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## FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020

### Christmas has arrived at Somersetford!

Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the school and we have really enjoyed the arrival of our school elves, decorations and Christmas trees.

Please remember the children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on 11th December as we raise money for Save the Children.

Mrs Frampton

### Welcome back to Year 2!

We really missed Y2 while they were at home isolating and it has been wonderful to have them back. We are also pleased that our robust processes meant there were no other cases in the bubble during the isolation period.

### COVID Reminders

Please can we remind parents:

- Only one parent comes to school to drop off and collect children
- **Please keep 2m apart from other parents as much as possible**
- Please do not stay and chat or arrive early and chat with other parents
- **Wear a face mask at the school gates** and especially when talking to staff
- Please only access a test for a person with symptoms
- A negative test does not mean you can stop isolating as symptoms can develop later



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### Staff changes

We interviewed today for a Year 6 teacher to replace Mrs Chase from January. We were delighted to have a really strong field to choose from. We will be informing the successful candidate this evening and will let Y6 know more next week.

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I am very sad to inform you of the passing of Mr Bill Peters who was a member of our cleaning team for many years.  
I am sure you will join me in sending our love and best wishes to his wife, Debbie, who is a member of our lunchtime team.

### Changes to end of year assessments

You may have heard in the news that the government have made some changes to assessments this year in light of the pandemic.

Y2 will not sit any end of year tests; Mrs Semple will make teacher assessments in reading, writing and maths

Y6 will sit SATs tests in reading and maths but not in spelling and grammar

Y4 will not complete the multiplication test

Y1 will still complete the Phonics Test

We will provide more information about these changes and tests nearer the time.

### School uniform

Please may I remind you that children should be in full school uniform every day (except Y5 and 6 PE days). We recommend you add additional layers **underneath** your child's uniform as it can be very cold in school currently due to the need for additional ventilation.

### Financial support

If you are need of financial support over the Christmas period or you are worrying about feeding your family or buying Christmas presents, please come and speak to Mr Walsh or email

[office@somerford.dorest.sch.uk](mailto:office@somerford.dorest.sch.uk).

There are many organisations who are able to help and we have good links with them.

We would be really pleased to be able to support you with accessing help—you just need to let us know.

### Messages to staff

I am so proud of how hard the whole staff team has worked this term, and I am sure you are too. It can be really tricky to speak to staff at the moment so I would love to be able to share any positive messages of thanks or support you have for the team. It will give them a boost in these last few weeks!

Please email any feedback to [office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk)

Thank you

Our next newsletter will be **Friday 18th December 2020**

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