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Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of another school year. This week we have had a number of successful activities, including the Year 6 enterprise project which raised £412 and last night the stunning Year 6 Leavers' Gala, which was an emotional one!

It's always sad to say goodbye to Year 6; this group of children have been a huge asset to Somers Park and they will be greatly missed. Good luck at your secondary schools Year 6!



*Action shots from the Year 6 Leavers' Gala*

### Fond farewells

As mentioned previously it is nearly the last day at Somers Park for Mr Bradford, Miss Courage and Miss Cowell. We wish them all the very best on their chosen paths.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Green, Mrs Price and Mrs Birch, who move to different schools within Mercian Educational Trust.

Finally we wish a very happy retirement to Mrs Eve Knight.



*Magnificent Maths in Year 1*

### Staffing update

I am pleased to inform you that following an internal appointment process, the following additions have been made to our Senior Leadership Team. From September 2018:

- Mrs Everett will be Assistant Headteacher and Upper KS2 Phase Leader
- Mr Dowling has been appointed as substantive Lower KS2 Phase Leader
- Mrs Marsh has been appointed as KS1 Phase Leader.

### Sickness bug

We've had an unfortunate end of term bout of sickness in the school- not nice for the children just before the holidays. Please remind your children about washing hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of germs.

I am aware that some parents have commented about the water fountains and school drinking water on Facebook. Please accept my reassurance that all water tests are up to date and we have had a recent water audit. However, as children drink directly from the water fountains, this could provide an opportunity for germs to spread so as there are bugs about, we have made the decision to turn them off for the last few days. Please ensure your child comes to school with plenty of drinking water for our last few days next week.

### Hills Walk

On Monday we are looking forward to taking our children on our annual Hills Walk. A reminder that children should wear appropriate clothing, footwear and a hat; they must also bring plenty of water and ensure that sun cream is applied before they come to school.

### English teaching

Next year, we are adjusting the way that we teach English, with reading and writing being taught in classes as opposed to in ability groups. This will mean that children will spend more time with their class teacher, allowing much greater flexibility in the timetable to meet the children's needs.

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## Friends of Somers Park (FOSP)

### FOSP Summer Fayre

*FOSP held our annual Summer Fayre on Saturday and were blessed with great weather. Thank you to the 50 volunteers who helped on the day - you were brilliant and to everyone who came - we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We were really impressed with the decorated jam jars as were the children. We raised over £2600 to go towards the library renovations!*

### Congratulations to the competition winners:

	<b>Jam Jar</b>	<b>Bunting</b>
Nursery	Ella Brimmell	Isla Hall
Pre-school	Dexter Kay-Darke	Jessica Zicking
Reception	Heidi Mae Willems	Eliza Main
Yr 1	Lydia Drinkwater	Faith Davies
Yr 2	Austin Godwin	Greyson May
Yr 3	Josie Smyth	Szymon Adamowski
Yr 4	Grace Cuckney	Winter Rose-Jones
Yr 5	Thomas Hobson	Cindy McNally
Yr 6	Sophie Brown	Isobel Cale

*Year 6 and Reception tea towels have arrived and are being distributed. There are some spare: please e-mail:*

[friendsofsomerspark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsomerspark@gmail.com) if you would like one.

*Thank you all for your support during this year - we have raised nearly 2/3rds of the total needed for the library renovations and are planning another busy year for 18/19.*

*Date for your Diary: 'Old Skool' Adults Disco (80s/90s) on Saturday 22 Sept at the New Inn.*

*Have a lovely summer and see you all again in September.*

*From the FOSP Committee*

### Attendance

Excellent attendance makes a significant difference to the progress a child makes in school. When a child is not in school, they

are missing out on learning and experiences which are impossible to catch up. We have high expectations of this and as such do not authorise family holiday during term time.

I have been approached by a couple of parents who have asked about attendance awards for children who have achieved 100% attendance this year. Whilst we place a high emphasis on attendance and are delighted with excellent attendance, we also realise that sometimes children are not well enough to come to school, sometimes just for a day or two, or sometimes slightly longer because of chicken pox or the like. It is for this reason that we do not give out awards for attendance.



*Year 5 Fame violinists took part in the Severn Arts concert*

### Year 1 visit to Ask

A couple of weeks ago, Year 1 visited Ask restaurant in Great Malvern. They enjoyed making their own pizza!

*"It was fun to make pizza at Ask and it was delicious!" Chloe*

*"I made a pizza with pepperoni and cheese. It was scrumptious!" Dexter*

*"I put all the toppings on my pizza except mushrooms. It was yummy," Jayden*

*"My favourite bit was making the pizza and eating the yummy pudding!" Lailah*



*Year 1 Detective Dog play*

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## Detective Dog play:

Last week I had the pleasure of watching Year 1 performing The Detective Dog by Julia Donaldson to parents and grandparents. I was particularly impressed with the confidence they demonstrated and the clarity and volume of their speaking.

*"I learnt my lines really well and liked saying them in a loud voice," Hugo*

*"I enjoyed performing the play in front of the adults. They clapped really loud!" Aleena*

*"I liked the play because it was really funny and I got to do an extra bit!" Aimee*

*"The costumes were great!" Finley*

*"I had to remember to hold a prop!" Charlie*

*"It was funny when the story says there was a poo on the new gravel path!" Mollie*

**The last day of term is next Tuesday.** We wish you a super summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all on the first day of school, **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Have a fantastic summer.

