



FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023

As we reach the end of our first term I would like to wish you all a peaceful, healthy and happy break. Your children have all been amazing this term and through working in partnership with you we are able to ensure your children is working towards all they are capable of.

Next term we will be sending out our annual parent survey and will really welcome your views, thoughts and suggestions.

Mrs Frampton

Holiday food vouchers

BCP are continuing to provide food vouchers for the holidays and these will be issued from school as usual. They were issued on Friday 8th December which will give you time to raise any queries with the school this week before we close on the 15th. Unfortunately, there will not be anyone able to resolve any queries over the holidays so please check you have received them in good time.

Important Dates

We close for Christmas today, Friday 15th Dec at the usual times.
Tuesday 2nd January is a staff training day and school is closed to children.
Wednesday 3rd January, school reopens at the usual time.

Nativity performances

Thank you for joining us for these fantastic performances. The children did so well, especially our Reception children who were performing for the first time! Thank you also to the staff in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It takes a lot of work to put on a show that good.

Please may I remind you not to post photos or videos of other children on social media without their parents' consent.

Music, music, music

We were delighted to watch the Twynham jazz band last week who performed some Christmas songs for us. We also had epic performances from our rock legends in the Rocksteady end of term performance. If you are interested in your child joining Rocksteady, please see the flyer your child brought home or ask the office for more details.

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SOMERFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Attendance at the end of this week

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	92.3%	94.7%
2	95.3%	95.1%
3	94.0%	95.4%
4	94.5%	95.2%
5	92.8%	95.0%
6	94.5%	95.2%

That means across the whole school, 92 children have met or exceeded our target of 96% attendance! Congratulations to those children!

Attendance

We celebrated attendance in assembly on Wednesday. All children who have met the expectation of 96% attendance or more received their Bronze Award.

Each class teacher also nominated a child for an attendance award who may not have achieved 96% but deserved recognition for their attendance.

Your child will have brought home their end of term attendance record today showing you where their attendance sits currently.

If you have any questions, you can look on Arbor or ask at the office.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your donations to Save the Children. We raised £82 by wearing our festive jumpers.

Hot lunches

Please make sure you have ordered your child's lunch for the first week back. If you do not order by Thursday 28th December, you will need to send your child to school with a packed lunch that week.

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Carol Concert

Thank you to all those parents and children who attended our rescheduled Carol Concert on the playground. The weather was much kinder to us and it felt like Christmas had really started.
A big thank you to Christchurch Foodbank for donating the mince pies and to AMC Electrical for donating the outside lights.

Honeypot Residential

The 12 Y5 children who stayed at Honeypot last week had a fantastic time and represented the school brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Cahill for accompanying the children and to Mr Wallace for organising the visit.

Non uniform day

Thank you for your generous donations to Christchurch Foodbank today. Every tin or packet donated makes such a difference.
The Foodbank are offering lots of support over Christmas so please contact them if they can help.

Premier Holiday Club

Premier are running a holiday club in the school hall during the first week of the holidays. This is free if your child is eligible for free school meals. You can collect a booking form from the school office or email ldibden@premier-education.com

Competition winners

Congratulations to Kiki Y6, Bryoni Y3, Hazera Y3, Jamie-Leigh Y6 and Faye Y3 for winning Mrs Mcmillan's Christmas competition. The entries were all amazing!



Date of next newsletter

Friday 5th January 2024

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