



FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019

Here is your early Christmas present.....a bonus newsletter edition!!
There is so much going on at this time of year that I wanted to keep you all updated.

Mrs Frampton

Children in Need

I am proud to inform you that we raised £288.95 last month. Thank you for your support of this invaluable charity.

Weekly Awards

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

Curriculum Events

At Somersetford 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 week:

- ◆ KS2 performed in the carol service at The Priory.
- ◆ KS1 performed two amazing nativity performances
- ◆ Bournemouth University supported a group of Year 6 in reading
 - ◆ After school clubs finished for this half term
 - ◆ Year 6 had their weekly yoga session
- ◆ We welcomed parents to our 'Afternoon at the museum' event

Nut free school!

Please may I remind all parents that we have children with severe allergies to nuts in school and therefore we ask that you check packed lunch contents and any donations before sending them to school. Please do not send chocolate spread as this invariably contains nuts. Thank you.

Lost Property

There is a growing number of items in our lost property. At the end of term any unclaimed items will be placed in the clothes bank so please have a look and take what is yours.

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Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 95.06%

Year 6 – 95.09%

Year 5 – 94.10%

Year 4 – 96.14%

Year 3 – 95.93%

Year 2 – 93.46%

Year 1 – 93.27%

Unfortunately there are **a lot** of children still suffering with chicken pox in Y1 and 2
Hopefully they will all feeling better for Christmas!

Raising Achievement Plan

We have a plan for this year that will help us to raise achievement at Somerset.
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 Lynne Regan to the team.

We will be recruiting to a parent Governor space in the new year. If you are
interested in this role please see Mrs Frampton.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We raised £71.90 in November. Thank you all for your support—all donations really do
make a difference.

Christmas!

All year groups are learning about the Christmas Story and we are thinking about this
in our assemblies too. KS2 are having sessions led by Sam Pink from God First Church
next week to reinforce the key messages from the story.

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.

Children are enjoying finding our School Elves!

A letter has been sent home today regarding Christmas parties and is attached to this
newsletter too.

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An afternoon at the museum

Thank you to all those parents to attended our history afternoon today. The children have really enjoyed learning about their ancient civilisations and sharing this with you. I hope you all managed to get your passports stamped!
A big thank you to Mrs Ramos, our History Leader, for organising the event.

Nativities

A big well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their fantastic performances this week. We certainly have some future stars of the stage and screen in our midst! It was clear that the long term is starting to take its toll on our younger children and we have considered running two morning performances next year instead.

Live Streaming

We have had some concerns about children in our school 'live streaming' on apps and websites. The Safer Schools and Community Team from Dorset Police advise that children do not engage in this but if they do, the webcam or device is in a shared area of the house and they are supervised by an adult at all times. Whilst this can be seen as a fun thing to take part in, unfortunately there have been many incidents of this going wrong. Children can be groomed or pressurised to stream inappropriate things and often on these sites other people are live streaming inappropriate things themselves. There have also been some incidences of online bullying via live streaming. Please discuss these risks with your child and ensure they understand how to be safe online. More information can be found on the NSPCC website.

Support over the Christmas Holiday

There are many agencies who offer support to families over the two weeks school is closed.

- ⇒ Children's Social Care via the MASH 01202 458101
- ⇒ Family Partnership Zone 01202 225724
- ⇒ Christchurch Foodbank Plus 07587 371088
 - ⇒ Samaritans 116123
 - ⇒ You First 0800 032 5204
 - ⇒ Dorset Police 101

Year 6

We will welcome Miss Fountain to 6SC on Monday.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 20th December 2019

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