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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER

PARENT TRAFFIC SURVEY RESULTS

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of our families who responded to the Wirral Borough Council travel survey. We had the largest response we have ever had from parents to any survey and your passion for making our school area a safe place for all really came across.

At the end of this newsletter I will summarise your responses from the surveys so I can share with you all some thoughts from other parents and carers. It has been very useful also for the local authority to hear the views direct from parents and carers rather than through ourselves. What the survey has shown us and the local authority is the strength of feeling against our current parking situation.

We will be meeting with the Local Authority next week to discuss the survey and plan our next steps.

SAFER STREETS

HELP US KICK UP A STINK!

One of the issues that came through on the survey was the amount of dog muck on the pavements around school. We know this isn't anything to do with our families however you do have to navigate it on your walk to school. We would like to kick up a 'stink' on social media, in the nicest possible way to encourage local dog walkers who leave their mess, to clean up after their dogs. We know there are lots of dog owners in the community and the vast majority of these are responsible and clean up their dog's doo and want our local area to be as lovely as we do. Our children have planted trees in the community, planted spring bulbs in the park, they go out on litter picks - they do care about where they live. Let's see if we can together raise awareness and encourage CLEAN STREETS as well as our SAFER STREETS. If there are any local SEACOMBE Facebook pages would any of our families post a "pick up your dog poop' posters for us? The poster is attached to this newsletter, it could be screen shotted and reposted. Thank you all for your support in making our local area the best it can be.

POLLING DAY - THURSDAY 2ND MAY - SCHOOL IS OPEN TO PUPILS

School will remain open to all pupils on polling day. The hall will be divided with the movable wall and doors to the internal school corridors will be locked so that pupils can not enter the polling station and anyone visiting the polling station can not enter the main school.



Dates for you Diary

Monday 6th May

May Day bank holiday School closed

Friday 10th May

Class photograph day. ALL pupils to be in school uniform - no PE kits

Monday 6th May KS2 SATs week

Monday 27 May - Friday 31st May

Half term - school closed

Monday 3rd June

Inset day - School closed

Tuesday 23rd JulyLast day of term



ORACY FAMILY DISCUSSION POINT OF THE WEEK

What impact do other peoples actions have on our local environment?

What could be done to make it better?



FRENCH PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Comment tu t'appelles ? - What's your name?



SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM THE TRAFFIC SURVEY

Can you think of anything that would make it easier or encourage more families to walk, cycle, scoot to and from school or to park and stride?

There were lots of good ideas. The vast majority of respondents had answers around traffic calming measures in

the immediate roads around school including:

- ▶ Blocking off the entrance into Northbrook Road
- ▶ Blocking entrances and exits to surrounding roads during drop off and pick up times
- ▶ Having a one way system around school during specific hours
- Disallow parking in the roads around school for all cars and make it resident / permit parking only

Some other ideas included:

- Competitions
- Speed cameras
- Traffic wardens
- ▶ Stopping the hovering outside of the school gate making g it easier for prams, bikes and scooters to get through

Only 17% of respondents thought that the area outside of school was good or better. 45% thought that it was ok and everybody else thought it was bad or very bad. The top reasons given for this were:

- Not feeling safe walking or crossing the road due to poor driving and awful parking.. Parents shouting at each other as they can't pass in the car.
- Dog muck all over the pavements and litter



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET







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At Somerville we love to walk and scoot to school. Recently, we have noticed a lot more dog poop on Poulton Road, Northbrook Road and Park Road.

We would like to get to school with clean shoes! We want where we live to be a clean and healthy environment for us all.

We love Seacombe and have planted trees, planted bulbs in Central Park and have been out on litter picks. Please help us to look after where we live.

Thank you from all of the Somerville Federation Community

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