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Somercotes Infants School – Newsletter

Dear Somercotes families,

What a busy start to the academic year! We are now in week 6 of the term and already the progress in the children has been fantastic. They should be very proud, and the adults should be too! Keep reading below to find out more about our exciting events taking place before the end of the first Autumn term.

Attendance Awards
At the end of each term we will be drawing a winner for our £10 cash prize attendance award! If your child has 100% attendance each week they will be added into the prize draw. Daily school attendance really is the key to improved outcomes and life chances. Getting your child to school really matters!

If your child's attendance for the school year is…	Then they will have lost approximately this many days by the end of the year…	This means that they will have missed approximately…
95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
90%	12 days from school	100 lessons
85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

Our school must also follow our attendance policies dictated by the Learners' Trust, the Local Authority and National Policy.



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Raffle Tickets
Mr Lillie and Mr Rowland will be continuing to offer raffle tickets for our Autumn draw for the remainder of this week. The Raffle will be drawn on Monday during our parent coffee morning. Tickets are 50p each with cash only and are available from the lane morning and evening weather permitting. If we do not have the posters with us but you would like to buy a ticket, please ask. All of the prizes have been kindly donated by local businesses.

Find the Burried Treasure!
A second Autumn competition comes in the form of a Burried Treasure map! This competition allows you or your child to select a pin and to place this on the map where you believe the treasure might be buried. Mr Lillie and Mr Rowland do not have the answers but may be tempted to have a go themselves! All entries again are 50p. The winners of this competition will receive a £50 gift voucher for the Entertainer toy shop, AND a gift voucher for 12 delicious cupcakes kindly donated by SammieLou's bakery!



Parent Coffee Morning
Our next parent coffee morning will be held on Monday 19th October from 9:00. This meeting will be hosted by Miss Vivian our SENDCO.

Parents Evenings
Parents evening appointments are now open for booking via the Arbor app. Parents evenings will take place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October at Somercotes Infants School, in the school hall accessed via the lane. If you are having any trouble booking an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Griffin who will be happy to help.

Freaky Friday Dress Up Day
On the final day before the October Half Term, we traditionally host our Freaky Friday Dress up day. This again is an optional event where children are invited to attend school dressed in spooky clothing. As always, please ensure that all outfits are appropriate for a day at school including; the British weather, playtimes and dinner times, managing their toileting and with

appropriate shoes. Please also ensure that no outfits will cause any of our younger children or staff to feel frightened.

School website
Our school website is packed with lots of useful information and links for parents. You may already be reading this newsletter via our website! Here you will find information regarding our term dates, after school clubs, dinner menues, and much much more.

Diary Dates
Finally, please find below our provisional diary dates for the academic year!

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We now look forward to the amazing time that we have ahead of us this academic year, full of learning and lots of fun! As always, should you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to ask.

Warm regards,
Mr Rowland
Headteacher

"Working together to enable our children and families to achieve their full potential and be successful in our diverse world"

Dates for Diary

Autumn Term

Monday 19th October	Parent Coffee Morning – Citizens Advice
Tuesday 20th October	SPJ - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21st October	SIS / SPJ - Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd October	SIS - Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd October	Freaky Friday – Halloween Dress Up & Fund Raiser

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Friday 23rd October	Break Up Day
October Half-Term	
Monday 2nd November	Inset day
Tuesday 3rd November	School Re-Opens to All Pupils
Thursday 5th November	Bonfire Night – Bright Colours & Prize Donation Day
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 18th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 20th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 30th November	Parent Coffee Morning – Health and wellbeing drop in
Monday 30th December	Christmas Fundraising Begin
Monday 7th December	Assessment Week
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December	Christmas Craft Parent Morning
Friday 11th December	Christmas Church Visit
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas performances EYFS – 9:15 – 10:15 KS1 – 2:00 – 3:00
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December	Christmas performances KS1 – 9:15 – 10:15 EYFS – 2:00 – 3:00
Friday 18th December	Festive wear dress up day
Friday 18th December	Break up day

Spring Term

Monday 4th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January	School Re-Opens to All Pupils
Monday 18th January	Aspirations Day – Dress Up Day
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 9th February	EYFS Stay and play – 2:00 – 3:00
Tuesday 9th February	KS1 Open Evening – 3:30 – 3:45
Friday 12th February	Break Up Day
February Half-Term	
Monday 22nd February	School Re-Opens to All Pupils
Tuesday 2nd March	SPJ - Parents' Evening

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Wednesday 3rd March	SIS / SPJ - Parents' Evening
Thursday 4th March	SIS – Parents Evening
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Sunday 7th March	Mother's Day
Monday 15th March	Assessment Week
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 25th March	Easter Craft Morning
Thursday 25th March	Easter Church Visit
Thursday 25th March	Break Up Day

Summer Term

Monday 12th April	School Re-Opens to All Pupils
Monday 26th April	Everyone is unique dress up day
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 14th May	EYFS Stay and Play
Friday 28th May	Break Up Day
May Half-Term	
Monday 7th June	School Re-Opens to All Pupils
Monday 14th June	Phonics Assessment week
Friday 25th June	Inset day
Thursday 22nd July	Year 2 leavers performances / Parent assemblies
Friday 23rd July	Break up day
Monday 26th July	Inset day