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Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



ATTENDANCE DRIVE

As a school we are passionate about the learning opportunities we give our children. Our aim is to give our children the knowledge, skills and drive to have a successful future. The foundations for a successful future lie firmly within a strong primary school education. We have developed an excellent staff team here who are truly dedicated to your children and our school.

Children do need to attend school and be on time or they do miss out on learning and skills practice. Children really can and do fall behind if they are absent for more than a few days per year. All of our learning is sequential and builds up. If children have missed blocks of learning due to absence this makes new learning much more difficult. The more school you miss, the more gaps you have - new learning is all the more difficult. This then becomes stressful for the child and they may not want to come into school thus making the situation harder again. This is why we are fully following the Wirral Attendance Policy and monitoring attendance and lateness fortnightly. Good attendance is over 96%. Therefore, eight days of absence will be a cause for concern for school.

An interesting fact for you about attendance...

Did you know that out of the 365 days in a year ONLY 190 of these are school days? This means that you have 175 days a year for holidays and appointments. That is 25 full weeks per year!

Please remember we are here to give advice and organise support should you need it.

We are running the following incentives:

- ▶ £5 for five days. If your child is in all week their name will be put into a raffle to win £5 for that week.
- ▶ We will be holding surprise raffle tickets days. If a child is in school and on time they will be given a raffle ticket on the gate. At the end of the day several tickets will be drawn and small prizes will be given.
- ▶ Top three classes for attendance each half term will win a prize for their class.



Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 19th
October**

Parents evening

Thursday 20th October

Parents evening

Friday 21st October

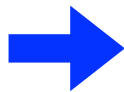
Last day of term

Monday 31st October

School opens to pupils

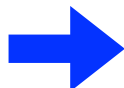
BELOW IS A GUIDE TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE MEANS

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE



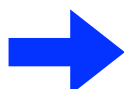
100% - 0 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
99% - 2 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
98% - 4 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED

GOOD ATTENDANCE



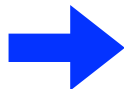
97% - 6 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
96% - 8 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED

CONCERNING ATTENDANCE



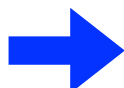
95% - 10 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
94% - 12 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED

POOR ATTENDANCE



93% - 14 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
92% - 16 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
91% - 18 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED

VERY POOR ATTENDANCE



90% AND BELOW

PERSISTENT ABSENTEE



SCHOOL LIBRARY

The school library will be open every Thursday lunchtime for all Key Stage Two children to loan a book. Key Stage One children have access to the library trolley once a week from their classroom.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Mrs Sloan, our Computing Lead, has subscribed to an e safety computing newsletter. This is to keep the 'grown ups' up to date with the technology, softwares and apps our children could be using and making sure we are all aware of the potential dangers.



HEAD LICE

A few parents have informed us that head lice seem to be doing the rounds at the moment. They are a very common problem across all schools, particularly in children aged 4-11. Boys do get them but it does seem to be more prevalent in girls.

They can be extremely hard to spot and can range from the size of a pin head to a sesame seed! Any hair that is of a length to be tied back, should be tied back for school. This is the easiest way to prevent your child getting them. If you spot your child having a quick scratch of their head we would advise you comb their hair with a special fine toothed headline comb as this is the most reliable way to see if there are any live lice. A detection comb through once a week is the best way to keep your child clear and finding a stray lice before it lays any eggs. Lotion can be expensive and often several treatments are needed to fully rid a head of lice. Lets all get our combs out and give our hair a comb through this weekend!

