



January 2 2016 Newsletter

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Creative Learning

The children have settled back into the routines of school very well this term. They are responding to the high expectations that are being set in lessons in a positive manner. I have had the pleasure of observing lessons with giant beanstalks appearing in the classroom overnight as well as teaching staff dressing up as Mr Fox and wearing pyjamas to engage and inspire the children in their learning. Next half term you will have the opportunity to share the children's experiences in learning when we once again open our doors to parents, younger siblings and family members in our 'open afternoon.' This will be an opportunity for you to come and join in with your child's lessons and sharing their learning experiences. Put the date of Tuesday 8th March at 1:30pm in your diary and we will look forward to welcoming you then.

BELIEVE

This term saw the launch of our new school motto 'Take control of your own destiny... Believe in yourself.' This motto is focused around a behaviours for learning curriculum. The children are encouraged to display a number of behaviours in their learning. These are Be Strong, Respect, Reflect, Risk Takers, Thinkers, Active and Independent. Each month we will be focussing on one behaviour and looking at what it means to develop this in our learning style. Children have the opportunity to be awarded stickers and certificates when they are seen to be demonstrating these learning behaviours. A full information pack about this new initiative will be sent to you at the end of this half term.

Award Winners

W/C 18/1/16

Star of the week

Jenson (KS1) Joe (3/4) Georgia (5/6)

Playground Super Bee
Devon and Byron

Good Manners Award
Abigail

Headteacher's Award- Joe

Big Write

You may have heard the children talking about 'big write' that has been introduced this term. The standards in the national curriculum set the expectation that children are able to apply their skills across the English Language during periods of sustained writing at length and in all subjects. Therefore each week the children will be taking part in a 'big write' in order to develop these skills. So far children have been writing letters of complaint, stories and retells. We will be celebrating these in a 'big write of the week' certificate.

FOSS

I have been in discussions with FOSS about setting a project each year so that all parents know what it is we are aiming for. This year FOSS have agreed to raise funds for computing equipment. In the ever changing world of IT it is a challenge for all schools to manage to keep up to date with the equipment needed and with a small school this challenge is magnified. FOSS do a great job and therefore I am sure it will take no time to reach their target. There will be a target thermometer in the playground so that you can monitor their progress.

Lottery Funding

Last term I applied for an 'Awards for all' lottery grant. I am pleased to announce that we were successful in gaining a grant of almost £10 000. This will be used as part of a community project to provide weekly family exercise sessions and holiday clubs. Once the funding has been transferred and I have the finer detail about what will be provided I will send out the information.

Spring 1 Diary Dates

9/2/16 Full Governing Body Meeting 6:30pm
11/2/16 Bad Hair Day- GOSH charity event
11/2/16 Internet Safety Assembly
12/2/16 Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Melton Rugby Club

Holiday Dates 2016

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

Reminder: Please send back questionnaires if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

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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