Somerville Federation



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Dear Parents and Carers

We have now reached the end of another school year. What a strange year it has been for all of us in unprecedented times. Whilst we have not seen all of the children return to school we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and wish our Year 6 children the very best as they move onto High School and their next step in education.

We said farewell to many of the Year 6 children who returned for their get together yesterday, it was lovely to see them all, but very sad to say goodbye and under unusual circumstances. A big thank you to the staff for arranging the get together, we hope the children enjoyed their pizzas, milkshakes and snacks, and that they can treasure their photo boards, t-shirts and memories of their time at Somerville. You will be missed and remember to let us know how you are getting on.

In September we are also looking forward to welcoming our new children into Foundation 2 as well as children to numerous other year groups who are moving school or have moved into the locality. Welcome to you all and remember to take a look at the New to Somerville and Returning to Somerville pages on our Federation website.

Your child now knows their new class and the structure of classes from September. A photo board has now been put together of most staff for you and your child to view so that they can see their new class teacher and others who will be supporting the year group. Access this by clicking on this link

To prepare you for the return in September; a plan, a risk assessment, map of classes and routes into school and a poster of ways to stay safe have all been prepared. You can see all of these by clicking on this link Returning to Somerville 2020, or visiting the school website. Hopefully this information will clarify any questions you may have for September. This information will be updated as and when more guidance becomes available. If anything is updated we will be in touch to let you know.

Children who have resources at home such as books and especially **Year 5** children who may have a Ukulele at home please remember to bring them back to school on your first week. **Year 3** children will need to be prepared for the week of 7th September in case swimming can recommence, this is to give you notice in case you need to buy swimming trunks (<u>not</u> shorts) or a swimming costume and towel.

The Oak National Academy website https://www.thenational.academy/ continues to be available over the Summer and for the next 12 months, should you wish to access the lessons available.

Once again thank you for your very kind words of support over the last week, we continue to be overwhelmed by the support you have shown the staff in these challenging times.

Finally, I must finish on very sad news. Last week you may remember that I informed you that Miss Butt would be on maternity leave from September. Miss Butt gave birth to baby James earlier this week but sadly James passed away a few hours later. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Miss Butt and her family and I know you will want to join with me in sending our heartfelt sympathies at such a tragic time.

Make time for each other over the next 6 weeks. See you all on the 2nd September, stay safe everyone!

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