

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

WOW! What an amazing four days Year 6 had at their residential last week. The children threw themselves into a range of outdoor pursuits including raft building (and then testing the rafts in the river), kayaking up the Menai Straits, mountain biking through the woods and farmland, zip lining, bushcraft, campfires and walking. The children were amazing and such a lovely group to take away overnight. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time away from their families to make this trip possible for our children. Without this goodwill these trips would not be possible. We are currently organising next years residential. When this is confirmed we will send out all of the relevant information to the Year 5 parents.

## COLD SEASON

The vast majority of children will catch a cold or even several over the winter months. Children can still come to school with a cold, sniffles, coughs, tiredness. Only if they are really unwell and unable to work should they stay off school. School can administer liquid paracetamol throughout the day, if you fill in the forms, if you feel they need it and it would make them comfortable enough to come to school. Catching colds is a normal part of childhood and children manage very well once they are in school. School will contact you if your child becomes too unwell to attend.



## WINTER COATS

Just a reminder that all children should be in their winter coats as they are outside at break times and lunchtimes. They can also be out in light drizzle for fresh air. They therefore need to be prepared for this weather. In school we do have a selection of good winter coats for children. If you feel that this would be helpful, let Mrs Parry or Miss Crampton know and they will try to find a good coat that fits your child and send it home with them.



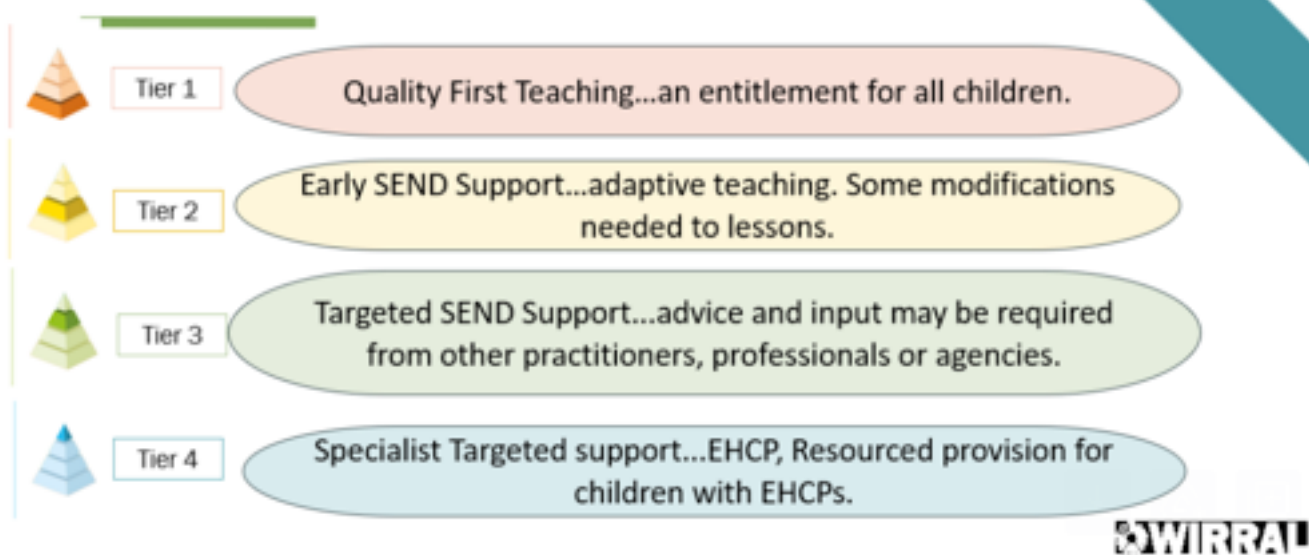


As previously mentioned on a newsletter, we use 'adaptive teaching' which means we adapt our teaching to meet individual's needs. At Somerville, we pride ourselves on knowing our children. We are proactive in recognising their differences and potential barriers. We achieve this through the everyday strong, trusting relationships built between adult and child.

