

Somerville News

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RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT THE PARK

This week we have had our first proper school trip of the year. Reception staff were VERY EXCITED about taking the whole year group to the park. The children had a thoroughly lovely time. The staff were so proud of them, they were all so well behaved. We are hoping to take them out to the park again at some point this term.



RESPECT LINE



Teachers whose classroom face the school playground have asked if we can inform parents to take notice of the **RESPECT** line in the playground.

The respect line is there for a number of reasons:

- 1) **Safety** - If parents gather in front of this line where we keep the children, then the teacher can not ensure the child is going with the adult that the class teacher is expecting them to go with.
- 2) **Consideration** - Lessons are still taking place when the gates have opened and story times are happening. Children can not concentrate if siblings are swinging on the bars, putting their faces up against the windows, banging on the windows. Please be aware that serious injury can happen if your child is swinging on the bars.

HOMEWORK

This week our Band Leaders have re-written the homework policy. This is to ensure we can help our children catch up from lost learning due to the two Covid lockdowns and any periods of isolations classes have had over the last two years. Children need to be working at the end of the year at the **EXPECTED LEVEL FOR THEIR AGE or if gaps continue they will start to find school difficult.** As we only have the same amount of school hours we do have to look at other ways to plug the gaps. Homework and parental / carer engagement in their child's learning is a crucial part of this.

Starting next week on a Friday, children will be sent home with their homework to be completed by the following Thursday.

PLEASE LET CLASS TEACHERS KNOW IF YOUR CHILD CAN NOT ACCESS SPELLING SHED AND TIMETABLES ROCKSTARS ON A DEVICE. WE WILL SEND HOME PAPER ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE INSTEAD SO THEY DO NOT FALL BEHIND.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st October

Year 3 trip to Martin Mere

Friday 22nd October

Last day of term

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

School closed for half term

Monday 1st November

INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd November

Children return to school

Friday 17th December

Last day of term

Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January

Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January

INSET day

Tuesday 5th January

Children return to school

HOMEWORK – WHAT WE WILL SET FOR YEARS 1 & 2

- ▶ Children are expected to read to parents / carers at east three times a week.
- ▶ A Read, Write Inc video will get sent home at least once a week.
- ▶ A Spelling Shed activity will be set.
- ▶ A Numbot activity will be set.
- ▶ A maths homework sheet complimenting what is being taught will be set.

HOMEWORK – WHAT WE WILL SET FOR YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

- ▶ Children are expected to read to parents / carers at east three times a week.
- ▶ Ten spellings will be sent home to learn.
- ▶ A Spelling Shed activity will be set.
- ▶ Times tables will be sent home to learn.
- ▶ A Timetables Rockstar activity will be set.
- ▶ A maths homework sheet complimenting what is being taught will be set.

We may on occasion set other subjects.

We will NOT set homework over the school holidays.

BURGER AND ICE CREAM DAY

Burger and Ice Cream day was a HUGE success. The children have LOVED having the all American experience. If you haven't yet paid, could you do so via ParentPay.



UNIVERSAL CREDIT REDUCTION – SUPPORT

School is very aware that the UPLIFT in Universal Credit is ending this month, this is alongside furlough coming to an end, an increase in food prices and for those with energy pre-payment cards their energy bills increasing by £153 per year. This may mean that some of our families are going to struggle making ends meet. If you are struggling school can help in a number of ways:-

- ▶ Both Miss Crampton and Mrs Parry can issue food bank vouchers. You can let a member of the office know or email / speak to office staff and request a call back from either stating you need same day assistance.
- ▶ We can support with school uniform / PE kit issues.
- ▶ Support families with debt advice through the very helpful Family Support Worker service.
- ▶ Provide hygiene parcels.

If your child is entitled to free school meals but you have packed lunch or are in KS1 and get them anyway **PLEASE** fill in the form. By doing this school gets a substantial amount of money which also allows us to purchase extra food stocks for families in crisis, extra uniform for those in need, equipment such as pencils for those who do not have them at home to complete homework. Help us to help our families. The more families fill in the free school meal form, the more support and help we can provide.

Please be aware that the Foodbank Service also provides benefit, debt and housing advice via the Citizens Advice Bureau. You can contact them on 638 7090 or e-mail enquiries@wirralfoodbank.org.uk

PARKING

This week residents of the surrounding roads have been in touch to say parking is becoming an issue again. Do not park on the pavement or the zigzags. This is selfish and irresponsible as it can lead to a serious accident. Motorists also need to think about mothers with prams and pushchairs and wheelchair users who are having to walk in the road as cars are parked in a selfish way.

