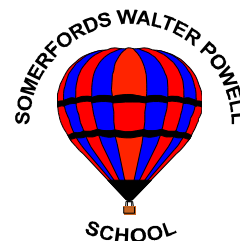


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BIRTHDAYS

Ms Johns
Sienna



RAINBOWS

Bertie, Jack T,
Ruby 5 x 2 Riley x 2,
Rosie, Isla, Nola x 2, Thomas
Daisy x 2, Liam



STAR OF THE WEEK

Bertie Millar



WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Reuben, Ella B, Sam M



LOCAL BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Julia Harle

gofm@live.co.uk

1. SATS

Our children in Years 2 - 5 remained focused and worked hard during their optional SATs this week. Well done to all of you.

2. SMALL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Last Saturday morning children in Years 5 / 6 represented the school in the federated football and netball tournament at Seagry School.

Our netball team competed in 5 games and they played with great team spirit, enthusiasm and gained a lot of experience.

Our football team played with professionalism, used their skills and played well as a team. They won 4 matches and drew 1 match which meant they earned themselves a place in the final. It was all rather tense as they played against Sutton Benger and with some fantastic goals they won 4 - 1.

It is the first time that the Walter Powell / Seagry Football Team has won this trophy in 9 years.

As you can imagine the team players and also Mr Watkins (Team coach) were delighted with the result! We are now the proud owners of a shield trophy which we will proudly display in school.

Thank you again to both Ms Ketcher and Mr Watkins for their commitment to the netball and football teams and their continued support.



3. MALMESBURY LIBRARY - UP, UP AND AWAY BALLOON ACTIVITY

Malmesbury Library is running a creative writing & craft activity session for 7-11 year olds this Saturday 20th May, from 10.30-11.15 as part of the Eclipse Flight celebrations. Places are free but limited so please book in advance. Malmesbury Library Tel: 01666 823611

4. WALTER POWELL BALLOON FLIGHT - THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday 21st May the Athelston museum are planning to launch a Hot Air Balloon from the Cross Hayes car park in Malmesbury just as Walter Powell M.P did all those years ago.

As part of the celebration the children have been learning more about Walter Powell over the past few weeks and have entered a school art competition. There were over 460 entries from schools in and around Malmesbury which are going to be displayed in the Malmesbury Town Hall from Saturday 20th May for at least a week. We are delighted to share the news that two children from Walter Powell will be receiving a prize for their art work during Sunday afternoon/evening activities in Malmesbury. Many Congratulations to Rebecca (2nd Prize) and Arwen (3rd Prize) and we have also been informed the whole school are receiving a prize which Mrs McQueen will collect on behalf of the school and we will share with all the children during an assembly next week.

All further information about the weekend events and in the event of bad weather conditions and the event being postponed will be displayed on the eclipse flight website on Saturday evening:
www.malmesburyeclipseflight.co.uk



5. SNAILS

Ben and Jack, our Giant African Land Snails are looking for a home over the half term holiday. They are usually very well behaved and just need their tank spraying daily and some fresh cucumber or lettuce leaves to nibble on! If you would like to take care of Ben or Jack please contact the school office as soon as possible to make arrangements. Thank you.

6. NO TUCK SHOP AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Next Friday 26th May the children in Key stage 2 will be attending the Chippenham Folk Festival School Day and therefore we will not be having tuck shop (Mrs Searle is on the trip) and we will not be holding a celebration assembly.

7. HALF TERM EVENTS - MALMESBURY LIBRARY

During the Half Term holiday the children are invited to visit Malmesbury Library and join in with the following activities:

Mythical Creatures Hunt & Quiz - 27th May - 3rd June - Hidden in the children's library are 10 questions, find them & answer them for the chance to win a prize.

Mythical Creatures - Wednesday 31st May, 2.30 - 4.00pm - A listen and draw workshop. Come and hear three fantastic tales of magical creatures told by engaging storyteller, Sue Chadd. They may feature Dragons, Unicorns, Mermaids, Gryphons, Cockatrice or Trolls. Only you can decide!

This is suitable for children aged 6 - 11 years, places are free but limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. Telephone number - 01666 823611.

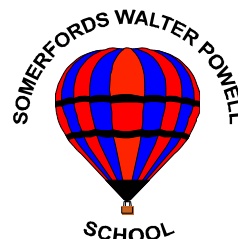
8. RAGS 2 RICHES

Some advance notice that the next Rags 2 Riches collection will be on **Thursday 29th June**. So, if you are planning a Spring clear out over the coming weeks please be mindful that your unwanted clothing, shoes (in pairs & tied), jewellery, glasses, umbrellas, new underwear, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, bags, wallets bedding & household linen, bath and hand towels could help raise money for the school. The children will be bringing home charity bags nearer the time. Please do not bring donations in before the 29th June as we have nowhere to store them in school. Hopefully bags will be distributed before half term!

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PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE FOLLOWING THIS WEEK:

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons next Monday, 22nd 2017 for all children in Years 5 and 6.

LUNCH ORDERS FOR AFTER HALF TERM

Please ensure you have ordered your child's hot meals online **before midnight on Sunday 28th May** to enable your child to receive a meal during the first week back at school after half-term.

