



FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER 2019

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Fair this evening. I have just come back to my office after folding hundreds of raffle tickets! There was such a great atmosphere and it was fabulous to see so many of you there having fun. A HUGE thank you to Ashley and her amazing team of PTA helpers for all their hard work. With the current climate of shrinking school budgets, the PTA fundraising is so important and we are lucky to have such a dedicated team of volunteers. If you are interested in joining them, let us know in Reception.

Mrs Frampton

'Proud to work at Somerford'

I received an email this week from a member of staff with this title. What an incredible email to receive! It followed a day with a group of Year 4 and 5 children at the Littledown Leisure Centre. Members of the public and staff commented on the impeccable behaviour and manners from our children - well done! A thank you to the Littledown too who donated their facilities for the day and provided the children with a family pass.

Weekly Awards

Well done to St David's House for winning the House Cup.

Curriculum Events

At Somerford we continue to ensure all children have a broad and balanced curriculum—which is fun!

These are some of the things that have taken place over the last two weeks:

- ◆ Year 4 had their last swimming lesson
- ◆ Classes had karate taster sessions
- ◆ Bournemouth University supported a group of Year 6
 - ◆ After school clubs continued
 - ◆ A fire engine visited Year 2
- ◆ Year 6 had their weekly yoga session
- ◆ Children who have gone 'above and beyond' were celebrated at Hot Chocolate Friday
 - ◆ Junior classes have worked on a Skills Builder Project
- ◆ A group of Year 4 and 5 children attended a 'This is Me' festival
 - ◆ 3CC performed an amazing class assembly

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Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 95.13%

Year 6 – 95.01%

Year 5 – 94.05%

Year 4 – 96.25%

Year 3 – 96.20%

Year 2 – 93.32%

Year 1 – 93.84%

Unfortunately we had have had **a lot** of children suffering with chicken pox in Y1 and 2 over the last two weeks. Hopefully they are all feeling better now!

Raising Achievement Plan

We have a plan for this year that will help us to raise achievement at Somersetford. We are sharing the key actions with the children and are keen to share these with you too.

Governing Body

We have been recruiting to our Governing Body and would like to welcome Mrs Dionne Johnson and Mr Michael Knight to the team. We will be recruiting to a parent Governor space soon. If you are interested in this role please see Mrs Frampton.

Priory Carol Concert

On Monday we have our annual carol service with The Grange School. Junior children need to arrive at 5.30pm in smart school uniform please. Collection is at 7.00pm from the stage inside the Priory.

Christmas!

All year groups are learning about the Christmas Story and we are thinking about this in our assemblies too.

Next week brings our KS1 Nativity performances—please make sure you bring your tickets to gain entry.

Junior Christmas lunch is 18th December and the Infants is 17th December—bookings are now closed.

The last day of term is a non uniform day for the Foodbank and we close at normal time.

A letter will be coming out shortly about Christmas parties. Children are enjoying finding our School Elves!

Our next newsletter will be Friday 20th December 2019

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