The Wirral's Local Offer is a tiered approach:



## The Tiered System



We understand that at times, in addition to 'adapting' our teaching (Tier 1), some children will need a little bit extra (Tier 2).

All schools on the Wirral follow 'The **Graduated Approach**' which is a way that schools help children who need extra support with their learning (Tier 2). It's a system that helps teachers find out what a child needs and then give the right kind of help.

This system has **four steps** that happen over and over again:

1. **Assess** - Find out what the child needs help with.
2. **Plan** - Make a plan for how to give that help.
3. **Do** - Put the plan into action and give the help.
4. **Review** - Check to see if the help is working, and see if any changes need to be made.

The idea is that this is not a one-time thing. As children grow and change, the school keeps checking in and updating the plan to make sure they're getting the best support possible.

## USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

This academic year we have been made aware of incidents where parents are talking about staff on social media. Some of the comments have been, at times ,unpleasant, unjustified and untrue.

If any of our families have an issue or a query about their child's education then Facebook is not the place where that can be solved for you or for you to get the information, help or support that you need. If something does crop up then we urge you to contact school at the earliest opportunity rather than going straight to social media.

If you have an initial concern contact your child's class teacher.

If you feel you need further support contact you child's band leader.

If you have not been able to resolve the situation at this point then you should contact the Assistant Headteachers for your child's key stage.

If you feel there has been an escalation or further support is required then contact Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

Reception Band Leader - Miss Murray (17th December 24)

Year 1 Band Leader - Miss Stevenson

Year 2 Band Leader - Miss Stevenson

Year 3 Band Leader - Mrs Connolly

Year 4 Band Leader - Mrs O'Shaughnessy

Year 5 Band Leader - Miss Tarbiat

Year 6 Band Leader - Mrs Freeman

Assistant head for Key Stage One is now Mrs Speight

Assistant head for Key Stage Two is now Mrs O'Shaughnessy

The information below is taken from the National Education Union Website (NEU). It outlines what Cyber bullying is and how schools should respond to it to protect their staff.

### School Duty

'It is important that the school community is aware that cyberbullying will be dealt with as seriously as face-to-face bullying, regardless of whether the bullying is physically perpetrated on the school site. DfE guidance on cyberbullying states: Schools should also make clear that it is not acceptable for pupils, parents or colleagues to denigrate and bully school staff via social media in the same way that it is unacceptable to do so face to face.'

School can also send any information to the Borough Solicitor if they feel action needs to be taken to protect staff from bullying and harassment online.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE...

Reception - Nativity - Thursday 5th December - 9.10 am  
 Year 1 - Nativity - Tuesday 10th December - 9.10am  
 Year 2 - Christingle - Thursday 12th December - 2.10pm  
 Year 3 - Hoity Toity Angel - Tuesday 17th December - 9.15am  
 Year 4 - Carol Concert - Monday 16th - 9.10am  
 Year 5 - Christingle - Thursday 19th December - 2.00pm  
 Year 6 - Christingle - Thursday 19th December n- 9.10am

Please be advised one ticket admits one person. Children are allowed two tickets per child. No more will be issued. Tickets will go home with your child Friday 29th November.



## CHRISTMAS EVENT NIGHT FOR THE CHILDREN

This year we will be holding a Christmas themed fund raising event. On Wednesday 18th December Reception, Y 1, Y2 and Y3 will have a Christmas film night. For Years 4, 5 and 6 there will be a Christmas Bonkers Bingo night. Children will not be able to attend an event that is NOT for their year group.

These will be ticketed events for a small charge, payable by PARENT PAY. There will be a deadline for tickets. If you do not apply by the deadline for a ticket unfortunately your child will not be able to attend.

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

**Thursday 12th December** Christmas Jumper  
Day or own clothes

**Wednesday 18th December**  
Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Movie Night  
- Christmas jumpers or own clothes

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

**Tuesday 7th January** First day of term for pupils

## 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 26th November** Year 3 trip to Eureka

### Year 4 dates for the diary

### Year 5 dates for the diary

### Year 6 dates for the diary

**Tuesday 12th November**  
Residential to the Conway Centre

**Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May**  
SATs week