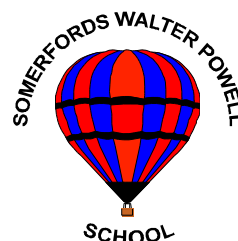


# SOMERFORDS' WALTER POWELL

## NEWSLETTER - NO 20

10th February 2017



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### BIRTHDAYS DURING THE HOLIDAY

Tanwen, Esme, Hugo, James  
Nola, Thomas



### RAINBOWS

Bertie, Jack F  
Ruby S, Ruby H, Maxwell, Laurie  
Ella-Rose, Fred, Stanley  
Jack N, Dylan, Ashleigh  
Reuben, Josh



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Jack T



### WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Katie, Arwen, Oscar



### LOCAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Richard Jefferson  
[gofm@live.co.uk](mailto:gofm@live.co.uk)

#### 1. SCHOOL COUNCIL PYJAMA DAY AT SCHOOL!!

Today was the school council pyjama day, all the children and some staff looked fabulous in the pyjamas and onesies - surprisingly even though they were dressed for bed they all stayed awake and worked hard all day. They also raised £48.22 for the school library fit out.

#### 2. SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FOR TERM 4

We would like to remind you that the deadline for ordering meals for the first week back at school after half term is midnight on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

#### 3. TD DAY

We would like to remind you all that Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February is a TD Day and all children return to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February for a busy and exciting Term 4.

#### 4. SAFER INTERNET WEEK

As this week is 'Safer Internet Week' we would like to remind everyone where you can find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children stay safe online. The safer internet website has some very useful information for you and your children [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

In your child's book bag today we are sending home some additional information for your use. The children in Reception - Year 3 have a story to read and the older children have a fact sheet and a quiz to help remind them to stay safe online.

#### 5. HILL HOUSE VISIT

On Tuesday morning our children in Years 5 and 6 had some visitors from Hill House Christian Centre in Somerset which is where they are staying in June for their school residential. They were informed about the variety of activities they will participate in and about the accommodation and meals. The children were also able to ask questions about the residential and are now counting the days for it to begin.

## **6. PRE-SCHOOL BINGO EVENING**

The Pre-school committee have been very busy organising a fundraising bingo evening to be held in the school hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm. This should be a great fun evening with a bar and a raffle to raise additional funds. Tickets are available from the school office if you would like to purchase them at just £8.00 each (which includes your entrance and your bingo games).

## **7. CHOIR / RECORDER CLUB**

Last week we sent a Home Contact message regarding a Choir or Recorder Club during Term 4. The response to this email was 35%. We have made a decision that we will not run a club on a Monday after school for Term 4 and will review it again in the future.

## **8. THE 2020 VISION LENT MONEY BOX CHALLENGE**

As our village continues with fundraising efforts for our church, The 2020 Vision committee would like to ask as many people as possible to take part in their 'Lent Money Box Challenge'. Lent is traditionally a time for reflection and a period when many people choose to give up something before enjoying the celebrations at Easter. This year, to help raise funds, we are asking anyone who is planning to give up their favourite treats to make up a money box (enclosed in your child's book bag today), you are very welcome to decorate it if you wish, and then to donate the money that you would normally have spent on your treats every day for Lent starting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March into your money box. Further money box templates are available from the school if you have other family members who would like to participate in this challenge.

Money boxes can be taken to the church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 am - 2.30pm or alternatively they can be left in the school office and Mrs Law will make arrangements to deliver them safely to the church.



## **9. WORLD BOOK DAY**

We are all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. We will be inviting the children to create a book character from a potato for display in the school hall to bring into school on World Book Day.

Do you have a favourite childhood book that you would like to read to a group of children at 2.30pm on World Book Day? If you are interested in reading during this session please contact the school office.

The children will be issued with a voucher that entitles them to a free book at various bookshops after half term.

## **10. SCHOOL OPEN DAY - THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

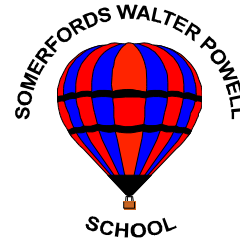
Please join us for our School Open Morning on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 between 9.30am - 12.00 noon.**

This is an opportunity for existing and potential new parents together with members of the community to view our school during a normal school morning.

We welcome you all to join us for a cup of coffee and to talk to Mrs Rowe, staff and members of the Local Board.

## **11. NEW PARENT LOOKING FOR CHILDCARE FROM SEPTEMBER 2017**

Are you able to help with childcare once or twice a week for a new Reception child from September 2017 when she starts at Walter Powell? If you are interested and would like further information about days and hours please contact the school office. Thank you.



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#### **12. MALMESBURY LIBRARY EVENTS DURING HALF TERM**

We have been informed of the following events at Malmesbury Library during the half term break:

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 2.30 - 5.00pm - Tales of the Four Kingdoms - Suitable for 7-11 years*

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 10.00 - 11.00am - Children's Centre Rhyme Time - Suitable for Under 5's*

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - 6pm - Pyjama Party - Any age (children under 8 years must be supervised)*

For more information and to book your child onto a session please call 01666 823611.

#### **13. BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Tuesday 21st February 2017**

The booking forms for Breakfast Club can now be found on our school website for your convenience. Paper copies are available from the school office.

**Based on replies received**

**Breakfast Club will be available each morning w/c Tuesday 21st February 2017**

**FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY**

Breakfast Club: - cash or cheques payable to Grassroots Sports Academy (Thursday FOC)



#### **14. SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

It's the time of year again when you can start collecting the Active Kids vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's. Please ask your friends, family and neighbours to collect the vouchers too and your child can post them into the special box in reception. You can receive vouchers in Sainsbury's between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and dependent on how many vouchers we collect we will be able to buy some more sporting or cookery equipment for our school.

#### **15. MRS ROWE**

If you would like to contact Mrs Rowe please do so via her email address, or the school office:  
[head@walterpowell.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@walterpowell.wilts.sch.uk), Tel: 01249 720797

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - new entries for your diaries in bold** \* = more details to follow

**SPRING TERM - Term 4**

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TD Day
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	First Day Term 4
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Drumming Tuition - Term 4</b>
<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Gymnastics Club - Term 4</b>
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Football Club - Term 4</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Piano Tuition - Term 4</b>
<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Tag Rugby Club - Term 4</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Guitar Tuition - Term 4</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>First Multi sports Club - Term 4</b>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tempest Photography - Group Photo's
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SWP Open Day - 9.30 - 12noon
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 3/4 Football Festival
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 3,4,5,6 Cross Country Festival *
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Pre-school Bingo Evening
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bikeability - Year 6 only (all day)
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bikeability - Year 6 only (am)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bikeability - Year 6 only (all day)
<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Gymnastics Club - Term 4</b>
<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Football Club - Term 4</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Tag Rugby Club - Term 4</b>
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last Multi sports - Term 4</b>
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School reports will be sent home</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Church Service 1.30pm *
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of School - Term 4

**SUMMER TERM - Term 5**

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> April** Parents Evening \*

**2016/2017 TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

~~Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016~~  
~~Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017~~

**2017/2018 TRAINING DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

**ITEMS IN BOOK BAGS THIS WEEK**

- 1) 2020 Vision Lent Money Box
- 2) Safer Internet Information

**HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK**

- 1) SATs Booster Lessons - Year 6 only
- 2) Pizza Making - Key stage 2 only
- 3) Library Bus
- 4) Pyjama Day