



## FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2019

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. I hope you all enjoy some quality time with your children, family and friends and step back from the hustle and bustle of this time of year to make some memories. I know that this time of year is not easy for everyone and you will find contact numbers for organisations you can contact while school is closed. We have had a super term and I have felt proud on a daily basis by what our children achieve. Thank you all for your continued support—this really is a partnership.

Happy holidays!  
Mrs Frampton

### 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 week:

- ◆ All classes have enjoyed their Christmas parties and Mrs Frampton even popped in to show the children how to win the dance competitions!
- ◆ Sam from God First Church has shared the Christmas story with all classes in KS2
  - ◆ We all enjoyed delicious Christmas lunches—a big thank you to our Kitchen Team
  - ◆ We collected a huge amount of food for the Foodbank by wearing our non uniform clothes—thank you for your donations

### Free School Meals

The school receives additional funding to support any child who is in receipt of free school meals. This funding is more important than ever with school budgets as they are. In January, the Local Authority count how many children are in receipt of this award at Somerford and this then decides the money we receive in our budget next year. If you think you are eligible but don't yet claim please can I urge you to do so over the Christmas period. It is very quick and easy and a leaflet is attached with more information.

### 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 – 94.88%

Year 6 – 95.11%

Year 5 – 94.21%

Year 4 – 96.06%

Year 3 – 95.63%

Year 2 – 93.22%

Year 1 – 92.25%

Unfortunately there are **still a lot** of children still suffering with chicken pox in Y1 and Y2  
Hopefully they will all be feeling better for Christmas!  
Your child will have brought home an attendance tracker today for you to see your child's current attendance. If you have any questions please discuss these with the class teacher in the first instance.

### 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.

#### Thrive

Initial Thrive assessments have now been completed across the school. Mr Thorne, our Thrive Lead, will make contact with some parents in the new year to gain consent for a more detailed assessment which will provide a plan to support your child in school and at home.

### Uniform

Sadly, some children have not been wearing full uniform this half term. We have made our uniform as simple as we can but we do expect all children to wear it.

Grey school trousers or skirt

White polo shirt

Blue cardigan or sweatshirt with the school logo

Black shoes or plain black trainers

Please ensure your child is not wearing jeans, hoodies or coloured trainers to school. You may be called to bring the correct uniform to school if necessary. Please can you also make sure that the children are not wearing nail varnish, tattoos or oversized hair accessories. Thank you.  
Please ensure all items are named!

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### Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the annual survey and returned this to school. The winner of the shopping voucher is Charlotte Smith. If you have not yet returned your form you can still bring this in after the holidays—your opinions matter to us. The survey results are overwhelmingly positive and we are so proud to be working with you successfully to ensure every child reaches their full potential. I will share the full results in January when the full analysis is complete.

Please remember school reopens on 6th January 2020 at 8.45am. Breakfast Club will be open at 7.45am.

### Woodford Campus

On Friday 10th January, the Woodford Campus opens on our school site. This is a satellite provision of Linwood School and will be led and managed by Linwood staff. We are very excited to be working in this partnership and look forward to all of the opportunities it brings. The campus should not have any impact on your child or their education, but if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

### 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

### Teacher Training

We proud to work with some teacher training agencies and will be welcoming Laura Wickings, Kate Dooner and Macy McCormack to Y2 and Y3 from January.

### School Nurse Drop in

The next drop in will be Thursday 9th January at 8.45am.

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It's been a very good term! Yesterday we had our attendance assembly and it was such a good feeling to see all the children being awarded with their pin badges. The classes are all settled with their teachers and some have had new teachers! 6SC have had a new teacher called Miss Fountain as Mrs Chase had a lovely baby boy last Saturday - Dexter William Chase.

We are glad that the winners of the High Cross Church drawing competition have been revealed—all of the winners were from Somersetford Primary! Last week we had so many parents coming in to the school and seeing everyone's amazing work—thank you for coming!  
Head Boys and Head Girls

### High Cross Drawing Competition

Rev Paul came in to our assembly yesterday to present the winners of the competition with their prizes.

Jessyca Bush age 9 – Overall winner of £20 Works voucher  
Ronnie West age 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> place age 4-7 of £5 Works voucher  
Lenny Bondsfield age 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place age 4-7 with a selection box  
Sophie Nicholson age 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> place age 8-11 with a £5 Works voucher  
Summer Vince age 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place age 8-11 with a selection box.

Congratulations to all the winners! You can see their drawings in the windows of the church.

### A special visitor....

We were so excited to welcome Father Christmas to school this afternoon. He left some snowy footprints along with a sack of presents for each class.

A big thank you to the PTA for helping Father Christmas with this!  
When Father Christmas left, he took our three school elves back to the North Pole with him. He said he would send them back next year if we were all really well behaved.  
I am sure we can do it!



Our next newsletter will be Friday 10th January 2020

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