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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



WELCOME BACK

It has been lovely welcoming back all of our children and families. The children have grown so much over the summer break! WE have been busy planning this years learning, organising clubs and booking trips for this term.

This is always such a lovely term for us as we get to meet a whole new group of children in our class and meet their families as well.

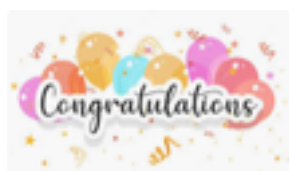
We have met all of our new Reception children who are just starting their school journey with us. We look forward to watching them grow and develop not only over the course of this school year but during their whole time with us. The journey a child goes on from the age of four to 11 years old is amazing and we feel blessed that you have chosen our school and we get to be a part of this with you.

We also welcome Miss Ledsom and Miss Howard to our school family.

This September we also have a number of children who have joined us from other schools, we of course offer them all the warmest of welcomes to Somerville!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS COTTON

As a school community we would like to offer our sincere congratulation to Miss Cheesman who got married during the summer holidays. She is now Mrs Cotton. As a school community we would like to offer our sincere congratulation to Miss Cheesman who got married during the summer holidays. She is now Mrs Cotton.



PASTORAL TEAM

Please remember our pastoral team are here to help, support and listen. If you need any help please contact Miss Crampton or Mrs Parry. Miss Crampton and Mrs Parry are able to access the Beehive Team: Miss Butt, Miss Cooper and Mrs Pike.

ROAD SAFETY

It has been mentioned at the school office today about children who walk to school by themselves crossing the road without awareness of where is safe or what is coming in terms of traffic. If you have a child in Year 6 please could you talk to them about road safety over the weekend and maybe show them how to cross a road safely. We do also have the road crossing officer on Poulton Road to help.

Dates for you Diary

Wednesday 20th September

School photograph day. Smiles at the ready!

Monday 25th September

Wear your bright clothes charity day.

Tuesday 10th October

Flu nasal spray day.

Friday 20th October
INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.

Friday 27th October
Last day of school for pupils.

Monday 30th October
All children back at school.

Thursday 21st December
Last day of school for pupils

Friday 22nd December
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ANY QUERIES OVER YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Every now and again something might pop up and you feel you need a question answered, further information or help to resolve an issue. In the first instance you should speak to the child's class teacher, then follow the chain of people below if you need to. If you jump straight to stages 3, 4 and 5, it may be that you are referred back to the most appropriate member of staff to deal with your issue. You will find the named contacts for child's class and key stage on the year group information leaflet that will be sent to you by email next week.

CONTACT LADDER

1. Class Teacher
2. Band Leader
3. Assistant Headteacher for your key stage
4. Deputy Headteacher
5. Headteacher

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. Holidays will only be authorised in the most exception circumstances and evidence to support your form **MUST** be included. The attendance team will be actively out and about during the Autumn term on home visits if an illness has not been phoned in. Illness needs to be confirmed with supporting medical evidence (dependent on attendance at the end of last academic year) or a holiday is suspected after three days absence. If your attendance was below 94% last academic year, evidence may be requested to authorise 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. Information will be sent to the Local Authority this year for 10 lates. This could result in an EPN being issued per adult per child.

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 with those who repeatedly pick up early or have a pattern such as FRIDAYS. EVIDENCE of medical appointments **MUST** be provided.

Children have the right to be at school and learning.

We care about your child's education.

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BELOW IS A GUIDE TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE MEANS^{sw}

