

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## GOODBYE YEAR 6

This week is always a sad one in our school calendar as we have to say goodbye to a year group who have been with us for SEVEN years. Over the seven years we have the joy of watching a group of children develop from learning how to hold a pencil, not knowing numbers and letters to writing the most amazing stories and carrying

out complex calculations in maths. However the most wonderful part is watching their personalities develop, watching them create friendships that will last a life time and watching them develop their interests and hobbies. We wish each and every one of them the best of luck in high school. They have the skills to be successful. We are very lucky at Somerville that so any of our past pupils pop in and let us know what they have been up to and what professions they have ended up in. Just this week we have found out about a significant group of children (now adults) who have all graduated from university this summer. One of these is going on to do her masters in Criminology in September and another is applying for her first teaching position. We hope that we get to hear about the future successes and career choices of this group of children and seeing where their talents and interests lead them. We hope they AIM HIGH for their secondary education as well!

At Somerville each and every adult STRIVES to provide an education and wider experiences that will set up each and every child for their next stage of education. We care passionately about every child's future which is why our staff go above and beyond what is expected of teachers to provide those wider experiences and opportunities that they may not have got in other settings. The exec team would like to thank all Somerville staff for their commitment to our children.

## MORE GOODBYES

It is with sadness we must also say goodbye to several member of staff. There hasn't been a dry eye today! Mrs Evans, Mrs Renshaw, Mrs Forsythe, Miss Geary, Mr Westcott and Miss Griffiths all leave school today. We wish them ALL much luck and happiness in the next stage of their careers. Mrs Evans is emigrating to Australia with her family. After 18 years at Somerville this has been a very sad goodbye for her. As with every member of staff who has worked at Somerville, they will remain part of the extended Somerville family.

### Dates for you Diary

#### July

#### Friday 14th

Reports go out to parents

#### Wednesday 19th

Last day of school for pupils

# SCHOOL UNIFORM



School uniform is to be worn by all children in September. PE days are not wear your own clothes, PE kit must be worn. We have designed our kits so that they are available in all of the best value stores and supermarkets. PE kits is a white T shirt and blue shorts and school sweatshirt. Own sweatshirts can not be worn and will need to be removed if worn to school. A school sweatshirt out of the communal box will be worn for the rest of the day.

For outdoor PE children can wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms to go with their school sweatshirt.

If you have any school jumpers, cardigans, sweatshirts, white t shirts or the Somerville coats that are in a good condition and no longer fit your child - **please don't throw these away.** If you send them into school for the first week back in September (we are unable to store over the holidays) we will put them into our stock and distribute. This also goes for any Year 6's, any unwanted uniform in good condition would be much appreciated. **Thank you to all who are able to help with this. As a community we do like to look after each other as much as possible.**

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

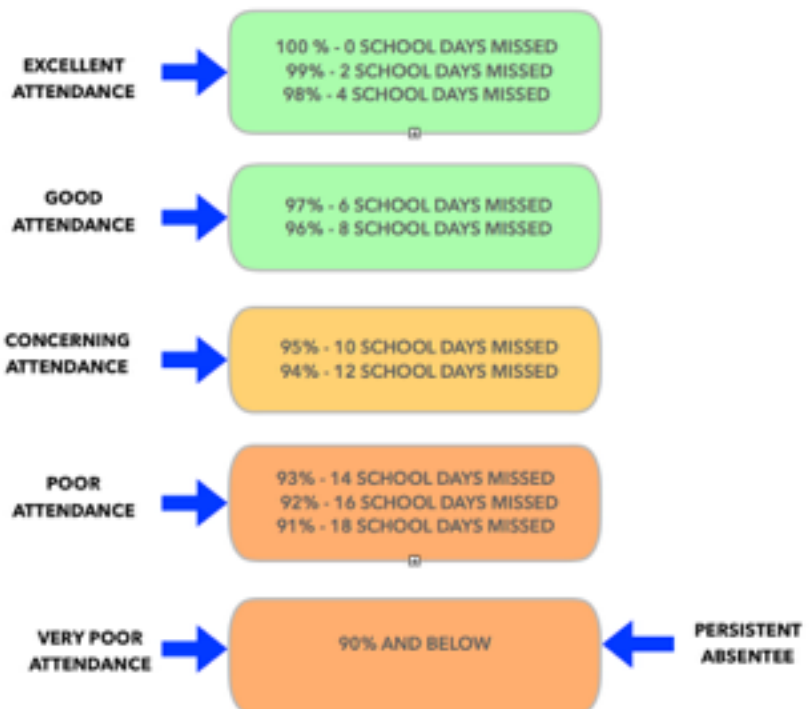
Please be aware that the national attendance drive will continue next academic year. EPNs (fines) will be issued for unauthorised holidays. The attendance team will be actively out and about during the Autumn term on home visits if an illness has not been phoned, illness needs to be confined with supporting medical evidence (dependent on attendance this academic year) or a holiday is suspected after three days absence.

