

Somerville Nursery School

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SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Newsletter – October 2023

Now taking applications for January & Easter 2024



Children in Need

We will be supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 17th November. Children can come in dressed in spotty clothes for a suggested donation of £1

Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents / carers who attended our recent Communication and Language workshop. Look out for future workshop events coming soon!

Term Dates

We will close for the half-term on Thursday 19th October and return to school on Monday 23rd October.

Note: Friday 20th October is an INSET day and school will be closed to children.

Have a great half term!

Applying for a place at Primary School

Although it may seem like your child has only just settled in F1, it's time to plan for their place at primary school!

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 & 31/08/2020, they will be due to start school in September 2024. You will need to make an application for a school place by January 15th 2024.

Change of Clothes

Please provide a bag with spare clothes for your child that can be kept in school (include socks). Even if your child does not have toileting accidents we still need a spare set for general accidents e.g. falling in a puddle / wet play! For those children who are not yet toilet trained, please remember to put spare nappies/pull-ups and wipes in their bags.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and their bag are labelled clearly with your child's name. Please DO NOT use plastic bags!

Supporting independence

In order to support your child as they become independent, please consider what they are wearing to Nursery. **We would strongly recommend that children wear jogging pants with an elasticated waist** as they can more readily manage these when accessing the toilets and changing facilities. We would also ask that children do not come to Nursery in shoes with laces. Many thanks for your support.



Website

www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/
Please check the website regularly, the latest information can be found here.



You can also access information on our Facebook & Twitter pages.

School Office Hours

The office is staffed between 8:30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. each day. Tel: 0151 638 1567

Health & Safety

Please DO NOT allow your children to access the Forest School areas or the playground equipment when you are on the nursery site - these areas are only for use with trained nursery staff.



Lunches

Healthy lunches: please note that fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets should not be provided. A good example of a healthy lunch might be:

- a sandwich, wrap or pot of pasta,
- a piece or pot of fruit
- a yogurt
- a carton of juice



We are a nut-free setting and would appreciate your support with this.

Reduce the risk of choking:

- Remove any stones and pips from fruit
 - Cut small round foods lengthways and into quarters
 - Cut large fruits into slices instead of small chunks
 - Cut cheese into strips
- Avoid: whole seeds; popcorn; marshmallows; jelly cubes

Miscellaneous

Please note that children DO NOT need water bottles in nursery. They have access to water throughout their session. In general we ask that you do not send your child into nursery with toys and other items from home as this can lead to distress if these items are forgotten or go missing. Please do speak to staff if your child has a comforter and they will advise you how best to proceed.

Key Person

Every child in nursery has a 'key person'. The key person's role is to help ensure that your child's care is tailored to meet their individual needs, help them become familiar with the setting, offer a settled relationship and help parents to support their child's development. You can of course approach any member of staff in your child's class if needed, see below:

Caterpillars:

Room Leader: Mrs Jones
Teaching assistants: Miss Lavery & Miss Cleary(am)

Bumblebees / Butterflies:

Class teachers: Mrs Shennan
Mrs Saville & Mrs Booth
Teaching assistants: Miss Nisbet
Mrs Povey, Mrs Holsgrove & Miss Clearly (pm)

Parent information



Please access Family Toolbox for advice and information about family life in Wirral:

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>

Please access Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership for information about keeping children safe.

<https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks, toast, bagels etc. and a drink of milk or water. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and take care of small teeth!

We ask for a small donation of £1 per week.

Early Years Pupil Premium

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional sum of money paid to childcare providers for children of families in receipt of certain benefits. This funding will be used to enhance the quality of early years' experience by improving the teaching, learning, facilities and resources, with the aim of impacting positively on your child's progress and development. Please check and register here:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/early-years-pupil-premium#wqSM-3>

Attendance

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence for morning children, and before 12.30 p.m. for afternoon children. You can

do this by:

Phone - 0151 638 1567 or email schooloffice@somervillennursery.wirral.sch.uk

School Matters!



Evidence Me

Please make sure that you are set up on 'Evidence Me'. The 'Parent Share' feature in Evidence Me enables you to view information and keep up to date on what's happening in nursery! Should you have any difficulties accessing Evidence Me, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Please note we **do not** provide regular observations / photo uploads. This is to ensure that staff can focus on **high quality interactions** with your child, scaffolding and supporting their development. However, you will receive confirmation of your child's key person and occasional photos. Of course, we love to hear about your child's learning experiences at home via Evidence Me – please continue to send these through.

Please note that any communication about health and well-being should continue to be addressed by phone, email or in person.



Staff News

You may have noticed that Mrs Jones is expecting a baby! She will be going on maternity leave from Friday 20th October so her last day in school will be this Thursday. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the very best! Mrs Stewart will be joining the Caterpillars team and in the interests of transition will be working alongside Miss Jones this week.

