

SOMERVILLE FEDERATION



Somerville Nursery and Primary Schools "Aiming High Together"



ATTENDANCE

We are going to be 'hot' on attendance this year. Please try to make any dentist and doctors appointments after school if possible. We need to see a copy of your appointment slip for dental appointments and any hospital appointments.

If your child's attendance is flagged up by the school computer you may have a home visit by our social inclusion manager and one of the senior leaders, even if you have phoned in the absence. School have a duty to check on a child's welfare if they have low or falling attendance rates.

Depending on how low a child's attendance is school may refer your case on to social care.

Birthdays are not a reason to take a day off school!

PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality plays an important part in learning and getting children ready for their next steps in life and routine for a good working life. Children should arrive in school ready to line up before the school bell rings at 8.55am. Latecomers will need to enter the school building with an adult via the main school office. Parents or carers will need to sign the child in late. Please ensure your child arrives in school on time, this means lessons can start promptly and their class mates are not disturbed in their lessons mid flow. Every now and then things happen which make people late, however persistent lateness is unacceptable.

PE KITS

All PE kits should be in school now. PE is a statutory subject and ALL children MUST take part. We are now moving into Autumn so it is advisable children have track suit tops and a sweatshirt for outdoor PE because if it is dry but cold they will still be doing PE. Children love their PE lessons! We are aiming to get all of our children to have a love of physical exercise and for them to see the importance of exercise in staying fit and healthy.

FLU SHOTS

Please return flu shot letters ASAP to the school office.

Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Monday 17th

Year 4 swimming all week

Monday 17th

Year 6 skating workshop

Thursday 20th

Year 6 Road safety talk

Friday 21st

Zoo 2 U in Years 2 and 6

Wednesday 26th

Foundation Fun starts

OCTOBER

Thursday 4th

Year 3 trip to Martin Mere

Friday 5th

Year 3 trip to Martin Mere

Tuesday 16th

Flu Immunisation day

Tuesday 16th

Parents evening

Wednesday 17th

Parents evening

Friday 19th

School closes for half term

BEING A READER

The children should all have a reading book now. Reading is such an important aspect of learning. Please try to hear your child read at least three times a week from their school reading book, and for older children talk to them about what they are reading. Those children who read regularly at home do better in their school work. How well do you want your child to do in school? Help us make your child be the best they can be!

We also have a school library packed full of lovely books which the children can borrow and take home. There is nothing nicer for a child than cuddling up with their grown up and having a story or two a bedtime. It is a lovely way to end the day.

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

PGL

PGL residential for Year 6 is fast approaching. Please remember that today was the deadline for the 4th instalment of £25. If you have been unable to get the money into school today, please can you remember to send the money in by Monday or pay online over the weekend. Final numbers have now been confirmed with PGL and no changes can be made.

SOMERVILLE BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Somerville Behaviour policy has now been updated after discussions with children and staff last term. We listened to what has been said by parents, children, teachers over the last few years and also considered what works well in schools locally, nationally and around the world to not only improve behaviour but also to reward those who behave well every day. The new behaviour policy has been introduced to the children last week and we have started to use the rewards and sanctions each day since coming back to school in September. Each child starts each day on green, with every day being a new day to make a fresh start. Starting on green children have the chance to move up onto silver. Achieving silver, children's names will be placed into a draw to become star of the day and win gold. By achieving gold children will go into the weekly golden draw. One child from each class who had become star of the day last week was chosen at random in the award assembly to have afternoon tea with Mr Forber yesterday. Every week there will be something new to look forward to and to have the chance of winning. A very small number of children have moved down from green to Yellow, yellow is the warning given to children to give them a chance to make the right choice and to move back onto green. Unfortunately if they make the wrong choice they may move onto orange or even onto red. Moving onto orange and red means that they will have to miss some time at break and / or miss golden time that week. We will be reviewing this new policy over the coming months to ensure it works well for the very large majority of our children. Children still earn dojo points as well to become the weekly dojo winner of each class. Certificates for each dojo champion are awarded in the weekly award assembly.

11+ ASSESSMENTS FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL EDUCATION

11+ assessments for Grammar school education, several children will be taking their 11+ tests at Somerville Primary School on Monday morning. If your child is in Year 5 and you are considering a grammar school education for your child in the future please remember that 31st May 2019 is the deadline to apply for your child to sit the test which will take place in September 2019.