

Somerville Nursery School

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SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Newsletter – October 2024

Now taking applications for January & Easter 2025

Lunches

If your child has packed lunches please make sure their lunch box and drink bottle are clearly labelled with their name. For safety reasons, please do not put your child's lunch in a plastic bag. Healthy lunches: please note that fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets should NOT be provided. A good example of a healthy lunch might be:

- a sandwich, wrap or pot of pasta,
- a piece or pot of fruit
- a yogurt
- a carton of juice /water

Water bottles

Please note that children **DO NOT** need water bottles in nursery. Each classroom has a water station and children have access to water throughout their session.

Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks, fruit bread etc. and a drink of milk or water. **It is becoming increasingly difficult to fund fresh fruit for children We ask for a small donation of £1 per week.** Pay weekly or every half term via your child's class teacher or at the office.

Family Toolbox

Please access Family Toolbox for advice and information about family life in Wirral:
<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>

Clothing

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Children access outdoor provision every day and although we provide them with puddle suits and boots, they will need to wear warm clothes. **Jogging pants / leggings; a polo shirt / top; and jumper / cardigan are ideal for nursery activities and also to promote independence.** Please also provide a bag with spare clothes for your child that can be kept in school (include socks).



Please ensure that all items of clothing and their bag are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Toileting

For those children who are not yet toilet trained, please remember to put spare nappies and wipes in their bags. Most of our F1 (Butterfly children) are out of nappies – Well Done! This term we will be focusing on supporting those children who are now ready to take that next step.

Website

www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/
Please check the website regularly, the latest information can be found here.

Themes/Interests for this half term

Our main focus for this half term will be settling children into nursery and focusing on the Prime Areas of learning. These are: Personal, Social & Emotional Development; Communication and Language; and Physical Development. Look out for our weekly updates on Evidence Me!



Evidence Me

Please make sure that you are set up on 'Evidence Me'. The 'Parent Share' feature in Evidence Me enables you to view information and keep up to date on what's happening in nursery! Should you have any difficulties accessing Evidence Me, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Please note we do not provide regular observations / photo uploads. This is to ensure that staff can focus on high quality interactions with your child, scaffolding and supporting their development. However, you will receive confirmation of your child's key person and termly photo journals. Of course, we love to hear about your child's learning experiences at home via Evidence Me – please continue to send these through. **Please note that any communication about health and well-being should continue to be addressed by phone, email or in person.**

Dates for the autumn term:

Tuesday 8th October - Attention Bucket workshop 11.30am & 3pm – building children’s listening & attention skills

Thursday 10th October - 9.30-11am **HENRY** workshop for parents on Behaviour and Sleep

Tuesday 15th October – Core stories & Rhymes workshop 11.30am & 3pm – supporting communication & language

Thursday 17th October - 9.30-11am **HENRY** workshop for parents on Fussy Eating and Oral Health

Tuesday 22nd October – Supervised tooth brushing 11.30am & 3pm– learn how we support oral health in school

Wednesday 23rd October – 3.30-5pm **parent / carer meetings** at nursery with your child’s key person. Time slots will be available in person or over the phone.

Thursday 24th October – Last day for children - close for the half- term

Friday 25th October – INSET day (staff only)

Monday 4th November – school opens for autumn term 2

Tuesday 5th November – Dear Zoo trip to the Floral Pavilion theatre

Wednesday 6th November - 9.45-11.45 or 12.45-2.45 **Parent / carer First Aid** course (Register your interest using the google form or contact the office)

Friday 15th November – **Children in Need Day** – Spotty theme! (Please do not spend money on a special outfit. We will be doing lots of fun things in nursery and ask for a voluntary donation where possible – all proceeds will go to this worthwhile cause.)

17th-23rd November - Road safety week

Wednesday 11th December – **Christmas songs and craft** with parents / carers

Thursday 12th December – **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** (donations on the day. Children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities. However, we DO NOT expect you to buy a jumper / T-shirt especially for the event!)

Wednesday 18th December – **Christmas Party day**

Friday 20th December – last day of term for children

Monday 6th January – INSET day (staff only)

Tuesday 7th January – school opens for spring term 1

Learn with your child:

Every Tuesday we will be sharing an aspect of learning with you. It will be an opportunity for you to find out more about how your child learns in nursery and will help you support their learning at home. Please join us at the following times each week.

Butterfly class (F1) Morning children 11.30am & Afternoon / all day children 3.00pm

Caterpillar class (2s) Morning children 11.30am & Afternoon 3.00pm

Note: we will share the focus with you each week and will ask you to indicate if you are attending, so that we can plan ahead! Some sessions may take longer and we’ll advise you in advance e.g. cooking / planting etc.

We are aware that some parents / carers may have commitments which mean they can’t attend – we don’t want you to miss out so will just let us know and we will share key information with you via Evidence Me.

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Art courses for Wellbeing – parents / carers

We have teamed up with Wirral Lifelong Learning, to offer some wellbeing art workshops aimed at developing creative skills within a friendly and relaxing environment. All courses and workshops are taught by an experienced and qualified Art & Design Teacher and will take place in the nursery.

Please register your interest using the google form already shared, or via the school office