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Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



GOODBYE

It is with great sadness that today our school family says goodbye to Mr Forber. Over the past six years our school has grown from 17 classes to 20 classes. We get many more applications to join us in Reception and many in year transfers from other schools, due to our reputation. The entire school has been completely refurbished internally making for a lovely learning environment. As a school we are extremely passionate about reading, learning to read and reading for pleasure. Mr Forber structured the school budget to allow our reading leads to heavily invest in quality literature every year for the past six years. Mr Forber was passionate about the value of school trips and curriculum enrichment. He supported teachers in providing the WIDE range of enhancements that we offer. Thank you Mr Forber for your hard work and commitment to our school.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hodson, Miss Wright and Miss Muspratt. We thank them all for their service to Somerville. We will miss them and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.

Dates for your Diary

**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

DEC UKRAINE APPEAL – THANK YOU

For our Ukraine non uniform day we raised a fabulous £211.

Please see below what this could provide for Ukrainian families.

£30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month



YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TEAM

Our Year 6 school football team travelled to Greasby Junior School to play a match against Greasby Juniors. It was their first time playing together and first time playing on a grass pitch which was much bigger than what our Year 6 are used to playing on. We didn't win the match but the team played exceptionally well and showed excellent sportsmanship.

ZUMOS

As a school we are really investing in pupil and staff wellbeing. The next phase of our wellbeing focus has been the purchase of the Zumos platform. We are passionate about supporting our pupils in being mentally healthy. Zumos is a mental health and wellbeing tool that supports children in building their resilience. On the platform, children can develop their mindfulness skills leading to increased calmness and a reduction in stress and anxiety.



Over the past month we have been sharing with the children what the platform does and how to use it at home. Classes have started to take home their passwords as they have completed their training in class.

Children also have access to this in school. The children have access to an online worry box as part of the platform. During the school holidays the 'WORRY BOX' is turned off as staff are on holiday and can not respond. The worry box is responded to in the hours staff are in school. A separate 'How to Use Zumos' sheet will be sent out with this newsletter.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR SEND PUPILS

The Wirral Local Offer have sent this information to schools to share with parents.

A vibrant, colorful poster for 'activity clubs' by Autism Together. The background is yellow with various icons like stars, dice, a paint palette, a Nintendo Switch, and a Uno card. The text is arranged in a central white circle with a rainbow border. At the top left, it says 'EXPLODING KITTENS' and 'autism together' with a logo. The main title 'activity clubs' is in large, multi-colored letters. Below it, it says '6-18 YEARS'. The central text reads: 'Join our fantastic Activity Clubs with Autism Together's Children & Family Service. Come along and join our group and have some fun while meeting new people your own age... We have Nintendo Switches running games like Minecraft, Mario Kart and many others. You're welcome to bring your own Switch too and show us the games you like to play. We have a variety of fun board games and card-based games too with favourites including Dobble, Uno and Exploding Kittens! Plus, there's an arts and crafts area for painting, drawing and colouring, and a small sensory room if you prefer to chill out and relax. It would be great if you could join us and we hope to see you soon.' At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK' and provides the website 'www.autismtogether.co.uk/activity-clubs/'. There are also social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and a QR code with the text 'or scan the QR code'. The charity number '1007878' is at the bottom right.

ECO UPDATE



Staff and pupils have been working hard to try and acquire a Green Eco flag for the school as part of the Eco Schools Initiative. We have formed an Eco Committee made up of a pupil from each class from F2 to Year 6 led by Miss Smith and Miss Murray.

So far we have had numerous meetings as a committee, made many lovely visits to Citrine Park and our Tiny Forest, elected litter wardens across the school, conducted an environmental review and subsequently produced an action plan. Our action plan has pinpointed weak areas in the school; mainly covering the three topics of litter, waste and marine.

Keep your eyes open on the newsletter for more news from the Eco Committee including eco-friendly tips, upcoming events and updates on our progress.

EXCITING NEWS TO COME...

After the Spring break we will be getting in touch with you about some exciting news that will benefit each and every child in Somerville. Mrs Parry has worked hard to secure a major amount funding and organise the spending of it with much help from Miss Houlihan, Miss Bennett and Miss Foran in the school office. We can't wait to share this with you in the summer term...



FREE HOLIDAY CLUBS AVAILABLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM CHILDREN

Essential will be coordinating the Holiday Activities and Food programme on behalf of Wirral council.

They wanted to let you know about some of the FREE activities available to the children, young people and families in our school throughout the holidays. Thanks to funding from the Department for Education, there are over 120 Holiday Activity with Food clubs across the Wirral this spring - which are completely free for eligible FSM children.



Their brand-new interactive map means it's easier than ever for parents/carers to browse the huge array of what's on offer in your local area this spring. Whether your child is 5 or 15, is football-mad, loves swimming, forest school or day trips - parents / carers can browse and book a suitable club in a few simple clicks.

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UNDERSTANDING HOW LATENESS AFFECTS YOUR LEARNING TIME



MINUTES LATE PER DAY

(If you are late by the following number of minutes each and every day, the numbers on the right show how much learning has been missed)

5 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

15 MINUTES

20 MINUTES

30 MINUTES

**HOW MANY SCHOOL DAYS/
SCHOOL WEEKS MISSED IN
1 YEAR**

3.5 school days

1.5 school weeks

2.5 school weeks

3 school weeks

4 school weeks