



# January 2016 Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

Happy New Year! Welcome back to what promises to be another very busy term in school. During this term the children often make great leaps in their learning. Therefore we are continuing to encourage children to attend school every day unless they are unwell. Our whole school attendance was 97.9% last term which is above national average. Thank you for your continued support in this.

## Award Winners

W/C 11/1/16

Star of the week

Ruby (KS1) Sophie (3/4) Devon (5/6)

Playground Super Bee  
Georgia and Joe

Good Manners Award  
Alfie

Headteacher's Award- Sam

## School uniform

I was very pleased to see the children returning to school looking very smart in their uniforms. Please can I remind parents that trainers are not permitted to be worn in replacement of black school shoes. Also wearing jewellery is not permitted for Health and Safety reasons. Small stud earrings are permitted but must be covered for PE. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Swimming

The children in years FS-5 began their swimming lessons this week. I went along for the initial trip to ensure our children were given the five star treatment! All children went through a period of assessment and have been grouped according to their swimming ability for next week. The children were very well behaved and most children have gained great independence with their organisational skills. I was only left holding 1 shoe for a very short period of time before one of our youngest children realised they had lost it! Just a quick reminder that long hair must be tied up and it is useful for girls to wear trousers rather than tights as these are difficult to put back on afterwards. Also lots of children brought goggles with them. As stated previously in a letter the pool require written parental permission to allow them to be worn by school groups.

## School Dinners

We have been joined by Miss Cooke who has replaced Mrs Hankey serving the children's meals. The food is now supplied to us by Brownlow Primary. The children are thoroughly enjoying the food and they are keen to tell me how delicious the meals are. Remember that Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January is school census day therefore the menu will be sausages chips and beans followed by ice cream.

### Spring 1 Diary Dates

21/1/16 Library Bus Visit  
26/1/16 Leicestershire Fire Service Assembly  
9/2/16 Full Governing Body Meeting 6:30pm  
12/2/16 Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Melton Rugby Club

### Holiday Dates 2016

Spring half term - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> -Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Easter Holidays - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March -Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April inclusive  
May Day - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Summer half term - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May -Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June inclusive  
School Closes - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

## **SOMERBY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**We require a  
PREMISES OFFICER**

**to work for 16 hours each week making sure that our school is  
a clean safe place for children and staff to work in.**

**Grade 5: £7.74 - £8.26**

**Term time only plus 10 days**

**Closing date: Thursday 4/2/2016**

**If you would like to find out more  
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