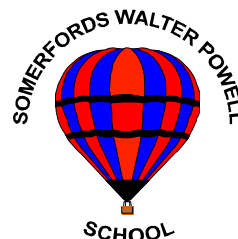


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BIRTHDAYS

Jack D
Miss Shibley



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ella B



RAINBOWS

Amelia, Mia, Sam,
Ruby H, Tanwen, Hugo
Stanley, Ella B, Isla x 2, Charlie W
Thomas x 2, Nola, Dylan, Reuben, Josh



WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Eve, Maxwell, Mia



LOCAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Claire Kennedy
gofm@live.co.uk

1. SCHOOL OPEN DAY

It was great to see so many new and existing parents at school on Thursday morning. Thank you again to all the parents who assisted with advertising the Open Day, to the Local Board for their support and also for SHASA providing the refreshments during the morning.

2. PARENTS EVENING - TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2017 - NEW BOOKING SYSTEM

As previously informed our Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 25th April 2017. We have decided to implement a new procedure in booking your appointments to meet with your child's class teacher. On Monday 20th March an appointment schedule for each class teacher will be placed in the school reception area for you to complete the time you would like to attend. We would like to highlight that if you are due to see more than one teacher please ensure you leave 20 minutes between these appointments which will allow for any late appointments. Please write your child's name in the appointment slot.

If you are unable to book your appointment in person, please telephone the school office from 9.00am that day and we will book your appointment for you. School Office telephone number is 01249 720797.

3.



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 23rd 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).**

4. TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY - GROUP PHOTO'S

On Wednesday morning the children had their photograph taken as part of the annual Key stage photographs. The proofs will be sent home in book bags when we receive them from Tempest, with no obligation to purchase.



5. **WALTER POWELL BALLOON FLIGHT**

On Tuesday morning the children had a visit from The Athletson Museum in Malmesbury who told the story of Walter Powell and his adventures. During the weekend 20/ 21st May they are planning to launch a Hot Air Balloon from the Cross Hayes car park in Malmesbury like Walter Powell M.P did all those years ago. In connection with this event we have been asked to create a special project for the exhibition from the children at Walter Powell. In addition the children will be taking part in an art competition about Walter Powell's life. We are very excited to be part of this event and will keep you informed of further plans but in the meantime if you could 'save the dates' in your diaries that would be great.

6. **YEAR 3 / 4 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL**

Next Thursday afternoon children from Year 3 / 4 will be representing the school in a Football Festival in Malmesbury. Our team of girls and boys will compete against other local schools during the afternoon. This is a great opportunity for the children to work as a team. Thank you to Mr Badman for kindly agreeing to coach and support our team and also to all the parents who are assisting with transport to and from the event. It is very much appreciated.

7. **DRIVING AND PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS / PARKING ON GRASS VERGE**

As you will have noticed this week we have had our new school gates installed, which look great. For the safety of our children the school grounds must only be accessed by 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, please can you restrain from parking your cars on the kerb/grass outside the school entrance where the new sign has been positioned. We have been informed by Wiltshire Council that they will charge for any further damage to that area and we will have to pass the cost onto the parents who we know park in this area. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated. Thank you.

8. **RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017**

Our School Council would like us all to take part in Red Nose Day 2017 on Friday 24th 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.

9. **BROWNIE POP UP CRAFT STALL**

Great Somerford Brownies are holding a 'Pop Up Craft Stall' on Wednesday 15th March between 5.45 - 6.45pm to help raise money to sponsor a guide dog for the blind.

If you are looking for that perfect Mother's Day, Easter gifts or just fancy popping in to enjoy the refreshments they would love to see you.

10. **BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Monday 13th March 2017**

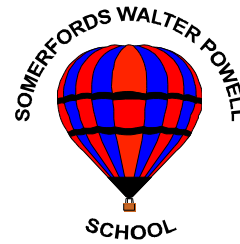
The booking forms for Breakfast Club can now be found on our school website for your convenience. Paper copies are available from the school office.

Based on replies received

Breakfast Club will be available each morning w/c Monday 13th March 2017

FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY

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



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11. 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 25th January and 30th 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.

12. 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, Tel: 01249 720797

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

SPRING TERM - Term 4

Thurs 16 th Mar	Years 3/4 Football Festival
Mon 20 th Mar	Years 3,4,5,6 Cross Country Festival
Thurs 23 rd Mar	Pre-school Bingo Evening
Fri 24 th Mar	Red Nose Day 2017
Fri 24 th Mar	Red Nose Day Cake Sale
Sat 25 th Mar	Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail
Sun 26 th Mar	Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail
Mon 27 th Mar	Bikeability - Year 6 only (all day)
Tue 28 th Mar	Bikeability - Year 6 only (am)
Wed 29 th Mar	Bikeability - Year 6 only (all day)
Tue 4 th April	Last Gymnastics Club - Term 4
Wed 5 th April	Last Football Club - Term 4
Thurs 6 th April	Last Tag Rugby Club - Term 4
Fri 7 th April	Last Multi sports - Term 4
Fri 7 th April	School reports will be sent home
Fri 7 th April	Easter Church Service 1.30pm *
Fri 7 th April	Last Day of School - Term 4

SUMMER TERM - Term 5

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

Sat/Sun 21st May **Walter Powell Balloon Flight - Malmesbury***
Mon 22nd May Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only
Fri 26th May Last Day of School - Term 5

SUMMER TERM - Term 6

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

2016/2017 TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAYS

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

2017/2018 TRAINING DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday 1st September 2017

ITEMS IN BOOK BAGS THIS WEEK

- 1) Christian Malford Scarecrow Trail flyer
- 2) Bingo Evening flyer
- 3) Chartwells Menu - Terms 5/6
- 4) Cross Country Festival final letter - participants only

HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK

- 1) Library Bus
- 2) Neptune Non-Uniform Day