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Over this week and last week the children have been sitting the end of term assessments to help teachers analyse what the children have securely learned and what needs to be in the curriculum for next term. I have been so impressed with the growth mindset the children have shown and their resilience. Well done everyone.

Mrs Frampton



Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our Christmas Fair. We appreciated it very much. We also thank everybody who has participated in the 'Save the Children's Wear a Christmas Jumper day'.

Rose, Head Girl and Alfie, Head Boy
Ella, Deputy Head Girl and Liam, Deputy Head Boy



Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils

As previously published the school is closed next Friday to pupils for staff training. Therefore the last day of term for pupils will be Thursday 20th December. We are closing at the normal time.

School Lunches

Don't forget to order your child's school lunches for 7th January 2019 onwards. Orders to be in by 3rd January 2019, thank you.

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Sad Goodbyes

We are saying a lot of goodbyes next week.

As you know Mrs Bowen is leaving next Thursday. We have been interviewing this week for a new SENCo and we will be pleased to inform you we have appointed Mr Luke Thorne who will be joining the team in January.

Mrs Wood, teaching assistant, will be leaving next week as she is looking to expand her own business.

Mrs Rosam, teaching assistant has secured a role with Homestart supporting families and will also be leaving next week.

We have been busy interviewing for teaching assistants too.

Finally, Mrs Campbell, who has been off work unwell, has decided not to return and her class will continue to be taught by Mrs Taylor until the end of the year. This class will now be called 1ET.

Twitter

Somerford Primary now has its own Twitter account and we have already started tweeting.

We are now up to 31 followers!

There will be a prize for the 50th follower – will it be you?! There will be more prizes for followers to come so spread the word.

Search for @mrsfsomerford

In the parent survey, some parents wanted better communication and reminders about events. Signing up to the school's Twitter feed is a good way of having these.

Christmas Fair and Fireworks

A massive thank you to Ashley and the PTA for their incredible work in putting on our first Fair and Firework event.

The total profit was £1081 – the most we have ever made! Therefore we must also say a huge thank you to those parents who came and supported the event.

Priory Carol Concert

What a magical evening this was! Thank you to all those children and parents who came to the Priory to sing carols together. The children looked so confident and smart. I felt very proud of all of them. The two readers did a fantastic job too. A big thank you to the staff who attended to – particularly Mrs Cook who stood in at the last minute as Mrs Hinz-James had a family emergency.

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Christmas Parties

Next week the Christmas Parties will be held across school.

- Please send your child to school in their uniform and send in some named party clothes to change in to if you wish
- Please send your child with a small food contribution – remember they will have had lunch!
 - Please remember no products containing nuts
- If you prefer, you may send your child with a plate of their own party food – labelled!
In this case, staff will not allow them to eat any of the shared food.
 - School will provide squash and water

Year R – Wednesday afternoon
Year 1 – Wednesday afternoon
Year 2 – Monday afternoon
Year 3 – Tuesday afternoon
Year 4 – Monday afternoon
Year 5 – Monday afternoon
Year 6 – Tuesday afternoon

Attendance

The school's attendance target is 96%.

Whole school – 94.94%
Year 6 – 94.65%
Year 5 – 95.00%
Year 4 – 95.27%
Year 3 – 94.64%
Year 2 – 95.83%
Year 1 – 93.71%

Well done to Year 5 for the biggest improvement this week.
Year 2, you are so close to 96%! Let's see if you can make it next week.

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Non Uniform day for Foodbank

Next Thursday is our termly non uniform day to raise much needed provisions for Christchurch Foodbank. The team would welcome any donations of in date food to top up their shelves over the Christmas period.

If you are ever in need of a Foodbank voucher, please remember we have these in school. Just speak to one of the school team.

Christmas lunch

Next week we will be having our Christmas lunches. KS1 is Tuesday and KS2 is Wednesday. The deadline for ordering this meal has now passed (there was a reminder on Twitter...do you follow the school?). The children who have ordered a dinner will be given a cracker. If you do not want your child to have a cracker, please let your class teacher know.



Nativities

What an amazing performance from Year 1 and 2! It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents coming to see the shows and they really got us in the Christmas spirit. The children showed such confidence and I am sure we have some children destined to perform on the stage when they are older!

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in producing these shows.

Next week sees the Year R nativity and we can't wait!

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Children in Need

Thank you for your contributions back in November – our final total was £238.70.

News from our community

Junior Parkrun

Does your child love to run? Junior parkrun is a free, weekly, timed event for 4-14 year olds of any ability. We meet at 8.50 on Sunday mornings at Fawcetts Field in New Milton and would love to see you there - simply register at www.parkrun.com then print off and bring your barcode to join in the fun.

BigLittle Theatre School

We are delighted to let you know that in addition to our existing centres in Bournemouth and Ringwood, we are launching a new centre in Christchurch for our Theatre Machine classes.

You are invited to a free workshop on Friday 11th January.

Mini Theatre Machine (Reception to Year 3) 5.15-6.15pm

Junior Theatre Machine (Year 4 – Year 6) 6.15 -7.30pm

Please ensure you book your place.

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Armed Forces Covenant Programme

As part of the Armed Forces Covenant programme supported by the MOD, and on behalf of the Programme partners', Dorset county council are taking forward this survey. We want to get a clear picture of the thoughts and opinions of life in Dorset for our Armed Forces, your families and the County's veteran population. This will ensure we are doing our best to adhere to our Covenant pledges to ensure the Armed Forces Community in Dorset are not put at disadvantage due to their service to our country.

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