

# Somerville News

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## EXCITING NEWS - ALL TEST SCORES ARE IN!

What a successful year we have had! A fabulous Ofsted inspection, Green Flag award for the second year in a row and now a wonderful set of end of year results. The best we have had in several years. This is testament to how hard your children work every day when they are in school and the dedication and skill of our teachers and teaching assistants. We are proud of the strong staff team we have built at Somerville. The skills and expertise we have on staff cover every National Curriculum Subject.

### **Reception - The number of children achieving GLD (A Good Level of Development)**

2022-2023 - 61%      2023 - 2024 - **67%****Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check** - 2022-2023 - 61%      2023 - 2024 - **79%**

### **Year 6 - SATs results and Writing Percentages**

**Writing** - 2022-2023 - 59%      2023 - 2024 - **72%**. (National average = 72%)**Grammar and Spelling** - 2022-2023 - 72%      2023 - 2024 - **73%** (National average = 72%)**Maths** - 2022-2023 - 61%      2023 - 2024 - **74%**. (National average 73%)**Reading** - 2022-2023 - 59%      2023 - 2024 - 58% (National average 74%)

As you can see reading is our lowest score. We have had our reading curriculum audited twice this year by two different external inspectors and each time our curriculum and teaching of it came out as a strength. Our school development for September will have a spotlight on 'Reading for Pleasure', getting children excited about reading and wanting to read for pleasure at home. To be successful in a reading test in Year 6 a child needs not only the skills for answering the question (which we give them in school) but needs to have read widely and often. They need to be reading different authors, different genre types to have picked up the wide range of vocabulary through the reading, to be successful.

We know books can be expensive and that our local library closed. This is why we have invested tens of thousands of pounds in books for our school library and class book shelves, Every child is welcome to borrow our books and return them when finished.

Encourage your children to read as many books as they can over the summer. They can take part in the National Reading challenge.

## PARENT CARER BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

As a school we want as much interaction with our families as possible as we very much want to be a school for our whole community. We want to be as open as possible for you all. Sadly, recently we have had adults behaving inappropriately in front of children, other parents and staff. This has been in the form of fighting, general swearing, letting children on the adventure playground after school, irresponsible parking and driving.

We do not want to limit any interactions but we **MUST** make our school as safe, calm, friendly and caring as possible for ALL of our children, families and staff. Therefore, we will not tolerate parents fighting, swearing in front of the children and staff and not following measures we have put in place to keep our children safe including the respect line, and use of adventure playground.

We can revoke an adults right to be on our school grounds, this includes at pick up and drop off and for wider school events such as Christmas shows and summer fairs. If we feel that behaviour is inappropriate then the Executive Headteacher will review that adults situation and then communicate the outcome with them accordingly. This is not something we want to do however will we do whatever we need to to make our school is the best environment it can be. Thank you for your support moving forward.

## STAFF LEAVERS

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to several members of staff at the end of term.

Mrs Pike is leaving us after 17 years. She starts her new SENDCO position in a school much closer to home. Her new school is lucky to have her leading their SEND provision. Over the last two years at Somerville Mrs Pike has transformed our SEND provision making it a real strength of the school. She is a real advocate for children with SEND.

Miss Hannah was covering a maternity leave in school this year. The member of staff has now returned. We have been lucky to secure Miss Hannah until the end of this term meaning her class is able to finish the year with her. She is a very talented teacher who has a very bright career ahead of her. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Mrs Swanick who has been a teaching assistant with us for ten years will be retiring at the end of term. She has always been a huge supporter of our extra curricular events, a smiling face on the gate in the morning welcoming the children as they arrive, a support to children in class and a fabulous presence in the staffroom.

Miss Kirkham who is a teaching assistant in Year 4 and has worked at Somerville for six years, will be leaving us to start a position in Special Educational Needs. The children will miss the kindness and warmth she gives them every day.

Mr Purslow who has been with us since February supporting Year 6 with their preparation for SATs while Mrs O'Shaughnessy has been in Year 1, leaves us at the end of term. Thank you to him for stepping in mid year.

Mrs Cotton, year 1 teacher, started her maternity leave on Friday. We are very excited for her and Mr Cotton and we are looking forward to meeting Baby Cotton very soon.

## NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER

We have been listening to feedback from parents and carers and what you have told us is that we need to be better with our communication around dates. The newsletter will slightly change its format in September. At the end of each newsletter the important dates will be on here for you, for each year group. Newsletter will continue to be sent by text and be put on the school website. So if you don't receive a text for any reason you should be able to click on the newsletter on the website to check your dates weekly. We hope this is a better system for you moving forward.

### Dates for your Diary - Year 6

**Monday 22nd July 4.30 - 6.30 pm** Year 6 Leaver's RAVE - GLOW STICKS AT THE READY!

**Tuesday 23rd July. 9.30-10.30 am** Year 6 Leavers assembly for Year 6 parents

**Tuesday 23rd July** Year 6 to come to school in their **full** school uniform. They may change into their own clothes after assembly.

### Dates for your Diary - Year 5

**Wednesday 17th July** Year 5 trip to the Gurdwara in Manchester

### Dates for your Diary - Year 2

**Thursday 18th July** Year 2 trip to the World Museum in Liverpool

### Whole school dates for the diary

**Tuesday 23rd January** Non uniform day in return for school jumpers, cardigans and white polo shirts. Please hand unwanted uniform for September into the big buckets outside of school on Tuesday (Apart from Year 6 who need to wear theirs for assembly. Year 6 parents please let your child know which uniform, when changed, they can put in the buckets. WE go through a lot of uniform in the year, very donation helps. Many thanks.

**Tuesday 23rd July** Last day of term

**Monday 2nd September** Inset Day

**Tuesday 3rd September** Inset Day

**Wednesday 4th September.** First day of school for pupils

**Wednesday 4th September.** Meet your teacher for parents and carers. Children welcome to stay. Straight after school in your child's new classroom.

## **ALL BALANCES TO BE PAID**

Any outstanding balances for OTIS or school dinners need to be settled before the end of term please.

## **NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL YARD**

Please remember there are NO dogs allowed on the school yard.



