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# **Somerville News**

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#### **AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**

#### CHRISTMAS SEASON HAS ARRIVED AT SOMERVILLE



This week in school rehearsals have started in earnest!! There is singing around the school. If your child has been given any lines to learn please can you encourage them to practice daily. It can be nerve wracking presenting anything in front of adults particularly in a hall full of over 100 adults! The more prepared they feel, the more confident they feel on the performance day. We will have collection bags available on performance days as you leave the hall. Any money collected will ALL go towards the Christmas parties on the afternoon of the last day.

# **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

This week was the last week of clubs for this term. Please ensure that you make arrangements for your child to picked up at the usual school time from week beginning Monday 6th December.

#### **EARLY COLLECTION / LATE PICK UPS**

Time keeping is really important in the smooth running of the school. Children should not be picked up early unless an appointment card is shown at the front desk. Classes and learning are disrupted when a child leaves early.

If you are regularly late picking up your child from school, your child will be placed in the OTIS out of hours club and you will be charged for a full session.

We do completely understand that on rare occasions something unexpected will happen and you may be late and a quick phonemail to us will suffice. However it is when this happens several times we need to monitor and speak to you about using OTIS club.







# **ORACY FAMILY DISCUSSION POINT OF THE WEEK**

What is your absolute favourite Christmas movie and why?

# **CUT YOUR CARBON CHALLENGE**



The Cut Your Carbon challenge ends this week. Please send back the sheet that was sent home with your child and has also been on newsletters during November. The children in the Green Team will be working out how much of a difference the families of Somerville have made over November. It really is important to the children that these are sent back to school on Monday next week. They are excited to seer how successful their campaign has been.

### **CHRISTMAS SUPPORT**

As a school we realise the cost of living c crisis is hitting some families very hard. School has been able to access the Radio City Give a Child a Chance Toy Appeal. If you are in a situation where your child may not receive a gift from Santa this year, then please ring the office and ask to speak to Miss Crampton, Mrs Dowd or Mrs Parry and we will do our best to help. All contact will, of course, remain discreet.

## **CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Please see the dates below for each of the Christmas performances. This year we are trying a different format for Year 5. Year 5 will not be doing a Christmas Carol concert, they will instead lead the school celebration for Easter and will do a production based on this instead, that Year 5 parents will be invited to in the Spring Term. Year 5 will, of course, still be involved in all other Christmas activities and will be watching some of the dress rehearsals for other year groups.

Reception - Nativity - Monday 11th December - 9.10am

- Year 1 Nativity Wednesday 20th December 9.10am
- Year 2 Christingle Friday 15th December 2.00pm
- Year 3 Angels production Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm
- Year 4 Carol concert Monday 18th December 9.10am
- Year 6 Christingle service Thursday 21st December 9.10am



There will be **two** tickets issued per child for all performances. If you bring a child they will need to sit on parent / carers knee. Prams and pushchairs can not come into the school hall due to fire safety. All prams and buggies will have to be parked outside **regardless of the weather.**