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Newsletter – April 2025

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Welcome to the Summer Term

Following the summer break, it has been wonderful to see our returning children again and to welcome lots of new children. The children are settling well and are eager to explore and get to know the environment; build new relationships; and learn new routines and skills.



Fruit/Snack Money

We ask for a contribution of **£1 per week** which enables us to provide your child with fresh fruit and additional snacks such as crackers, cheese and toast. Please pay at the office or pass to a member staff. **Note: payments can be made every half term e.g. £5 for this half term**

Site Safety

Please **DO NOT** allow your child to ride their Bikes & Scooters once inside the school grounds.



Polite Request

Please do not use phones on school grounds and be mindful of the language used around the nursery. Please be polite and respectful at all times.



Transition

Over the course of the summer term we will be supporting children as some of them prepare to transition to a new room at nursery or to an F2 class at a primary school. Where children are moving to primary school we will be sharing essential information with their new setting. Should you have any concerns at all please contact us via email / telephone and we'll be happy to chat.



Note: Children will usually transition from 2s to F1 the term after they are 3 years old. Their session times will remain the same e.g. mornings or afternoons.

Should you wish to change your child's sessions or intend to access 30 hour funding please request this as soon as possible as places can be limited. **Note that from September, 30 hour funding for working parents extends to include 2 year olds.** Please contact us should you require any further information.

15 hours of
free childcare
increases to
30 hours in
September.

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To find out about funding options please access the following link:
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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Please note that there are currently no extra sessions available for this term.

Spare clothes

It is vital that all children have a backpack in school which contains a **set of spare clothes**, for use in case of an accident (toileting or other). **If your child wears nappies please ensure that they are changed before coming to nursery and that we have spare nappies/pull ups and wipes** for your child if required as we cannot provide these items.

Uniform

There is no set uniform for the nursery, however you can purchase sweatshirts or cardigans with the school logo from the office. These can help avoid wear and tear on your child's everyday clothes. Prices are £9.50 (jumpers) or £10.50 (cardigans)

Supporting independence

In order to support your child as they become independent, please consider what they are wearing to Nursery. **We would strongly recommend that children wear jogging pants with an elasticated waist** as they can more readily manage these when accessing the toilets and changing facilities. Please also consider footwear – children change into Wellington boots and as such Velcro fastening shoes are ideal. **Shoes / boots with laces are not suitable. Many thanks for your support.**



PLEASE LABEL CLOTHES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Plastic bags

In the interests of health and safety we would request that plastic bags are not used at the nursery for lunches, spare clothes etc.



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.

Social Media links:

Website:

www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/

Instagram:



Seacombe Family Hub

Seacombe Family Hub offers a wide range of services for families including:

- Group activities for families to support their child's development
- Accessing health appointments with midwives
- Health visitors
- Relationship support
- Foodbank services
- Library (10am-4pm)

Open 9am - 5pm at St Paul's Rd. Seacombe, CH44 7AN Tel: 0151 666 3506

Attendance

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence for morning children, and before 12.30 p.m. for afternoon children.

You can do this by:

Phone - 0151 638 1567

You can monitor your child's attendance using the Arbor app

School Matters!



Sunhats and Sun cream

As the weather looks to improve, remember that children access outdoors every day. Please apply **long-lasting** sun cream on your child **before** they come to nursery. In addition, please supply a sunhat, labelled clearly with your child's name and class. (We have a supply of legionnaire style hats which children can use if needed)



Library books

Children's library day is every Wednesday – please remember your book bags!

Parents / carers feel free to borrow a book from our lending library at the front of nursery!

Wednesday 2nd July - Photographer

The photographer will only be here for the morning, so arrangements will be made for children who attend alternative sessions. More details will follow.



Dates to Remember

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May
Half term Monday 26th May-Friday 30th May
INSET day Monday 2nd June

Nursery Summer Fair – 18th June 3.30-4.30pm



Parent / Carer meetings 25th June / 2nd July 3.30-5pm

Trips & visitors Butterfly Children

Creepy Crawly Show – F1 will be visited by a range of animals and insects! Wednesday 7th May.

Beach trip – Tuesday 17th June (provisional). F1 children will visit New Brighton beach with parents & staff. Look out for more information.

Chester Zoo – Children and a parent / carer will visit the zoo on Wednesday 16th July. More information to follow

Trips & visitors Caterpillar Children

Central Park & The Hype – Tuesday 13th May. Children and a parent / carer will visit the local park.

Pool & Pamper – Wednesday 9th July. Children will have the chance to experience this extra special event in nursery

Safeguarding

We work closely with Wirral Safeguarding Children's Partnership to support children and families. Please access their webpage for advice and support on a wealth of issues: <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Supervised Toothbrushing

Improved dental hygiene taught at an early age can have long term benefits for children's teeth; result in fewer lost days at nursery and better health and wellbeing for children in general. All children take part in 'supervised toothbrushing' at the nursery, in conjunction with The Dental Wellness Trust.



