the family; See www.thehiveworcester.org/events for details of our science night exhibitions and to book tickets

4.30pm Bees Michael Colker of Worcester Bee Keepers
A talk for families on the fascinating life of bees. **Meeting Room 2.**



5.00pm An A-Z of our blue planet. Dr John Parrham (UoW)
Is our world entering a new age? Dr Parrham brings the geologists debate to life for children and families. **Meeting Room 3.**



5.30pm Remote Sensing. Dr Fleur Visseur (UoW)
For Geographers, Remote sensing using satellites can tell us all about distant environments. **Meeting Room 2.**



5.30pm Voyages in Deep Time. Julie Harad (EHT)
The Earth Heritage Trust will be talking about their new mobile app which anyone can use to investigate geology. **Meeting Room 3.**

6.00pm Climate Change. Dr Peter Harroff (UoB)
From the Ice Age to the future of our climate, an interesting talk for the whole family. **Meeting Room 2.**



6.30pm Catastrophes in Earth History Dr Ian Fairchild (EHT)
Come and find out about the captivating evidence for catastrophes in the history of our planet in this family talk. **Meeting Room 3.**



7.00pm Human Evolution Dr Luiseach Nic Eoin
A talk on Human evolution and Paleo diets by Dr Luiseach Nic Eoin an editor for ecology & evolution at Nature. **Meeting Room 2.**

7.30pm Volcanoes Dr Sebastian Watt (UoB)
This interactive talk will explore why volcanoes occur on Earth, where we find them, and how they erupt while examining a range of rock samples and microscope slides. **Meeting Room 1.**

Science Night @ The Hive

The Hive (Worcester) is holding a 'Science Night'. Reports we've had are that these are excellent events!

When: Thursday 15th March 2018

Where: The Hive, Worcester

Easter multi-sport camp

Monday 9th - Tuesday 10th April 2018

9:30am-3:30pm

£20 for one day of £35 for two days

Where: Abbey College, Malvern Wells

Providing young people aged 4-12 with an opportunity to have fun, develop their sporting skills and play with friends.

Organised by Ben Robertshaw (MSc. Sports Coaching, BSc. Sports Coaching Science and FA Level 3 Football coach)

All sessions are overseen by qualified coaches who hold a DBS and are first aid trained.

For more information and a booking form, please contact Ben Robertshaw:

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Please note, that although Somers Park School may share activities which may interest you, we cannot endorse any other organisation or its safeguarding procedures.