Best wishes,

Chris Hansen

### Community Links

Naomi Johnson presents  
**Family Fun Day**  
SUNDAY, 19th AUGUST  
12pm till late  
Malvern Town Football Club

BBQ - MUSIC - FACE PAINTING - SWEET CART - BOUNCY CASTLES  
FOOTBALL MATCH - JAMAICAN FOOD - LIVE MUSIC - RAFFLE

FREE ENTRY (UNDER 16'S) - 16+ £5 DONATION

Malvern Town Football Club, Langland Avenue, WR14 2EQ.  
Call for more info: 07740581959

St. Richard's Hospice  
Wah Cwaan  
England Rugby

### Community Links

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

## Malvern Junior Hockey Academy

Providing boys and girls aged 5-11 with an opportunity to get active, develop their hockey skills and enjoy the game.

Training sessions begin on Sunday afternoons from September 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 at MSJ Sports & Fitness Centre, 33 Barnards Green Road, WR14 3LH.

**£20.00 Annual Registration Fee**

**£5.50 per player per session**

**Shin pads and a gum shield are essential, sticks can be borrowed.**

### Session Timetable

Group	Age	Time
Colts	5-8	1.30-2.30pm
Juniors	8-11	1.30-2.30pm

For more information contact Ben Robertshaw (MSc. Sports Coaching & BSc. Sports Coaching Science)  
T: 07879 779569

E: [ben.robertshaw@live.co.uk](mailto:ben.robertshaw@live.co.uk)



## Tag Rugby@ Malvern



Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3

Non-contact Tag Rugby for boys & girls

**3 Free Taster Sessions**  
**It's all about Fun & Play!**



Every Sunday starting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

Time: 10.00-11.30

Ring: Iain Brown – 07990516433

Email@ [youthchairman@malvernrfc.co.uk](mailto:youthchairman@malvernrfc.co.uk)

**OR just turn up!**

**VENUE: MALVERN RFC, SPRING LANE, MALVERN,**



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### Somers Park Sports 2017-2018

Somers Park School - Champions

**Year 3 MET Hockey Festival Winners**  
**Year 4 MET Hockey Festival Winners**

**Worcestershire School Games Hockey**  
Bronze Medalists  
Overall 3rd in the County

**Year 3 Dyson Perrins Gymnastics Festival**  
The whole of Year 3 attended a gymnastics workshop at Dyson Perrins, focusing on developing agility, balance and coordination.

**Netball vs The Wyche**  
SP Year 4 Blues vs Year 5 A - Won 9-1  
SP Year 5 Golds vs Year 6 B - Lost 4-2  
SP Year 6 Reds vs Year 6 A - Lost 19-6

**Year 5/6 MET Football Shield Winners**

**Year 5/6 MET Netball Shield Winners**

**Year 5/6 Worcestershire West Swimming Gala** Winners (Out of 11 Schools)

**Malvern Hills Tag Rugby Festival Shield** Winners 2018

**West Worcestershire Cricket Festivals**  
Year 6 Open - 2nd  
Year 4 Open - 2nd  
Year 6 Girls - Winners

**KS1 Cricket Festival**  
15 pupils from KS1 participated in the Worcestershire County Cricket Club festival at Malvern CC to develop their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

**Year 2/3/4 Girls Cricket vs The Downs**  
18 pupils from Year 2/3/4 travelled to the Downs School to compete in two 8-over cricket matches and were narrowly defeated.

**Year 5/6 Tanga Football Cup Winners**

The whole of Year 3/4 competed in an **Inter-Castle Sports** competition with all pupils competing in hockey, cricket, football and netball matches.

**Worcestershire Summer School Games Swimming Gala**  
Somers Park - Overall 5th in the County

**Worcestershire Cricket Girls Country** Champions 2018  
Somers Park - Overall 1st in the County

The whole of Year 5/6 competed in an **Inter-Castle Sports Competition** with all pupils competing in hockey, cricket, football and netball matches.

Mr Robertshaw

We are proud of sports at Somers Park and the way that the children represent the school, both in terms of their excellent sporting behaviour and great performances. The provision across the curriculum and beyond has led to our achievement of the Gold School Games Mark Award earlier this year.

Please find below, a summary of many of the school's achievements this year.

**Worcestershire West Cross-Country Festival**  
32 Somers Park pupils competed in this event with over 200 children across West Worcestershire involved. Natalie Seyler and Evan Blakeley qualified for the Nationals as they finished in the top 6 runners in their field.

**Year 3/4 West Worcestershire Quicksticks Hockey Festival**  
Somers Park Blues - Finalists  
Somers Park Golds - Semi-Finalists

**Dyson Perrins Netball League**  
Somers Park Blues - Winners & Undefeated Champions (7 Schools Competing)  
Somers Park Golds - 3rd and only competed in 2 of the 3 rounds

**Dyson Perrins Football League**  
Somers Park Blues - 3rd

**Girls Hockey vs Malvern St James**  
Somers Park Year 2 - Won 15-0  
Somers Park Year 3 - Lost 2-1



**Year 4 Hockey vs The Elms School, Colwall**  
Somers Park Blues - Won 4-3

Natalie Seyler and Evan Blakely displayed great competitiveness and determination at the **National Schools Cross Country Finals** in Leicestershire.

**Level 2 Worcestershire West Netball Play-offs**

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