

# Somerville News

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**AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**



## PARENTS EVENING

There will be parents evening at the end of March held over two nights. These will be face to face and will take place in school. A home / school parent / carer partnership is very important to us so we look forward to seeing you all soon. Booking will open Monday morning via the school Spider app. If you haven't got your log in information please get in touch with the school office

## YEAR 6 ATHLETICS TEAM

The Year 6 athletics team has just competed in a multi school competition at St Joseph's Primary School and won many of their rounds. Some of the events included long jump, balance beam, weighted ball and relay. A fabulous team effort by all.



## HEALTHY SNACKS

Please ensure your child has a healthy snack for their break time, ideally a piece of fruit. Unfortunately, children are not able to take chocolates, biscuits or crisps outside with them and will have to take them home with them at the end of the day. Healthy body, healthy mind.



## WEDNESDAY STAFF MEETING NIGHT

After school on a Wednesday teachers have staff meeting which starts promptly at 3.30pm. On a Wednesday there is no opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher. If there is something urgent you need to share please tell the ladies in the school office, e-mail the school office or make an appointment for the teacher to contact you the following day.

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 31st March**

Year 4 trip to Chester

**Monday 11th April -**

**Friday 22nd April**

School closed for Easter holidays

**Monday 25th April**

School opens to pupils

**Monday 2nd May**

Bank holiday Monday - school

**Monday 9th May -**

**Friday 13th May**

SATs week

School opens to pupils



## **YEAR 6 CAKE SALE**



**On Tuesday 8th March, Year Six will be hosting a cake sale to raise money for Cancer Research UK and the RSPCA. This will be held at 2:30 pm.**

**A variety of cakes will be sold on the day. If your child wants to purchase a cake they will cost 30 – 50 p.**

**Yours Sincerely  
Year 6 Children**



## WORLD BOOK DAY

The children all looked AMAZING for World Book Day this week. Thank you all so much for making such an effort with the children's costumes. The children did lots of book related activities throughout the day. We will post photo of the children next week on the newsletter. These won't include every child due to permissions.

## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Unfortunately, our number of persistent absentees is much too high. This is **ANY** child with attendance below 90%. We are now working closely with the local authority to begin the process of issuing Fixed Penalty Notices. These are issued per child, per parent. We have actively started this process this week with a number of families and will continue for the rest of this school year. We are currently preparing paperwork to be submitted in court.

If you are called to an Attendance Panel meeting it is advised you attend as it will take place anyway in your absence and the process will move forward regardless. The school is currently going through **every** pupils attendance and if it is below we 90% we may make the decision to contact you to inform you that medical evidence is required for **ANY** future absence and if this is not provided then the absence **WILL** be unauthorised. If unauthorised absences happen over the course of this term and next we will then request parent / carer presence at Attendance Panel Meeting. At this meeting you will be asked to sign a contact stating what improvements need to be made. If improvements are not made in the time period stated school will send your details to the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

If school considers absence to be a **SIGNIFICANT** problem that is seriously having an effect on your child's education we will consider making a referral into social care for child neglect.

It is **ALWAYS** our aim to work with our families and offer support such as referrals to the Early Help Teams, requesting a Family Support Worker to work with the family in the family home to help set routines, boundaries and good sleep hygiene and referral to CAMHs.

We do not like to take this course of action however the impact this is now having on children's education is **UNACCEPTABLE** in some cases.

Any requests for holidays , including for next academic year will be unauthorised EXCEPT for exceptional circumstances. Any holidays that involve a wedding abroad for family will need evidence of wedding, and will only be authorised for the day of wedding and the day before and after. Week or fortnight holiday requests will be unauthorised.

If you are unable to go on holiday in school holidays we will now require details of your Human Resources department so we can contact directly. We will no longer accept a piece of paper brought in to school.

### PICKING UP EARLY

We repeatedly have the same families picking up their children early from school. From this week we will be RECORDING this and require EVIDENCE of doctor, dentist or hospital appointments. These requests should be made in advance. We do not expect any parent or carer to just turn up at the school office on the day and take their child early.

We are taking this stance because your child's progress is very IMPORTANT to us. Our school motto is **AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**. If you have chosen our school for your child you know that we aim for the VERY BEST for your child. Please support us in providing the very best education for your child.