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Autumn Term Roundup

Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of our first term of our academic year 2022-2023, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the term and update you on our next steps as we move into 2023.

Arts in School

When I first started at Somerby Primary School I felt we needed to improve Arts in school and we have made great strides in this area: children worked with Kathryn Saunby Art Studio to bring art to life; children in Oak enjoyed working with the Iveshead Drama teacher and our whole school choir made us proud as they shared their Christmas joy with the residents at Framland followed by the Mayor's Christmas Concert at the Church - they were brilliant. Children in Oak have also thoroughly enjoyed learning to play brass this term and I know many will be sad it has come to an end for now. If you wish your child to develop their brass skills further, please let me know and we can look at organising small group or 1:1 tuition in the new year.

We have lots of other opportunities for children to enjoy as we move into 2023 and can't wait to share them!

Roof Works

We are nearing the end of our roof works and are hoping scaffolding can be removed over the Christmas holidays. The contractors will put right internal damage caused by a small number leaks, such as replacing new ceiling tiles, internal decoration and a new carpet in two areas, which is great.

FOSS

As you know, FOSS work hard to help support our small but mighty school, to raise money to add value to what we can offer our children. We are currently working to improve our library area so children have a warm, cosy place to enjoy books. The sink and pipework will be removed this week and a new carpet fitted over the Christmas holidays. The next step is to build book shelving and purchase soft furnishings. We can't wait to get started on the renovations and we are indebted to the team at FOSS for this.



Wider Community

We have enjoyed getting involved with many wider community aspects this term, including the Wombles who shared their passion of litter picking; a visit from the inclusion officer with Leicestershire Police, who spoke to children in the Hive about making the right choices to keep us all safe; donating foods to the Storehouse to help those in need, especially with the rising cost of living plus of course working with local businesses such as the art studio. Again, if anyone has any connections with the wider community who would add value to our learning and bring our learning to life, we would be grateful for any links.

Staffing Changes

As you are aware, Mrs Toghill will be leaving us in February 2023 to start her maternity leave and Mrs Green will be taking over. Mrs Green will start with us in January and will work alongside Mrs Toghill for a couple of weeks, to ensure a smooth handover. We wish Mrs Toghill well as she welcomes baby number 2 into her family.

Mrs Hickton has decided to take some time out of teaching and leaves us at Christmas. We welcome Mrs Smith, who has already met the children in Willow, who will continue the year alongside Mrs Robertson. We wish Mrs Hickton all the best for your next venture in life!

Grove have now appointed their new SENCO, Mrs French, who will be supporting Somerby one day a week from January 2023. Her first day with us is Tuesday 17th January and any parent who has a child with Special Educational Needs is welcome to come and meet Mrs French over a coffee at 8:45am. If you are unable to make this date, let me know and we can rearrange a one-to-one meeting with her.

Spring Dates

Please find attached our updated Spring Dates. We will send further information on each event nearer the time.

HRH King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May 2023

Please note an additional bank holiday has been awarded on Monday 8th May 2023 to celebrate the King's Coronation: school will be closed on that day. For our Y6 pupils sitting their KS2 SATS tests, all tests will now be administered Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May.

Next Steps to 2023

So as we move towards the end of a busy first term and into 2023, I would like to firstly thank our amazing team at Somerby who work tirelessly to inspire our children on a daily basis. Thank you as always to our parents for your continued support and of course, to our small but mighty children who make it all worthwhile.

On behalf of all of us at Somerby Primary School, we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed in the new year!

Andrea Brown
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