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SOMERVILLE FEDERATION

**Newsletter – February 2024**

**Now taking applications for September 2024**

**Term Dates**

We will close for the half-term on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and return to school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Lunches**

**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



**Note: We are a nut-free setting and would appreciate your support with this.**



**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 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.

**School Matters!**



**Every Day Counts**

Every day in school can make a difference to a child's future, which is why regular and high attendance in at nursery is vital.. If your child is absent for any reason you **contact the nursery school office** before 9.00 a.m. on the first day of absence for am children, and before 12.30 p.m. for pm children. You can do this by:

Phone - 0151 638 1567

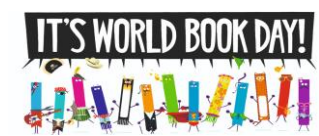
**World Book Day 2024**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - each class will be focusing on a chosen book / theme for the day and children will take part in a range of exciting activities based on this book. All children will receive a £1 book token on the day which can be used to get a FREE World Book Day book or can be used towards the cost of a book or audiobook at your local bookseller.

**Note: There is no expectation for children to dress up on the day.** Please remember that children will still need to access toileting / changing facilities and will also be going outside as usual!

***Butterflies & Bumblebees – 'The Three Little Pigs'***

***Caterpillars – The Very Hungry Caterpillar***



**Polite Request**

Please do not use phones on school grounds and be mindful of the language used around "little ears"



**COMIC RELIEF**

**Red Nose Day**

Nursery will once again be supporting Red Nose Day. This year children can dress in their own clothes on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – we ask for a suggested donation of £1. Please note that we have been informed that Red Noses are not suitable for children under 3 years of age as they are a choking hazard – as such please do not send your child to nursery in an official red nose. A painted on red nose using face paint might be a great alternative!

**Safeguarding**

We work closely with Wirral Safeguarding Children's Partnership to support children and families. Please access their webpage for advice and support on a wealth of issues:  
<https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/parents-and-carers/>

**Paid/Extra Sessions**

Please note that there are currently no extra sessions available for this academic year.

**Spare clothes**

It is vital that all children have a bag in school which contains a set of spare clothes, for use in case of an accident (toileting or other). Children are accessing outdoor provision every day and despite our best efforts, sometimes get wet feet. We are very short of socks and tights – good quality donations will be gratefully received! Please pass to your child's class teacher.





## **Why is good punctuality and attendance important?**

Regular routines for young children enhance their sense of security and can also help to foster good habits for children's later life. Research shows that children with good attendance are at an advantage in later life and:

- find it easier to make and maintain friendships
- are more likely to gain good qualifications
- earn higher wages
- have a higher chance of being employed
- have higher self-esteem

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life. Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines.

## **Strategies to encourage good attendance & punctuality:**

- Have regular bedtime and morning routines
- Prepare for the morning routine by packing your child's bag the night before and setting out clothes
- Talk together about all the fun your child will have at nursery
- Arrange routine medical appointments, outings and holidays for times when your child does not attend nursery, wherever possible
- Talk to your child's key person if you have any concerns or anxieties
- Work with your child to develop healthy hygiene practices.

If you are facing difficulties getting your child to nursery, it is important to discuss this with us at your earliest opportunity – We are here to help!