It is important your child attends school every day. The impact on their progress and attainment if they miss school can not be underestimated. These children will struggle to make progress and meet their age related expectations at the end of each school year.

Being late does have an adverse impact on your child. It often leads to panic and anxiety because they are missing the start of their lessons, walking in when everyone is settled and working and missing that important time with class teacher at registration before the day begins. Lateness disrupts lessons and is embarrassing for the child. Punctuality will be challenged from September by school and local authority officers. EPN's and fines will be issued from the Autumn term for 10 lates.

Pupils should NOT be picked up before the end of the school day. We will be logging lost learning and aim to meet with parents with the local authority officer who repeatedly pick up early. EVIDENCE of medical appointments MUST be provided. Children have the right to be at school and learning.

### BELOW IS A GUIDE TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE MEANSw



## SPORTS DAY

Thank you to all of the families who came to sport day. The children had a fabulous time and we hope you did too!. This year we have really enjoyed opening the school up to parents a lot more. We will continue with these events next academic year and hopefully add to them as well. Parent school partnership is VERY important to us here at school.



## SUMMER FAIR



The summer fair was ROARING success this year. We raised £2134.87. One of our parents, Mr Youds, was able to access a charitable fund in work and was able to match the first £1000 we made, making our total income £3134.87. We are completely blown away by this. Thank you to all who came and to Mr Youds.

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## A REMINDER OF CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

From September 2023:

### **Reception and Key Stage 1**

8:50am-3:20pm (gates will open 10 mins before the official start of the school day at 8:40am)

### **Key Stage 2**

8:55am-3:25pm (children will be able to enter the school site 10 minutes before the official start time at 8:45am)

The gates that will be open for KS1 at 8.40am are the reception playground gate and the Northbrook Road gate. The other gates will remain closed until 8.45am.

**School gates at the end of the day will not open until 10 minutes before the end of**



## STEM LIVE

Last week STEM LIVE hosted a ground breaking session celebrating 'Women in Engineering Day'. Our Year 6 girls had the brilliant opportunity to be part of the live studio audience for a talk from FIVE OUTSTANDING WOMEN ENGINEERS who discussed why they love engineering, why they wanted to get into it and how they did become engineers. Some of our girls got to ask questions. There was a rocket engineer, an RAF pilot, agricultural engineer, energy efficiency engineer and health and safety test engineer for lifeboats. What a team of women to be inspired by! We encourage all of our children to have ambition and GO for their goals. We altered our curriculum a few years ago now to move from theme work to subject disciplines. This is to allow children to develop a real LOVE / PASSION for a subject (s) which can get lost in thematic teaching. Which subjects does your child really love?



## YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRALS

Last Friday Year 2 visited the Liverpool Anglican and Metropolitan cathedrals. The trip supported their learning about places of worship was part of their Religious Education curriculum. The children looked at the features of the cathedrals and identified similarities and differences between them. We would like to thank Veronica the tour guide of the Metropolitan cathedral who showed us around and commented on how lovely our children are. Whilst in the Metropolitan cathedral the children sang 'This Little Light of Mine' hearing their voices echo as they did so. In the Anglican cathedral the children particularly liked the whispering arch and completing the Derby Mouse trail. During this trip the children are so full of awe and wonder and the magnificence and beauty of the buildings which we are so lucky to have on our doorstep and see from a distance each day.

