

SOMERVILLE FEDERATION



Somerville Nursery and Primary Schools "Aiming High Together"



REMINDER

The clocks **go forward an hour** for Spring this **Sunday, 25th March**. So remember to set your clock ahead **1 hour** on Sunday morning.



SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SPRING BREAK

This year school closes for Spring Break and Easter on **THURSDAY 29th MARCH** which means we are off on **GOOD FRIDAY**. We re-open again on **MONDAY 16th APRIL**. Please see the back of this newsletter for ideas to keep your children entertained over the holiday.

PARENTS' EVENING

If you have not yet booked your parents evening appointment, please go online and choose your appointment, speak to your child's class teacher or return the slip which was sent home last week.

We look forward to seeing you!

There will be a book fair available for you to peruse on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

ABSENCE

Please can you **ring** school on the **first day** of your child's absence or **e-mail** the school office with a message.



If your child's absence falls **lower than 95%** you may be randomly chosen for a **home visit** by a member of the senior leadership team whether or not you have phoned in with a reason. We trialled this last academic year and had a lot of success with the initiative.

PGL DEPOSITS - YEAR 5

If you have not already paid and you would like your child to attend the **PGL residential** please could you pay your deposit as soon as possible to allow school to secure a place for your child. If the deposit is not paid before **Friday 20th April 2017** unfortunately, a place **will not be booked** for your child. Please speak to Mr Forber or Mrs Speight if you want your child to go but have difficulty paying the deposit initially.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd March

Fundraising - Run a mile day

Week of 26th PARENTS' EVENING

Monday 16th April

School opens for summer term.

Wednesday 18th

Class photograph day

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PGL meeting for year 5 parents

Friday 20th

Fitness day for all classes

IDEAS TO HAVE FUN AND KEEP THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED OVER SPRING BREAK AND EASTER

Go to the park and hunt for daffodils, crocus and snowdrops. Are there any signs of bluebells or tulips yet? What signs of spring can your child find? Children can then get out their crayons, felts or paints and create a piece of art from looking at the flowers.

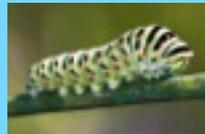


Mr Forber and Mrs Parry would love to see any art work created!

Hunt for frog spawn - can you find the thick jelly in ponds or streams? In another month you will find little tadpoles. **ALWAYS DO THIS WITH AN ADULT!**



Did you know you can rear a caterpillar at home and watch it grow into a beautiful butterfly or moth? Your child will learn about the lifecycle of butterflies and caterpillars and about the food chain. Even better...how to care for living creatures without the mess or cost! All you need to do this is; an old plastic ice cream tub, tiny holes to stop caterpillar from escaping, kitchen roll to line the bottom of the tub making it easy to clean, water spray, some fresh leaves and a caterpillar. Your child can give their caterpillar a name and have the joy of releasing it into the wild.



Go on a 'BUG HUNT' who can find the most in the family?



All children love den building, if you can't get anywhere to build a den outdoors then a den made out of cushions and a bed sheet will work and your child will have endless fun.



If it is raining over the break then wellies on and splash in as many puddles as you can. Why not make a mud pie?

