



Somers Park School

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Dear parents and carers,

January, are now permanent members of staff!

We've arrived at the end of another half term and moving into the final seven weeks of the academic year, but we've still got lots of enriching and exciting opportunities coming up. In the next newsletter we'll send out an up-to-date list of dates to enable you to plan ahead should there be anything you would like to come into school for.



Children's Challenge Homework

As outlined in our Homework Policy, your child's homework for this week and over half term should they wish, is the Whole School Children's Challenge- a task which they can choose to tackle in whichever way they like, and which always draws thoughtful and imaginative responses. The title this term is:

'It's all about science.'

Your child's homework can be brought in during our Science Week between Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th June. Then at 2:15pm on Thursday 7th, parents are invited in to school to come and find out a bit more about the week's events and to view some of the children's homework tasks.

Year 5 taster day at The Chase

We have been informed that The Chase High School taster day for Somers Park Year 5 children is on Friday 6th July. The day starts at 9am, with collection at 3pm and parents are responsible for getting their children to and from The Chase.

The Chase have also requested us to direct you to the online booking system which is available as a link on their home page <http://www.chase.worcs.sch.uk> so that you can enrol your child. Please note that the day allocated for Somers Park children is Friday 6th July.

Year 5 taster day at Dyson Perrins

Dyson Perrins Year 5 taster day is on Wednesday 11th July, 9am-3pm.

Holiday forms

Parents are strongly discouraged from taking their children out from school for unauthorised holiday during term times- not

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Staffing news

At this time of the year there is often staff movement, with people looking to move onto new challenges or making the decision to retire. This year is no different and we have a few changes which are happening at the end of the year.

Mr Bradford (2SB) is moving on to be a class teacher at a school in Kidderminster. After training as a teacher with us last year, Seamus has nearly completed his first year of teaching and we wish him all the best as he moves onto pastures new.

Mrs Knight has been working with us since 2014 as an intervention teacher. Her work with individuals and small groups has been incredibly successful and at the end of this year, she is retiring from teaching.

With Mrs Price (RJP) and Mrs Birch (Pre-school) moving over to our other site, Malvern Vale Primary School, this also leaves an Early Years vacancy. As a result, we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Abbey Ward as Reception teacher next year. Abbey has completed some of her teacher training with us; she is an Early Years specialist and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her into our team.

I am also pleased to confirm that Miss Verna and Miss Shepherd, who have been class teachers at Somers Park since



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only does this impact on their school work, it can also lead to a penalty notice being served by the Local Authority.

This penalty notice currently stands at a fine of £60 per child, per parent, when the leave is for more than 5 consecutive days. This means that two parents withdrawing two children for six days or more would lead to a fine of £240.

However, if you do have a request, or just want to notify that your child will not be in school for any number of days, may we request that you give us at least three weeks' notice before the planned absence.

MHDC Letterboxing winner

Well done to Tabitha S (Class 2SB) who won the Wildflower Meadow category in the MHDC letterbox design competition. If you fancy giving it a go, it begins this Saturday (see Community Links).

Building Works at Somers Park

We are very pleased to have secured funding to have the windows and cladding replaced on the two-storey KS2 building, library area and kitchens. The work will start over the half term holidays and will carry on for several weeks. All the necessary health and safety and DBS checks have been carried out and we are working closely with the project manager to ensure the site is safe and the work is carried out to the highest standard.

There will be scaffolding up around the building throughout the works and the site will be fenced off.

Access for contractors will be through the staff car park so we ask that parents who use the car park for wrap around care be very mindful of this.

INSET day

Please note, there is an INSET Day on Monday 11th June, when school is closed to children.

Have a great half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th June.

Best wishes,

Chris
Chris Hansen

Community Links

Malvern Hills Letterboxing



Malvern Hills Letterboxing is a family fun form of orienteering designed to encourage children and families to enjoy being outdoors together. The letterboxes are simply boxes with a rubber stamp, inkpad and guest book to sign. There are 25 letterboxes hidden all over the Malvern Hills.

A launch event is taking place on 26th May 2018 from 10am-12.30pm at Malvern Tourist Information Centre. Click here for more information.

If you would like to take part in the letterboxing challenge, visit Malvern Tourist Information Centre and purchase your clue sheet, notebook and badge which includes a free map for just £3. Using a map and compass you then select which stamps you would like to go and find and start your exciting adventure. Once you find a rubber stamp, you simply stamp it in your special Malvern Hills letterboxing notebook, write a message in the guest notebook, you then MUST return the stamp and its contents into the box and return it to the EXACT location, ready for the next explorer to find.

<https://www.malvernhills.gov.uk/letterboxing>

Coming up...

Date	Event
Friday 25th May	Last day of term- break up for half term.
Monday 4th June	First day of term. Children return to school
Monday 4 th June	School Science Week
Thursday 7 th June	Year 5 visit to We The Curious, Bristol
Friday 8 th June	Year 4 Bikeability
Friday 8 th June	2:15pm- Science Week parent open afternoon
Monday 11th June	INSET- School closed to children
Tuesday 12 th June	Tanzanian visitors in school this week



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