

# Somerville News

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## AIMING HIGH TOGETHER



### CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be supporting Children In Need again this year by having a non uniform day on Friday 18th November. A donation of £1 for wearing non uniform will be collected by teachers at registration.

### POPPY APPEAL`

We have two boxes of merchandise from the British Legion to sell in aid of the poppy appeal. These will be on sale at lunchtimes next week, from the playground, until they run out. A minimum donation of 50p will be needed with some of the larger items costing £1.



### ANTI BULLYING WEEK 14TH-18TH NOVEMBER



This year we will be taking part in anti bullying week. The theme of this week will be 'Reach Out'. We will be having assemblies and a special PSHE session based around the theme. All children need to know what bullying is and isn't and if they are being bullied or know if another pupil is being bullied what can and should be done about it. This very much fits in with our work on diversity, tolerance and community.

### DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Two teams from years 3/4 took part in an action-packed afternoon of dodgeball at St. Werburgh's Primary School. All teams played four games and when they were not playing they took on responsibilities such as time keeping; they did a marvellous job.

All children showed off their developing skills and confidence during the games. It was specially noted that the children showed wonderful sportsmanship and honesty during their games which was fantastic to see.

Well done to all those who took part.

#### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 9th  
November to Friday  
11th November**

Year 6 residential to the Conway Centre, Anglesey site.

**Friday 11th November**

Years 1 & 2 trip to the cinema

**Wednesday 16th  
November**

Years 3 & 4 trip to the cinema

**Tuesday 22nd  
November**

Year 5 trip to Tatton Park

**Wednesday 14th  
December**

NHS flu spray day in school

**Thursday 15th  
December**

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - wear your Christmas jumpers

## MEDICATIONS UPDATE

Please be aware that if your child requires any form of medication to be taken in school you **MUST** take your child's medication to the school office. Staff will not accept any medication at the gates or in the Beehive. Forms need to be completed and all information will then be passed on to the medical team.

We can not accept blister packs of tablets. Tablet must be in their original box with the printed pharmacy label.

We do need to make sure children are in school learning. Because we are passionate in our efforts to ensure children are in school, we will administer Calpol in school if it means your child is then feeling well enough to not miss valuable learning. If you wish us to administer Calpol you will need to give a bottle into the school office (we do not keep a stock in school) and fill in the required form.

## HOLIDAYS AND FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

Please be reminded that we now submit information to the Local Authority on all holidays taken in term times. The Local Authority have been issuing a significant amount of Fixed Penalty Notices to families who have been on holiday. Where exceptional circumstances are cited evidence will need to be provided to support.

Where forms have not been submitted but children have informed us they have been on holiday after being off school for a week or two FPN's have been issued. Where a sickness call has come into school for the week and a welfare check / home visit has been conducted at the end of the week and the family have been away on holiday an FPN has been issued. We are aware that these are financially challenging times and do not want our families to be in financial difficulty because they were not aware of all of the circumstances that can constitute a FPN.

There is now an expectation on schools from the Local Authority and from the Department for Education that schools take every action necessary to ensure a pupils are in school for lessons.

FPNs can and will be issued for:-

Holidays in term time

Lates after the register has closed

Persistent absenteeism - attendance below 90%