PLEASE REMEMBER

If your child is in **Year 3/4** - please do not order a meal for Friday 30th June (Oxenwood Day)

If your child is in **Year 5** - do not order meals for Wednesday 7th June (Year 6 Taster Day) or Tuesday 4th July (Life path Event) and w/c 19th June 2017 (Residential)

If your child is in **Year 6** - do not order meals for Wednesday 28th June (Junior Good Citizen Day) Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th July (Malmesbury Induction Days) and w/c 19th June 2017 (Residential).

9. GREAT SOMERFORD CHURCH FETE

We have been invited to open the Great Somerford Church Fete on Friday 9th June. The children will be dancing at 6.30pm (arrival from 6.00pm). A home contact has been sent today to enable you inform us whether your child will be attending. Please reply before next Friday 26th May 2017.

10. BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Monday 22nd May 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:

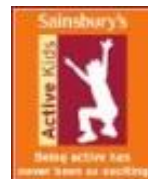
Breakfast Club will be available each morning w/c Monday 22nd May 2017

FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY

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

11. SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's are no longer issuing their Active Kids vouchers, so now is the time to bring in the last of your vouchers, the donation box is in Reception. We are hoping to order lots of 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

SUMMER TERM - Term 5

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| Sun 21 st May | Walter Powell Balloon Flight - Malmesbury |
| Mon 22 nd May | Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only |
| Tue 23 rd May | Last Drumming Tuition - Term 5 |

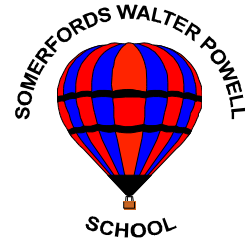
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| Tue 23 rd May | Last Gymnastics Club - Term 5 |
| Wed 24 th May | Last Football Club - Term 5 |
| Thurs 25 th May | Last Piano Tuition - Term 5 |
| Thurs 25 th May | Last Karate Club - Term 5 |
| Fri 26 th May | No Guitar Tuition today |
| Fri 26 th May | Last Summer Sports Club - Term 5 |
| Fri 26 th May | Chippenham Folk Festival Schools Day - Key stage 2 only |
| Fri 26 th May | Last Day of School - Term 5 |

SUMMER TERM - Term 6

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| Mon 5 th June | TD Day |
| Tue 6 th June | First Day of School - Term 6 |
| Tue 6 th June | First Drumming Tuition - Term 6 |
| Tue 6 th June | First Gymnastics Club - Term 6 |
| Wed 7 th June | First Football Club - Term 6 |
| Thurs 8 th June | First Piano Tuition - Term 6 |
| Thurs 8 th June | First Karate Club - Term 6 |
| Fri 9 th June | First Guitar Tuition - Term 6 |
| Fri 9 th June | First Summer Sports - Term 6 |
| Fri 9 th June | Great Somerford Church Fete - 6.30pm* |
| Mon 12 th June | Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only |
| Mon 19 th June | Year 5 / 6 Depart Residential* |
| Fri 23 rd June | Year 5 / 6 Return Residential* |
| Mon 26 th June | Swimming Lesson - Year 5/ 6 only |
| Wed 28 th June | Junior Good Citizen Day - Year 6 only* |
| Thurs 29 th June | Rags 2 Riches Collection |
| Thurs 29 th June | Mobile Library Visit |
| Thurs 29 th June | School Open Afternoon |
| Fri 30 th June | Oxenwood Activity Day - Years 3/4 only |
| Mon 3 rd July | Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only |
| Tue 4 th July | Induction Day - Malmesbury School - Year 6 only* |
| Wed 5 th July | Induction Day - Malmesbury School - Year 6 only* |
| Mon 10 th July | Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only |
| Tue 11 th July | Last Drumming Tuition - Term 6 |
| Tue 11 th July | School Summer Production - 1.30pm* |
| Tue 11 th July | Last Gymnastics Club - Term 6 |
| Wed 12 th July | Last Football Club - Term 6 |
| Wed 12 th July | School Summer Production - 6.30pm* |
| Thurs 13 th July | Last Piano Tuition - Term 6 |
| Thurs 13 th July | Last Karate Club - Term 6 |
| Fri 14 th July | Last Guitar Tuition - Term 6 |
| Fri 14 th July | Sports Day - 1.30pm* |
| Fri 14 th July | Last Summer Sports Club - Term 6 |
| Mon 17 th July | Swimming Lesson - Year 5 / 6 only |
| Fri 21 st July | Leavers Service - Great Somerford Church 1.30pm* |
| Fri 21 st 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~~



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2017/2018 TRAINING DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday 1st September 2017

ITEMS IN BOOK BAGS THIS WEEK

- 1) NSPCC Letters
- 2) Grassroots Half term holiday club
- 3) Lifepath Experience - Year 5 only
- 4) Hill House Residential - final letter and kit list - Years 5 & 6 only
- 5) Primary Times
- 6) A Spectacular Event on May Bank holiday - Charlton Park flyer

HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK

- 1) Great Somersford Church Fete