

# Somerville News



## AUTUMN TERM REFLECTION

This term has been an extremely busy one in school. The term began with a fully graded Ofsted inspection which was a resounding success and reflected the hard work and dedication of all of our staff who work so hard, as a team, every day. It also reflected how lovely and well behaved our children are.

**ATTENDANCE** in school has improved not only on last academic year over the year but this term compared with the same period last year. This will only have a positive impact on the children's attainment and progress. After all, a teacher can not teach an empty chair! Many families who have been part of the attendance meetings have been able to benefit from extra support school has been able to offer over last academic year and this term. This may be in the form of accessing a CAMHs referral to support with school avoidance anxiety, signposting to wider services such as Koala North West to help with a variety of difficulties such as poor sleep, starting the pathway for a range of neurodiverse diagnosis etc.

**PUNCTUALITY** has also seen a huge improvement this term compared with the same period last year. This again, will have a positive impact on the children's attainment, progress and anxiety levels.

These last two weeks school has been alive with dress rehearsals and performances. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed Christmas Dinner Day and were treated to the most wonderful Christmas dinner by Mrs Spencer and her team. The midday assistant team decorated the tables and provided the music, Miss Maguire and Otis club decorated the hall windows. Thank you to all who made it such a special occasion.

We do hope the children have enjoyed the added enrichment opportunities our staff have provided this year in terms of the Halloween Disco and Christmas Movie Night. Our staff provided their time for free to allow these events to take place so we would very much like to thank them and share with you how much we appreciate them. This year our choir has reached new heights performing around the Wirral in a care home and church. They have also this week performed at Morrisons, West Kirby to raise money for their up and coming trip to Manchester Arena to sing with thousands of other school children.

This term we have received our validated results from last summer. You will be able to see that outcomes are going up across the school. This will improve further if we can improve our attendance and punctuality.

### Dates for you Diary

#### December

##### Thursday 21st

School closes to pupil for Christmas holidays

#### January

##### Monday 8th

School opens to pupils for Spring Term



Subject and year group	2022	2023
Reception Percentage achieving a Good Level of Development	48%	<b>61%</b>
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	72%	61%
Year 2 Reading, Writing , Maths Combined	24%	<b>39%</b>
Year 2 Reading	51%	<b>59%</b>
Year 2 Writing	29%	<b>44%</b>
Year 2 Maths	59%	<b>67%</b>
Year 6 Reading, Writing, Maths Comined	48%	<b>52%</b>
Year 6 Reading	71%	59%
Year 6 Writing	52%	<b>59%</b>
Year 6 Maths	79%	61%

Following on from parents' evening , to keep parents and carers further updated on their child's progress, class teachers will be sending home an Autumn Term report card. This will update you on the teachers assessments of your child in reading, writing and mathematics over the autumn term and how much effort is given in each subject. You will receive this report card on Friday 12th January.

## Welcome

We have warmly welcomed 13 pupils to Somerville from other schools this term. We do hope they have settled well into our Somerville family.

## Goodbye

It is with sadness we have to say goodbye to two much loved menders of staff. Mr White will be leaving us after 17 years. He has secured a promotion at a new school, he will be making the transition to working with teenagers. We wish him every success in his new position.

Mrs Williams will be retiring from Somerville after 25 years. We wish her all that she wants from her retirement.

**We thank them both for their work with our children and their friendship over many years.**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Christmas message is always one of peace and goodwill to all. The Somerville team wish all of our families a Christmas of love and laughter and may your year ahead be full of joy and contentment. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers for your many kind words this term. It really does mean a lot to us all.

We look forward to seeing you all again on MONDAY 8TH JANUARY.