



# Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write you about Christmas!

We have worked hard to ensure children can still learn the Christmas story, enjoy the magic of Christmas and celebrate this important festival in a safe way. It will mean some changes however and I would appreciate your support with this.

## **Decorations**

Classes will spend some time tomorrow afternoon decorating their classrooms and bubble areas. We cannot allow any decorations to be brought in from home.

## **Christmas cards**

We will be allowing children to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. These must be clearly labelled with a name and class. All cards **must** be posted in to the school post boxes. This will allow them to be in 'quarantine' before they are handed out. All cards must be in the post boxes by 11<sup>th</sup> December. They will be handed out on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Christmas lunch**

Lunch for KS2 will be on 16<sup>th</sup> December and lunch for KS1 will be on 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have a lunch this must be ordered on line. Children will eat their lunch in their bubbles as they currently do. Children having a Christmas lunch will be given a cracker. If you do not want your child to have a cracker, please let your child's class teacher know.

## **A visit from the elves**

We have heard that the elves who have visited us they last few years will be coming again and this time will bring some friends with them so each class can have an elf for December. Sadly, Father Christmas has told us these elves will not be able to travel to children's homes this year and instead will stay in the classrooms.

## **Christmas story**

Each day in December, there will be an assembly and these will discuss Advent and the Christmas story. Some of these assemblies will be led by Mrs Frampton and Mr Wallace. Some of them will be led by Sam Pink from God First Church who regularly delivers assemblies in the school. Classes will also be studying the Christmas story in their RE lessons.

## **Christmas performance**

We are unable to hold our usual KS1 nativity performances or our KS2 carol service in The Priory. Instead, each class will be recording a short Christmas performance which we intend to share digitally with you either via YouTube or a more private platform such as Teams. In order to do this, and include all children, we need your permission to record and share your child's image in such a video. Please complete and return the slip below to give this permission. Unfortunately, if we do not receive your permission by 7<sup>th</sup> December, your child will not be able to appear in the final video. They will still be involved in the fun of rehearsals.

### **Christmas jumper day**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Mrs Cook has sent a letter with more details. Please donate £1 for wearing your jumper if you are able to. If you have any jumpers your children have grown out of, we would love to be able to pass them on.

### **Christmas parties**

In the last week of term we will be holding Christmas parties in our bubbles. We are not able to share food at these parties as we usually do. Instead, you can provide a **small** plate of goodies for your child to eat at the party – they will have had lunch! Please ensure this is clearly named. Dates of parties will follow.

### **Christmas Fair**

Sadly, we are not able to hold our Christmas fair this year. Instead, we would be very grateful for any books purchased from our Amazon wish list [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk). A huge thank you to those parents who have already donated – we are so thankful! If you'd rather make a donation to the school, we can purchase a book on your behalf. Please pop your donation in a sealed envelope and hand to your classteacher.

### **Last day of term**

We close for the Christmas break on 18<sup>th</sup> December. We are finishing at the usual times. This day will be a non uniform day in aid of the Foodbank and we would appreciate any donations of tins, packets or Christmas treats you are able to give.

If you have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Festive wishes

Helen Frampton  
Headteacher

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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child named above to take part in the class Christmas performance. I understand this performance will be recorded and made in to a video which will be shared online. I understand this permission must be given by 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

I understand I can withdraw this permission any time before 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_