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FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2020

Happy Christmas!

After such a difficult year, I truly wish you all a healthy and peaceful break with your families. I am hopeful that 2021 will be a less challenging year but whatever comes, we will be standing with you and offering any support we can.

Mrs Frampton

Goodbye!

We very sadly said goodbye to Mrs Chase on Wednesday. We wish her lots of luck in her new adventures—she will be missed.

In January, we will be welcoming Mrs McCarthy to Year 6. The children met her this week and she is really looking forward to joining our team.

COVID Reminders

Please can we remind parents:

- **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

Sadly, very few parents wear a mask at the gates, despite these reminders. A huge thank you to those who do.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Spring Term

We return to school on Monday 4th January 2021 with the same timings and gates.

Curriculum

COVID hasn't stopped us enhancing and developing our rich and broad curriculum for the children. This half term, Year 1 have had weekly yoga and mindfulness sessions and many year groups have used the school kitchen for the first time in their Food Technology sessions.

Mrs Roberts has also continued delivering high quality PE lessons across the school.

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Notifying school of a positive case of COVID 19 in the holidays

If your child receives a positive test result in the time we are closed, please inform the school via the office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk address.

If this happens between us closing and Christmas Eve, the DfE have asked schools to consider whether the child had contact with anyone else in school while contagious (48 hours before symptoms). If they have, we have been asked to inform those children who need to isolate for 14 days. We will do this via Marvellous Me.

If your child receives a positive test result from Christmas Day to 3rd January, Track and Trace will advise you.

Please do still inform us of any positive results during that time so we can know if your child is not returning on the 4th. Thank you

Building Works

The works to the school and new special school are continuing. This week Year 3 have been working in a different area to allow some work to take place to create some offices and a learning break out space.

Over the Christmas closure, some works will continue to the outside area.

I would like to reassure you that all works are being carried out within COVID regulations.

Panto time!

We would like to thank the PTA for organising an online pantomime for us. We all watched Sleeping Beauty yesterday and had a great time.

Non uniform days

Thank you for your generosity on our non uniform days.

We raised £164.20 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day and we donated a huge car full of food for the Foodbank today.

These donations will make a real difference to people's lives.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Cooper, Waitrose, Sainsbury's and Tesco who have all donated crackers for our Christmas Lunches this week.



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Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

We have been really pleased to support the Local Authority's distribution of food vouchers to all those families with children eligible for free school meals. Families received a £15 food voucher for each child in receipt of free school meals for each week. Children have to be receiving benefit related free school meals, not just because they are in the Infants.

We have been told that the LA will be issuing these vouchers again in the February half term. If you are not yet claiming free school meals please check if you are eligible and register on line at [Free School Meals - BCP Council](#). It would help the school if you can have registered by 9th January 2021. We are happy to help in the new year—just ask.

Christmas Film

We have been busy filming our class performances for our Christmas film this week. All filming was carried out in our large hall with good ventilation. Bubbles were filmed separately. You can watch the film at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rE_gGPj7s_c

A huge thank you to our director, Mr Wallace, and our editor Ben Wallace. Ben is currently volunteering as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award and is helping with our media.

Christmas parties

The children have loved their parties this week— it has been so wonderful to still hear the Christmas fun going on.

Staff training day reminder

Our next staff training day is February 12th 2021 and school will be closed to children. Staff will be working from home on your child's reports on that day.

Special Visitor!

We were so excited today to see Father Christmas visit all the classrooms in a COVID safe way! He commented on how wonderful the children were and he is certain they will all be on the nice list! He dropped off some presents to the classes with things they can enjoy in January.

Our next newsletter will be Friday 8th January 2021

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