



## THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2021

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

As we reach the end of a busy and eventful term I would like to wish you all a restful and happy time with family and friends this Christmas. Please do all you can to stay safe and healthy—get your vaccines if eligible!

We are assuming we are opening as normal on 4th January and will obviously contact you via Marvellous Me and Twitter if anything changes.

I have been so proud of the children this term. They have worked hard and with such enthusiasm and have always remained kind and polite.

I look forward to seeing what 2022 brings!

Mrs Frampton

### School Closed

On Friday 17th December **TOMORROW** we have a staff training day and school is closed to pupils.

### Lateral Flow Testing

It has been suggested by Public Health and the Local Authority that you test your child with a Lateral Flow Device before they attend school on a Monday morning. **We would urge you to test your child before they return to school in January.**

Whilst we encourage this as an additional protective measure, it is your choice and we will not be asking for or collecting results.

You still **MUST** seek a PCR test if your child has symptoms, an LFD test is not correct in this situation.

### Carol Concert

Thank you to all those who attended the Carol Concert on the playground. It was a rather chilly night but that didn't stop us! It was so special to join together as a school family and a great way to start our Christmas festivities. We hope you enjoyed it too.

### Nativities

We were treated to incredible nativities from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 last week. We were so pleased to be able to welcome you to the live performances and thank you for adhering to the precautions we put in place. We were so proud of the children, most of whom had never performed to an audience before due to the pandemic.

### Handball

Congratulations to the Y5/6 team of handballers who represented the school so excellently at a handball festival last week. Mrs Whitehead and Miss Roberts were so proud of you!

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### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you all for your kind donations for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day. The children looked fantastic and we raised £136.25

### Christmas Parties

We all had so much fun at our Christmas parties this week. We managed to play lots of games, eat lots of food and have lots of fun but still stay COVID safe. We also looked FABULOUS in our party outfits!

### Calling all Gardeners!

We have fantastic grounds at our school and lots of raised beds, borders and pots. These all take looking after and we are really keen to grow a team of volunteers who can help us to look after our gardens. There would be no set hours and you could come and help when you are free. You may also know a grandparent or other relative who would like to come and help us. We can provide the tools you need and the gardens– we just need you!

Please speak to the main office or email [office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@somerford.dorset.sch.uk) if you can spare us some time.

### Attendance

You will receive an end of term attendance sheet in January showing you where your child's attendance sat at the end of the Autumn Term. We do understand that COVID has skewed lots of children's attendance this term but it is still helpful to know what your child's current attendance is.

### Non uniform day

Thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank today. These will be really gratefully received. If you need any help with food over the Christmas period, please do contact the Foodbank. They will be very keen to help.

### Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to Mrs Barnes and her kitchen team for cooking a delicious Christmas lunch for us this week. It was a real celebratory meal and we had a great time.

### Return to school

We return on Tuesday 4th January 2022. We will continue with the same staggered start and finish times.

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### Support available over the holidays

If you need support this Christmas.....

MASH  
01202 123334  
E-mail—[childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Family Information Directory  
01202 093131  
[familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Christchurch Foodbank +  
Mondays, 10am – 12pm (donations only)  
Tuesdays, 10am – 12pm  
Thursdays, 11am – 1pm  
Fridays, 2pm – 4pm

07587 371088 or 07536 983678

Citizens Advice Bureau  
[www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk)

Together we can  
0300 123 7052

BCP Council Crisis Advice Team  
01202 096622

Connection (Dorset's 24/7 mental health line)  
0300 123 5440

BHCA Domestic Abuse Helpline  
01202 710777

Childline  
0800 1111

Samaritans  
116 123

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### SITE ASSISTANT

Somerford Primary School is situated on a large campus in Christchurch, Dorset. We have expansive grounds and we take pride in our school and buildings. We work closely as a team and are looking for a new team member to join us as soon as possible.

We are seeking to appoint a Site Assistant to carry out a full range of duties supporting the Site Manager in the day to day security, safety, cleanliness, and general maintenance of the school site. This role requires a person with the necessary skills and experience to ensure the security and maintenance of the school site. Full details can be found in the Job Description and Personal Specification.

The successful applicant will be required to work 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday 11.00am – 4.00pm, 52 weeks per year. BCP Grade D £13,048 - £13,309 per annum, pro rata.

Somerford Primary School values the diversity of our workforce and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. Somerford Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people; this is a commitment which we expect all staff and volunteers to share. The successful candidate will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Governments safer recruitment guidelines.

The pro rata salary shown is based on the number of hours and weeks worked and paid annual leave entitlement for an employee under 5 years' service. This role is UK based and your Right to Work will need to be established as part of the appointment process

Information about our school is available on the school website at [www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk). For any further information or to discuss the post, please contact the Headteacher's Secretary, Mrs Assinder on (01202) 485436. We are on a large site and visits to the school are recommended.

Closing date for applications Wednesday 19 January 2022

Interviews will be held on: Tuesday 25 January 2022

### SEND Event run by BCP

**Event:** SEND Co-Production Charter Date: 13th January 2022, 10.00am - 12.00pm

**Venue:** Slades Park Pavilion, Ensbury Park Road, Bournemouth, BH10 4HF (may have to be a virtual event depending on Covid restrictions)

**Do you know what we mean by a SEND co-production charter?** It's about developing a new way of working to gather and enhance families' experiences of SEND services across BCP.

BCP Council and the Dorset CCG want to commit to co-production by developing a SEND Co-production Charter with BCP parents/carers, children and young people and all key partners from across education, health and social care. Please come along to the event to find out more and to give you and your family the opportunity to share experiences so we can ensure the Co-production Charter reflects the opinions of all BCP SEND families and to also meet many of the representatives from the various charities and support groups. Please note, similar co-production events with children and young people will be held separately.

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### CHRISTMAS DAY POEM

Loving is sharing, and sharing is loving,  
This is a phrase we've all been hearing,  
It is a time to prove that this saying is true,  
For Christmas is already with me and you.

Honour and praise for Jesus is coming,  
Be thankful to God for what you are receiving,  
Say thank you for you still have something to cook,  
And share it with others who have no food.

It is time that to think what we've been doing,  
Is there a good place where the world is going?  
Change the things that would harm others and you,  
And focus on deeds that would do you good.

Remember that all lives are worth living,  
There's always a purpose for what you are making,  
Keep in mind that you have someone to turn to,  
Never feel blue for God is always with you.

By Vedenshi in Y6

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