



SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Somerville Nursery and Somerville Primary Schools
"Aiming high together"



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 31st March 2017

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **31st March:** Break up for Spring & Easter Holidays.
- **TUESDAY 18th April:** Children return to school. The school day starts at 5 to 9.
- **18th April to 28th April:** Year 3 children swimming for two weeks, please remember your towel and costume.
- **19th April 2.30pm and 5.00pm:** Residential meeting for Year 5 children and parents hoping to visit Boreatton Park in the Autumn term.
- **Friday 21st April:** Class photographs.

144 children were late for school last week!

New intake for September 2017

Parents and carers who have applied for a school place for their child will be notified of their allocated school from the local authority on Tuesday 18th April 2017.

Somerville Primary School has planned a meeting for all of our new parents and carers who have been successful in being allocated Somerville as their child's school.

The meeting will be to share relevant information to prepare our new families for starting school in September 2017.

We have planned initially for the meeting to take place on 28th June 2017 and further information will be sent to parents and carers nearer to this date.

NURSEY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

We look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to visit **Somerville Nursery School** – a partner school of Somerville Federation, on Thursday 27th April. For more details see inside your ***Kids Direct magazine*** or contact the Nursery School to book in on 0151 638 1567.

Spring break

Today we break up for the Spring break.

We hope that you have an enjoyable break. Remember to keep reading whilst away from school and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 18th April at five minutes to 9.

Break time snacks

Year 6 children are currently enjoying Bagels at break time, which the school cook has recently introduced. Children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to enjoy their free fruit.

If your child wishes to bring a snack to school please remember to provide them with a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.

Absence house calls

If your child is absent from school due to illness or for other reasons please make sure that you inform school of the reason for their absence by 9.30am.

Somerville Primary School will try to make contact with you if we have not heard why your child is absent.

We have started to make house calls to the homes of children where absence is below the school's target of 96%.

Check that your child's attendance is not below this amount.

90% attendance means they have missed a full day every two weeks. 80% means they have missed a full day every week.

80% would be the same as missing nearly 200 lessons a year.

Which child makes the most progress?

Child A with attendance nearer to 100%, or
Child B who has missed 200 lessons?

Help your child to make better progress!