

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## YEAR 2 TRIP TO NESS GARDENS

On Wednesday, Year 2 went to Ness Gardens as part of their science. They were learning about living things and habitats. The children explored the gardens, discovering different plants and animals. One of the highlights of the trip was pond dipping. The children used nets to find creatures like tadpoles and snails in the water. They also went on nature walks and learned how plants grow. It was a great day of outdoor learning and enjoying nature.



## GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

This week the girls football team played a tournament at Vauxhall Motors. They played six games, won six games and conceded ZERO goals. It was a fabulous performance. They are now through to the finals. We will let you know how they get on.



## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

As a school we value and champion diversity. We have a **NO TOLERANCE** policy on racism and will not accept racist behaviour in our school. We do a lot of work on understanding and being accepting of other cultures. Part of our provision is working with other agencies and charities. As part of this years diversity week we will be having two assemblies to support our work on anti racism. We will be continuing with our partnership with the Anthony Walker Foundation this year starting with an assembly on the 15th October followed by Merseyside Police delivering an assembly on the 16th October. During the week Mrs Spencer, the school cook, will be putting some ethnic dishes on the menu. On Friday 18th we are all going to wear 'something' red to show at Racism is not part of Somerville. This will be our Show Racism the Red Card day!

**SHOW  
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## DOG MUCK

This is a polite reminder that no dogs are allowed on the school yard whether they are on a lead or being carried. If your dog is outside of the school grounds and they foul on the pavement then please pick up after them. Thank you for your co operation.



## AIMING HIGH TOGETHER – SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school motto is Aiming High Together and our core values are respect, resilience, happiness and responsibility. We have high expectations of ourselves in the provision we give to all of our learners. We strive for excellence in all areas of school life and have high expectations for all.

We have high expectations of each and every child achieving their very best.

We have high expectations for attendance - each child in school on time every day.

We have high expectations of learning behaviours allowing every child the opportunity to do their best.

We have high expectations in the wearing of school uniform and PE kit - each and every child part of our team.

Last academic year standards slipped with school uniform particularly on PE days with children just wearing their own clothes or the wrong colour uniform. We want each and every child to feel part of Somerville and that means wearing our uniform, our kit. We don't want children to feel like they are the odd one out in their class or even the entire school because they are wearing something different. We don't want children to feel inadequate because they can't ever afford the really expensive trainers or tracksuits. We don't want parents to feel the pressure of having to buy expensive trainers or tracksuits because their child has seen someone else in their class wear them. It is for these reasons we are tightening up on school uniform again in, line with other schools across Wirral. It is an expectation that children will wear it for the above reasons. We do understand that that uniform can be expensive which is why we have a stock of brand new kits in school. If a child does come to school in clothing that is not school uniform or school PE kit we will lend them one of ours for the school day so they look part of our school and there is no pressure on them or other children. If finances are difficult and you are struggling to purchase the correct kit please speak to Miss Crampton or Mrs Parry via the school office.

School Uniform: Grey skirt or grey trousers - no leggings or tracksuit bottoms

White polo shirt and or white school shirt with school tie

Navy blue cardigan or v neck jumper with school logo

Black shoes with no heel or PLAIN black trainers - no colours

School PE Kit: Plain black jogging bottoms or leggings or plain navy school shorts

White polo shirt

Navy blue sweatshirt with school logo

Plain black trainers

NO tracksuits

The children have told us they like wearing trainers for lunchtimes to play basketball and football. Therefore, this year we feel it is time to allow plain black trainers alongside school shoes with the school uniform, if that is more helpful for the children and sometimes two pairs of shoes can be expensive, particularly if you have more than one child in school.

## PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

There has been an increase in the number of cars parking around school at drop off and pick up times. One car was doing a three point turn after dropping and actually touched a child. This is completely unacceptable. We have signs around our school asking motorists not to park on our zigzags. When it is raining the situation is worse again.

We were doing so well at the end of last school year and the parking situation was much better. Children were really enjoying walking, scooting and riding. The benefits of walking to school are more than just environmental and safety it is also really good for your health and well being. We are continuing to work with the council this year.

### *Build your own burger*

*Thursday 3rd October*



**Choose your burger:**

**Beef or Vegetable**

**Choose as many of the following toppings:**

**Cheese slices, onion rings, sliced tomatoes, lettuce,  
bacon.**

**Choose your sauce:**

**Ketchup, Mayo or burger relish**

**Served with potato wedges, baked beans or corn on the  
cob.**

**Baked potato available with a choice of cheese, tuna or  
beans.**

**No deli bar available on this day**

#### **DESSERTS**

**Chocolate crispy cake**

**Fresh Fruit, yogurt, cheese & crackers.**

#### **DRINKS**

**Apple/Orange Juice**

**Milkshake/Milk/Water**

**Vegetarian/Gluten Free Menu available**

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This week we have officially moved into Autumn and for school this means it is coming up to the time when we hold our annual Harvest Festival.

This year our harvest festival will be on the Tuesday 8th October. Jeff and Jill from the local church will be coming in to lead our Harvest Service again this year.

This year we will be supporting The Wirral Foodbank. We are organising donations by year group this year to make sure that we have a good range of items to send to the Foodbank.

**On Friday 11th October** we will be holding a non uniform day in return for an item of food. There will be containers at the school gates to pop your item in on your way into school.

Reception - Tinned soup

Year 1 - Tinned fruit

Year 2 - Tinned vegetables

Year 3 - Cereal

Year 4 - Jam

Year 5 - Tinned meat

Year 6 - Deodorant or shower gels.

The support our school can give to the Foodbank will make a real difference to our local community.



## Whole school dates for the diary

**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 11th October**

Non uniform day in return of donation

### **Friday 18th October**

Give Racism the Red Card - Wear something red day

### **Friday 25th October**

INSET DAY - School closed

### **Friday 27th September**

European Languages Day

### **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

Half Term - School closed

**Friday 15th November** - Children in Need non uniform day - £1 donation in the bucket at the gate

### **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

### 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

### 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