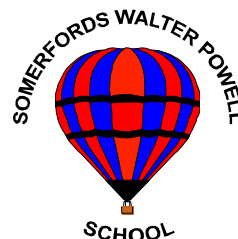


# SOMERFORDS' WALTER POWELL

## NEWSLETTER - NO 21

24th February 2017



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### RAINBOWS

Sam M

Jack F, Charlie H, Rosie, Sonny  
Paige x 2, Fin, Stanley,  
Liam, Eve



### BIRTHDAYS

No Birthdays this week



### STAR OF THE WEEK

Paige



### WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Jack F, Tanwen, Daisy



### LOCAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Claire Kennedy  
[gofm@live.co.uk](mailto:gofm@live.co.uk)

1.



### WORLD BOOK DAY

We are all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next Thursday 2nd March. We will be inviting the children to create a book character from a potato for display in the school hall. Please bring into school on World Book Day. Please make your potato model at home. They will be judged independently and prizes awarded.

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 by the end of the school day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - 01249 720797.

The children have been issued today with two vouchers that entitles them to two free books at various bookshops between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

### 2. CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mr and Mrs Candy have had a baby boy this week. He was born on Tuesday and weighed 8lb 13oz. Congratulations to the family.

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

Please join us for our School Open Morning on **Thursday 9th 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.

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### 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).**



#### 5. DRIVING AND PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

For the safety of our children we would like to remind everyone that driving into the school grounds is strictly for staff and parents and grandparents who hold a valid disability badge.

**Please park your cars on the Dauntsey Road and walk your children into the school grounds.**

#### 6. ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Everyone has now settled into the school year and therefore we would like to encourage the children to take their own book bags, lunch boxes and coats etc into school. **Please can you encourage your child to do this independently.** We are also encouraging all children to access school through the Key stage 2 entrance from now onwards.

In addition to ensure the safety of our children, please can you only access school via the school reception between 8.45am - 3.05pm.



#### 7. THANK YOU

Thank you very much to Reuben, Laurie and Sienna and Charlie from Pre-school for taking good care of Jack and Ben our School Giant African Snail over the half term holidays, they seem to have had another growth spurt! If you would like to take care of a snail over the Easter holidays please inform the school office.

#### 8. THE 2020 VISION LENT MONEY BOX CHALLENGE - STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

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. Please 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.

Extra money box templates are available from the school if you have other family members who would like to participate in this challenge.

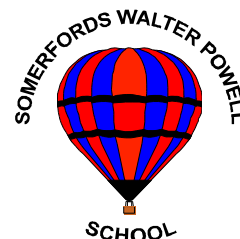
Money boxes can be taken to the church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 am - 2.30pm or alternatively they can be left in the school office and Mrs Law will make arrangements to deliver them safely to the church.

#### 9. RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

Our School Council would like us all to take part in Red Nose Day 2017 on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. They would like to ask all children to **wear something red to school** that day and we would suggest a £1.00 donation to the charity. **The School Council will also be selling cakes after school that day to help raise additional money for the charity.** They would of course be very grateful of any cake donation that morning and would encourage you to come along and purchase a cake after school. Thank you.

#### 10. PARENTS EVENING - SAVE THE DATE!

We would like to inform you that Parents Evening is being held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks with a new system of booking slots to meet with your child's class teacher.



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### 11. BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Monday 27th 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 Monday 27th February 2017**

**FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY**

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



### 12. 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.

### 13. 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**

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Tempest Photography - Group Photo's
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	SWP Open Day - 9.30 - 12noon
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mobile Library Visit</b>
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
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Red Nose Day 2017</b>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Red Nose Day Cake Sale</b>
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail</b>
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail</b>
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)
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Gymnastics Club - Term 4
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Football Club - Term 4
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Tag Rugby Club - Term 4
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Multi sports - Term 4
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School reports will be sent home
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

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of School - Term 5
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 /6 only
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening *
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week - Year 6 only
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Seagry Small Schools Tournament *
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 /6 only
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of School - Term 5

### SUMMER TERM - Term 6

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	TD Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> June	First Day of School - Term 6
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Great Somerford Church Fete - 6.30pm*
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 / 6 Depart Residential*
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 / 6 Return Residential*
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming Lesson - Year 5/ 6 only
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Junior Good Citizen Day - Year 6 only*
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 /4 Activity Day*
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Day - Malmesbury School - Year 6 only*
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Day - Malmesbury School - Year 6 only*
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of School - Term 6

### 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) World Book Day Voucher x 2
- 2) Sea Life information leaflet
- 3) The Signpost (children out of distribution area)

### HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK

None