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Somerville Nursery and Somerville Primary Schools  
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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **6<sup>th</sup> (Badger), 7<sup>th</sup> (Bat) and 9<sup>th</sup> (Fox) December:** Foundation Christmas assemblies at 9.30am in the school hall.
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 5 children to visit Weatherhead High School to watch *The Wizard of Oz* performance.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** School finishes for Christmas break.

### Christmas dinner

Thank you for returning your Christmas dinner slips to let us know that your child would like a school dinner on this day. The food for our Christmas dinner has now been ordered by the school kitchen. Unfortunately if you have not got your slip in yet, no more dinners can be ordered.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Children will be able to wear their Christmas Jumper or other festive top on our Christmas dinner day: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016. We will be supporting the charity Save the Children with all donations sent in. As a guide: a £1 donation for every child who wishes to wear a Christmas Jumper or £2 per family. Every £1 will go towards helping to save a child's life.

## Sports News

On Thursday evening the Year 5/6 basketball team represented the Somerville Primary School in the Wirral Games Tournament. The children had a successful winning streak. As a consequence of their excellent dribbling and shooting skills they managed to reach the final against Stanton Road Primary School. The final was a success for Somerville and they beat their top team 6-2. Somerville Primary School were the overall winners and they will now represent the Wirral in the County Tournament. We are all very proud of the team for all they have achieved and looking forward to the tournament in March!



*Team work, makes the Dream work.*  
Well done Team!

### You asked, we listened!

A number of parents and carers informed school that it was very difficult to see their child leaving the classroom and exit doors at the end of the school day. It was made more difficult to see who was leaving the building because of the number of younger children and adults would be close up to the building; restricting other parents and carers visibility. As a result we listened to what was being said and we have drawn a 'Respect' line on the playground. We would ask all parents and carers to respectfully stand behind the line when collecting their child from the classroom to allow all parents and carers the same opportunity of seeing their child and equally their child to see their respective adult.

[www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk)



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## Changes to milk for Year 1 children

If your child is in Year 1 and does not pay for their milk, from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December they will no longer be entitled to receive free milk unless you are in receipt of an income benefit or pay award which entitles your child to free milk. If you would like to continue with your child's milk supply then please contact the school milk provider direct who will be able to organise this for you. The website address is [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

Free milk is provided for under 5s by the government and for some children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. The school governing body pays for all children in Foundation 2 classes to continue after the age of 5 to ensure that no child feels left out when they see their younger class mates drinking their free milk. This has continued this year into this first term of Year 1 but comes to an end on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Anyone else wishing to pay for their child to have milk provided for them at school may also do so by contacting Cool Milk at the website address above.

## Christmas Plays, Assemblies and Carols

We are looking forward to seeing many of you who are able to attend the numerous Christmas celebrations over the coming weeks of Advent. To help make the Christmas celebrations go without any *hiccups* or *Bah Humbugs*, please make sure that you have your tickets for whichever play, assembly or carols you are attending. Please also note that due to health and safety reasons there will be limited space in the hall and buggies and prams will not be able to be housed under cover, we will of course set an area aside for buggies and prams to be park but this may be outside without any shelter.

## Smartphone users and text messages.

A number of you have now registered your phones with the website APP School Spider, this has been a huge success and has proved to be beneficial for those wishing to receive the school newsletter online and easy access to the children's photo galleries. We hope that more of you over time will start to use the APP to allow us to be able to send short messages to you by this route rather than the current text messages.

We realise that recently a number of parents have not been receiving the texts instead it has been going to their secondary contact on our school list. This is due to a glitch in the texting software. We hope to be able to rectify this next week. However we also intend when the current contract ends with our text provider to be able to send free texts through the website APP School Spider.

We don't wish to miss any phones out of the loop however, so we will need to have feedback from you as parents if this is a possibility. Moving to the free text service of the School Spider APP would save the school money which we would be able to put back into resources for the children in their classrooms.