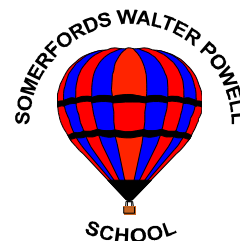


SOMERFORDS' WALTER POWELL

NEWSLETTER - NO 32

26th May 2017



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BIRTHDAYS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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1. CHIPPENHAM FOLK FESTIVAL

Today our children in Key Stage 2 have enjoyed a day at the Chippenham Folk Festival School Day. They have learnt a Regency Dance and Appalachian and also enjoyed a variety of music and dance. All the children were asked to create a design for a badge for all the school children to wear today and Thomas's design was chosen. He was delighted to receive a prize for his hard work. Many congratulations Thomas and well done to everyone for representing the school well during your day out.

2. THE ECLIPSE FLIGHT

Last Sunday evening seemed to be the most perfect evening for a hot air balloon to take off from the Cross Hayes in Malmesbury as part of the Eclipse Flight event. The team made a decision to inflate the balloon at 7.45pm, however due to the strength and direction of the wind this proved to be more difficult and the decision not to proceed with lift off was made. Whilst this was rather disappointing for the waiting crowds the whole event and evening was a success and again we would like to congratulate Arwen and Rebecca on their art competition prizes. Mrs McQueen also collected a prize of £30.00 for the school for the piece of art for the exhibition. Please see the statement below from the event organisers.

Official Comment:

Please Note: **The event will not happen again on the reserve date (June 4th)**. This back up date was only if the event could not happen due to rain and was cancelled in advance. Whilst the balloon didn't quite make it up, the event did go ahead and planning, organisation and insurance requirements mean it won't be happening again in the near future. The pilot made the decision to abort and Sir David Hempleman-Adams and everyone attending and involved were disappointed of course. A great day out with many many enjoying the fun and visiting our very special Athelstan Museum. All proceeds will go towards the Moravian Church restoration. For photographs of the event please visit the school website: www.walterpowell.wilts.sch.uk

3. 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.

4. TD DAY - Monday 5th June

We would like to remind you that we return to school on Tuesday 6th June after the TD Day.

5. SUNHAT / SUN CREAM

We would like to remind you to ensure your child has a sunhat and sun cream in school at all times during the summer term as they will enjoy their P.E lessons and classroom activities in the school grounds.

6. SCHOOL LUNCHES - TODAY

Unfortunately we were left with nearly 20 extra meals today due to parents forgetting to cancel meals for those going to the Chippenham Folk Festival. Whilst only a small monetary amount is involved per person, it does constitute a large waste of food which cannot be re-used. Because Chartwells have an online ordering system we are unable to cancel meals on your behalf. Requests to cancel meals are included in the information you receive about such trips and reminders are also in the newsletter. We would be really grateful if you could assist in this matter, thank you.

7. REPLYING TO HOME CONTACT / REPLY SLIPS

We would like to remind all parents to return reply slips and reply to Home Contact messages by the necessary deadline dates. This will assist us to plan and run events more efficiently.

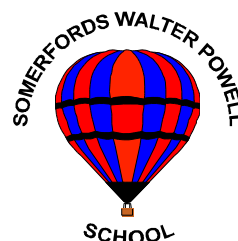
8. RAGS 2 RICHES

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 were sent home with charity bags on Thursday. Please do not bring donations in before the 29th June as we have nowhere to store them in school.

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 was sent on 19th May to enable you inform us whether your child will be attending.

Unfortunately we have only received a small number of replies so therefore it is now much more difficult to organise who will be representing the school that evening.



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10. BREAKFAST CLUB - W/C Tuesday 6th June 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:

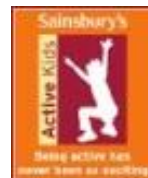
Breakfast Club will be available each morning w/c Tuesday 6th June 2017

FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BOOKED ONLY

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

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsburys 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.



11. 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



PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE FOLLOWING THIS WEEK:

SWIMMING LESSONS

Next Swimming lesson is Monday 12th June 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).

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

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 |

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| 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 |
| Fri 14th July | Little Somerford Church Fete* |
| 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~~

2017/2018 TRAINING DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday 1st September 2017

ITEMS IN BOOK BAGS THIS WEEK

- 1) Rags 2 Riches charity bag
- 2) Athletics Festival - Year 6 only
- 3) Leavers hoodies Letter - Year 6
- 4) The Signpost (families out of distribution area)

HOME CONTACT MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK

- 1) Snails x 2
- 2) Chippenham Folk Festival - Key stage 2 only
- 3) School Lunch ordering - Term 6