



# SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Somerville Nursery and Somerville Primary Schools  
"Aiming high together"



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **16<sup>th</sup> March:** Cross country race at Higher Bebington.
- **16<sup>th</sup> March:** Y3/Y4 Greek food day. Any allergies not already known please inform school.
- **17<sup>th</sup> March:** Pine Class assembly for parents, carers and family. 9.10am in Hall.
- **31<sup>st</sup> March:** Break up for Spring & Easter Holidays.
- **TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April:** Children return to school.

*See the school website for more dates.*

***Be on time, be in school for 5 to 9!***

***118 children were late for school last week!***

**Was your child one of these children?**

## Reminder

Please pay lunch money regularly, £11.50 per week. Your help in this matter is much appreciated

## The facts about reading.

Try to encourage your child to read at home as often as possible.

Just some facts about people who read often.

***They have incredible writing and speaking skills,***

***They have increased memory,***

***They enjoy a challenge,***

***They succeed!***

**Do you want your child to succeed?**

**Get them to read!**

## Medical appointments

Please try your best to make any dental and GP appointments outside of school hours where possible.



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS -

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

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|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 100% Attendance | 0 Days Missed   | Excellent    |
| 95% Attendance  | 9 Days of Absence<br>1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed   | Satisfactory |
| 90% Attendance  | 19 Days of Absence<br>3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed | Poor         |
| 85% Attendance  | 28 Days of Absence<br>5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed | Very Poor    |
| 80% Attendance  | 38 Days of Absence<br>7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed | Unacceptable |
| 75% Attendance  | 46 Days of Absence<br>9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed  | Unacceptable |

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

## Football News

Somerville football teams have had a busy and successful week.

Year 6 played in the Wirral finals on Tuesday and done themselves proud. They were eventually knocked out by the overall winners.

Not to be disheartened, they dusted themselves down and won 3-0 yesterday against Mersey Park and are through to the next round of the Houlihan Cup.

The Girls played in the Wirral Finals on Wednesday and fielded the youngest team in the competition by far, two Year 4's and two Year 3's with a sprinkle of Year 6's, against schools consisting only of Year 6's. They won all their games with relative ease.

Unfortunately they lost in the final to the team they had just beaten 4-1 but they gave such an incredible account of themselves and have been invited to represent Wirral at the Merseyside Games and the MCSFA Liverpool Girls Cup in the next few weeks.