

Somerville News

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WELCOME BACK

This week we have had the pleasure of welcoming all of our children back to school. They all look so smart in their uniforms. They are settling well in their new classrooms and year groups. The teachers have said it was wonderful meeting the parents so early on in the year and being able to so quickly put faces to names.

Our new Reception children have started and are settling well into Somerville and are very much part of our Somerville family already. We look forward to watching them grow and progress as they move through school with us. We have also had a number of children join us from other schools. We would also like to offer them a warm welcome .

Please remember if you have any worries, concerns or questions please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance and if you need further assistance contact your year group band leader via the school office.

Band Leaders

Reception - Mrs Wilson

Years 1 & 2 - Miss Stevenson

Year 3 - Mrs Connolly

Year 4 - Mrs O'Shaughnessy

Year 5 - Miss Tarbiat

Year 6 - Mrs Freeman

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

The children came back to school to see that over the summer holidays extensive work had been carried out to create a new adventure playground. We wanted to make the play ground a space to run, play games and most of all have FUN! The previous playground was too small to allow our children the freedom of running around and have games and equipment out. The children also told us they would like more opportunities to climb. To make this possible for them we had to alter the layout by removing the fencing which was a real barrier to the quality of play available. With the removal of the fencing the children can run freely around all areas of the playground now and it has allowed us to install larger equipment frames for their use. It has been a joy to watch the children use it at playtimes and lunchtimes. It's definitely a reason to come to school every day!

For safety reasons, children are NOT allowed to use the playground at the beginning and at the end of the school day as they will not be being supervised by Somerville staff. Please ensure your child / children do not go onto the adventure playground area when entering and leaving the school site. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.



TEAM SOMERVILLE AND PE KITS

In our welcome back assembly we talked about how we are all one big team, in it together. We talked about how smart all of the children looked in their uniform and how we looked like we are all part of the same school / team. We then discussed how on PE days last year this didn't always feel the case for some classes. We have kept our PE kit very close to the school uniform so the same white t shirts and sweatshirts can be worn for PE as on a normal day. It was shared with the children that PE days are not, non uniform days. To support with this Mr Shennan, our PE lead, has purchased lots of white T shirts and PE tops etc in all sizes. If any child comes to school in non uniform then they will be given a school kit to change into for the day and then change back out of at home time so they feel part of our team. This will start next week.

NAME TAGS

Please ensure that all school jumpers, cardigans, sweatshirts and coats are labelled with your child's name by the end of this week. We can then easily return any lost and found items to the owner. Without this items are put in lost property for parents and carers to see if they can locate missing items from the boxes.



CASHPOT

We are going to sign up for the Asda Cashpot to raise money for school. If you or any of your friends and family shop at ASDA we would be really grateful if you selected our school in the CASHPOT scheme. A separate letter will go out explaining this further. Thank you

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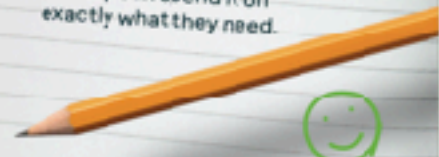
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Whole school dates for the diary

Friday 6th September Club letters out

Monday 9th September Club letters need to be returned to secure a place

Monday 16th September Clubs start and will finish the last week in November. ***No clubs will run in December***

Friday 4th October School flu nasal vaccines

Tuesday 8th October School individual photo day

Tuesday 8th October Parents evening 3.40 - 6.30pm

Wednesday 9th October Parents evening 3.40 - 5.00pm

Thursday 10th October School open day for prospective Reception parents

Friday 25th October INSET DAY - School closed

Friday 27th September European Languages Day

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November Half Term - School closed

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January School closed for Christmas holidays

Reception dates for the diary

Year 1 dates for the diary

Friday 13th December Trip to Greenacres Animal Farm

Year 2 dates for the diary

Wednesday 25th September Trip to Ness gardens

Year 3 dates for the diary

Thursday 17th October Trip to Martin Mere

Friday 18th October Trip to Martin Mere

Thursday 26th November Year 3 trip to Eureka

Year 4 dates for the diary

Thursday 19th September Trip to World Museum and Walker art gallery

Year 5 dates for the diary

Tuesday 1st October Year 5 trip to the Maritime Museum

Year 6 dates for the diary

Thursday 3rd October Year 6 trip to the Maritime Museum

Tuesday 12th November Residential to the Conway Centre

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May SATs week

