

Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY 2024

We celebrated European Language Day at Somerville last Friday. School was buzzing with excitement the children immersed themselves in a celebration of languages and cultures from all over Europe! The day was packed with fun activities, and even a delicious special themed lunch(big thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff).

Throughout the school, children learnt Spanish, French, Greek, Polish, Italian, Welsh and Korean. We even had staff sharing Ukrainian and Afrikaans! The children loved learning new words and phrases from different European languages, with plenty of games and quizzes to show off their new skills. A real highlight was when some of the children got to share words and phrases from their own languages, giving everyone a chance to appreciate the rich diversity within our own school. It was a fantastic day of curiosity, exploring and learning.

YEAR 5 AND 6 SCHOOL TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

Y5 and Y6 had a great time at the Museum of Liverpool and the Maritime Museum for our history unit 'Liverpool's Lifetime'. We looked at the different eras of history and what was happening in Liverpool at those times. We were particularly interested in the World Wars and the Titanic sections. As always, the children were very well behaved and represented Somerville well.



PARENTS' EVENING

A little reminder that it is parents evening next week. If you haven't yet booked an appointment or have not been able to access the appointments via the app then catch your child's class teacher after school to book a time. It is important to attend this meeting to see how your child is settling into their new year group and how they are coping with the work and curriculum. Slots are 10 minutes and the teacher can not go over this time. Please do not be offended if the teacher finishes the meeting at the tea minute point. This also applies to the last appointments of the evenings.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Next week the attendance of every child will be reviewed. The attendance manager will be looking at the number of sessions missed since September rather than the percentage attendance. Up to 10 unauthorised sessions could lead to a fine. Each school day is two sessions (morning and afternoon). This means that five full days of unauthorised absence could lead to a fine being issued by the local authority. Absences can be authorised by providing the following evidence:

Schools can accept the following as medical evidence:

- GP certificate
- Letter from health professional
- Appointment card / letter (dated)
- Prescription / Medication in the name of the child
- Text message from GP or NHS confirming an appointment
- Care of the chemist – date stamped slip to show medical advice has been sought



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.

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.

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