



# SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Somerville Nursery and Somerville Primary Schools  
"Aiming high together"



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **20<sup>th</sup> March:** Children attending Rugby tournament at Birkenhead Park.
- **21<sup>st</sup> March:** Cherry, Elm and Holly class at Floral Pavilion for Jungle Book performance.
- **21<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 2 Guide Dog visit.
- **22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Children attending Football tournament in St Helens.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Year 1 trip to Chirk Castle.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Year 2 RNLI talk.
- **24<sup>th</sup> March:** Foundation 2 trip to Wallasey Fire Station.
- **26<sup>th</sup> March:** Clocks Spring Forward. Remember to turn your clock one hour forward on Sunday morning.
- **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!***

***93 children were late for school last week!  
Was your child one of these children?***

## Comic Relief and Down Syndrome fundraiser

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be combining our support for Comic Relief and Down Syndrome's national day of support. We would like those who wish to support both of these charities to wear their own clothes and odd socks on Friday. If you would like to show your support please make a donation of a £1 per family or any amount that you wish to contribute. Unless you specifically inform us otherwise, any funds raised and sent into school will be shared between both charities. Red noses may also be worn by children during the school day. Thank you for your support in advance.

## Leave of absence requests

Please remember if you would like to request a leave of absence for your child you can collect a form from the school office. Please ensure that any requests are completed as fully as possible giving as much information to allow Mr Forber to understand fully the reason for the request and especially why it is an exceptional circumstance. Usually two weeks' notice should be enough time to allow your form to be considered and returned back to you, except at busy periods in the year when they may take longer to be considered. Approvals for **holidays in term time** are not considered exceptional circumstances. The maximum time the headteacher can authorise an absence is 10 school days in any circumstance. Your child's current attendance and lateness will also be considered when making a decision. If the request is connected with shift patterns of holidays or work limiting when you can take your own holidays, please submit a letter from your employer stating reasons on letter headed paper.

## Pine Class assembly

Thank you to Pine Class assembly for their assembly this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending this morning.

## Year 6 residential

Our Year 6 residential visit for the current Year 5 children has now been organised. If your child is currently in Year 5 please check that you have received an important letter giving you details about the plans for this exciting opportunity for your child. If you have not received the letter please contact the school office as soon as possible as it contains important dates and the payment plan if you wish your child to attend.