

Somerville Nursery School

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SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

Newsletter – September 2023

Now taking applications for January & Easter 2024



Welcome to the Autumn Term

Following the summer break, it has been wonderful to see our returning children again and to welcome lots of new children. The children are settling well and are eager to explore and get to know the environment; build new relationships; and learn new routines and skills.

Please Be On Time

Morning 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Please make sure your child arrives on time ready for their session and that you are prompt picking them up at the end of the session.

Please note that staff have their lunch from 12 - 12:30pm and staff meetings to attend from 3.30 p.m.

Please note that the gates are open approximately 15 minutes ahead of pick-up times. You must inform your child's teacher or the school office if you need to collect your child outside of these times i.e. for an appointment.

Term Dates

We will close for the half-term on Thursday 19th October and return to school on Monday 23rd October. Note: Friday 20th October is an INSET day and school will be closed to children.

Change of Clothes

Please provide a bag with spare clothes for your child that can be kept in school (include socks). Even if your child does not have toileting accidents we still need a spare set for general accidents e.g. falling in a puddle!

For those children who are not yet toilet trained, please remember to put spare nappies/pull-ups and wipes in their bags.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and their bag are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Supporting independence

In order to support your child as they become independent, please consider what they are wearing to Nursery. **We would strongly recommend that children wear jogging pants with an elasticated waist** as they can more readily manage these when accessing the toilets and changing facilities. We would also ask that children do not come to Nursery in shoes with laces. Many thanks for your support.



Website

www.somerville.wirral.sch.uk/

Please check the website regularly, the latest information can be found here.



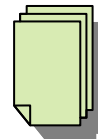
You can also access information on our Facebook & Twitter pages

Themes/Interests for this half term

Our main focus for this half term will be settling children into nursery and focusing on the Prime Areas of learning. These are: Personal, Social & Emotional Development; Communication and Language; and Physical Development. As the term progresses staff will tune into children's interests and plan activities to extend their learning.

School Office Hours

The office is staffed between 8:30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. each day. Tel: 0151 638 1567



Forms and permission slips

If you have been asked to complete any forms or permission slips, please return these to us as soon as possible as it is important that our records are kept up to date. Thank you

Health & Safety

Please **DO NOT** allow your child/ren to access the Forest School areas or the playground equipment when you are on the nursery site - these areas are only for use with trained nursery staff.



Keeping us up-to-date

Please inform the school office if your contact details / emergency contacts and / or pick-up list, have changed. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergencies.



Lunches

If your child attends nursery for full day sessions please check whether they are entitled to Free School Meals. **Apply for Free School Meals... it's quick and easy using the online form at:** <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-wirral/>

If your child has packed lunches please make sure their lunch box and drink bottle are clearly labelled with their name. For safety reasons, please do not put your child's lunch in a plastic bag. Healthy lunches: please note that fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets should not be provided. A good example of a healthy lunch might be:

- a sandwich, wrap or pot of pasta,
- a piece or pot of fruit
- a yogurt
- a carton of juice



We aim to be a nut-free setting and would appreciate your support with this.

Miscellaneous

Please note that children DO NOT need water bottles in nursery. They have access to water throughout their session. In general we ask that you do not send your child into nursery with toys and other items from home as this can lead to distress if these items are forgotten or go missing. Please do speak to staff if your child has a comforter and they will advise you how best to proceed.



Fruit and snacks

Children are provided with a healthy snack at each session. This can be a selection of fruit, crackers, plain biscuits, cheese, breadsticks, fruit bread etc. and a drink of milk or water. Our aim is to promote healthy eating and take care of small teeth!

We ask for a small donation of £1 per week. Pay weekly or every half term via your child's class teacher or at the office.

Early Years Pupil Premium

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional sum of money paid to childcare providers for children of families in receipt of certain benefits. This funding will be used to enhance the quality of early years' experience by improving the teaching, learning, facilities and resources, with the aim of impacting positively on your child's progress and development. Please check and register here:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/early-years-pupil-premium#wgSM-3>

Attendance

If your child is absent from school for any reason, we ask that you **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence for morning children, and before 12.30 p.m. for afternoon children. You can do this by:

Phone - 0151 638 1567

School Matters!



Applying for a place at Primary School

Although it may seem like your child has only just settled in F1, it's time to plan for their place at primary school!

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 & 31/08/2020, they will be due to start school in September 2024. You will need to make an application for a school place by January 15th 2024. Look out for leaflets which will be sent home soon.



Evidence Me

Please make sure that you are set up on 'Evidence Me'. The 'Parent Share' feature in Evidence Me enables you to view information and keep up to date on what's happening in nursery! Should you have any difficulties accessing Evidence Me, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Please note we **do not** provide regular observations / photo uploads. This is to ensure that staff can focus on **high quality interactions** with your child, scaffolding and supporting their development. However, you will receive confirmation of your child's key person and occasional photos. Of course, we love to hear about your child's learning experiences at home via Evidence Me – please continue to send these through.

Please note that any communication about health and well-being should continue to be addressed by phone, email or in person.



Please access Family Toolbox for advice and information about family life in Wirral:
<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>