

Friday 2nd December 2022

# Somerville News

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MHFA England

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Miss Butt, Miss Stuart, Miss Crampton and Mrs Parry have all passed their MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) qualification. This means they are able to support at the moment of a mental health crisis. They requested to complete the qualification to be able to offer more support to our families and community. They have been taught the practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues and to be able to step in, reassure and support a person in distress and guide them to the further, longer term support they might need. Their aim is to create a mentally healthy, supportive environment. They are passionate about helping children and adults to look after their mental well-being.

## CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

In order to meet the requirements of the Department of Education (32.5 hours school per week), Somerville Primary School will be making a small change to the length of the school day in September 2023.

From September 2023:

Reception and Key Stage 1

■ 8:50am-3:20pm (gates will open 10 mins before the official start of the school day at 8:40am)

Key Stage 2

■ 8:55am-3:25pm (children will be able to enter the school site 10 minutes before the official start time at 8:45am)



Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware that the Local Area is working on a Written Statement of Action to improve its services and support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Since April 2022, a considerable amount of work has been

delivered through the SEND Transformation Board and its workstreams, however, there are a number of areas where progress has been slower than expected. We are now taking a short period to check in with stakeholders about what is improving, what still needs to be done, and to better understand where we should prioritise our efforts over the next 12 months. To help us do this we are reaching out to all stakeholders to get your views. We would be really grateful if you could take time to complete this short survey. Your feedback is valuable and it will help us focus on where we can make improvements that will have the biggest impact for children and young people. The survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/e/BvZjaKn2Hz>

**The survey will close at midday on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** We realise this is a tight timescale. Once your survey reply has been received we will set to work on the prioritisation of the work remaining. We appreciate your time and input.

Thank you very much!

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 14th  
December**

NHS flu spray day in school

**Thursday 15th  
December**

CHRISTMAS DINNER  
DAY - wear your  
Christmas jumpers

# CHRISTMAS AND DECEMBER DATES AND INFORMATION

## Friday 9th December

### Christmas Charity Fun Run

All children will take part in our annual charity fun run on Friday 9th December. The children run as many laps around the circuit as the year group they are in, e.g. year 5 will run five laps. We invite the children to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day to make the event as festively fun as possible. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child. All money raised will be donated to the Liverpool Clatterbridge Cancer Hospital.



## Wednesday 14th December

### Flu Spray Day - Children Flu Vaccine

You will all have received a text or e-mail with the link to book your child's flu Spray. The spray is to prevent your child from becoming seriously ill with flu over the winter months. Your child will not be given the spray if you have not filled out the form. If you would like further information, please click on the link to the NHS page.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



## Thursday 15th December

### Christmas Dinner Day

Our school cook makes the most terrifically tasting Christmas dinner. All the staff have one! If you are on packed lunch and would like to have a Christmas dinner please let the school office know by email or note (not phone call) no later than **THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER**. This is because the food needs to be ordered in advance. If you already have hot dinners then a lunch will be ordered for you anyway. You pay for dinner using Parent Pay. There will be no other lunch options available on this day.



## PERFORMANCES

**Foundation 2 - Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December at 9.15am**

**Year 1 - Monday 19th at 9.30am**

**Year 2 - Friday 16th at 2.00pm**

**Year 3 - Thursday 15th at 2.00pm**

**Year 4 - Monday 19th at 3.35pm**

**Year 5 - Monday 12th at 4.00pm**

**Year 6 - Thursday 15th at 4.00 pm**



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PERFORMANCES**

- ▶ Due to restrictions on the number of people we can have in the school hall at any one time only two tickets per family can be issued.
- ▶ No prams or pushchairs can be taken into the hall, they must be left outside regardless of the weather.
- ▶ If you do not bring your ticket you will not be able to access the school hall.
- ▶ Babies in parents arms are not included in tickets. Any child sat on a seat will be included in the two tickets.
- ▶ There will be a collection at the end of each performance. Any money raised will go towards the class parties.
- ▶ **STRICTLY NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR RECORDING DURING PERFORMANCES.**

# READING AMNESTY



As you are probably all aware school budgets are extremely stretched. Previously, we have been able to replace reading books and reading for pleasure books that have not been returned to school. Unfortunately, our budget will not allow for this, this year, which means that non returned books WILL have a significant impact on the school. If either of these books are not returned school will have to send a letter requesting payment for the missing books, The payment will cover the cost of the book and any delivery charges incurred.

We are asking that over the weekend if you could all do a sweep of the house for any school books that may be under beds, on the bookshelf or in the toy box etc and return to school so we can get them back into circulation. If anyone has any picture books or children's chapter books that are in good condition that you no longer need please consider donating to our school library for others to enjoy.

## PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIGZAGS

Over the past three weeks school staff on the gates have observed the traffic situation becoming worse around school. We are seeing VERY DANGEROUS PARKING in Northbrook Road, Winford Road and Park Road. It is primarily families dropping off children at Somerville who are parking on the ZIGZAGS and in some cases speeding and parking on the pavements. Staff have also witnessed children almost being knocked over. This situation can not continue and we ask everyone who drives to school to park and drive with respect. If at all possible we encourage walking to school or park and stride. If you live a distance away and need to drive park a few roads away from school and do a short walk in. We now fully understand the benefits of brisk and even gentle exercise on positive mental health. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

