

## Somerville Rise Primary School Junior School Information

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have now settled in to a fantastic term filled with lots of learning and fun experiences for your children and we are most excited to welcome you to the Junior School for 2019.

The Junior School this year consists of:

JSSW- Di Wheeler & Dawn Stock Room 11	JSP- Adam Poole Room 12
JSH- Jane Hart Room 13	JSD- Lisa Durham Room 14

The information below is provided to give you a brief insight into the running of the Junior School. Should you have any concerns or question, please mention these at our 'Meet the teacher' sessions on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

### **Home Reading**

Reading at home continues to be vital to your child's progress and we encourage you to listen to your child read each day and to read to them as often as possible. We are often told that the book a child has brought home is 'too easy.' This is intentional as home reading should be an enjoyable, successful experience where the child practises reading skills already learned. As students start to read longer books, they may not finish the entire book in one night. That is fine, just record the date, title of the book and what chapter or page number they read up to. Please send blue reading satchels in each day.

All Junior School students will bring home a 'Commonly Used Word' book. This is a book containing words that children are learning to read and write.

In the English language there are 100 words which make up on average half the words found in reading and writing. If children can recognise these words instantly, it will significantly improve the fluency and ease of reading and writing. We explicitly teach these words at school through activities such as:

- Games
- Making the words with magnetic letters
- Finding the words in books we are reading

### **How can you use the 'Commonly Used Words' book at home?**

Please make reading these words a part of your daily reading routine. Make it fun and do not pressure your child. You might even like to make playing cards with a small number of these words and play games such as 'Memory' or 'Go Fish' or have your child make these words with magnetic letters. Please also have your 'Commonly Used Word' book' in front of you as you read your 'take home' book, as you are likely to find many words in these books. Have your child 'spot' a word.

### **Classroom Routines**

Students need to have a broad brimmed hat at school as part of our Sunsmart policy. Hats need to be worn during recess and lunchtimes and whenever the class is outside, e.g. Physical Education lessons, morning fitness and activities in the Barn etc. on days when the UV is high. Please make sure hats are clearly labelled.



Each student is expected to use their blue clipboard to bring home notices. Please check these each day to make sure you don't miss any important information.

**Fruit Snack:** We encourage children to bring a fresh fruit or vegetable snack to school each day. We ask for your help in making this a quick and easy snack by cutting oranges into quarters, limiting it to one serve of fruit and not sending processed fruit that needs to be eaten with a spoon.

**Library:** Each week every class has a designated time in the library. Students can borrow up to 3 books at a time. These books are to be returned within two weeks. Please ensure your child has a library bag to protect our Library books. *JSD/JSH/JSW all have Library on Wednesdays and JSP has Library on Fridays.*

**Specialist Classes:**

	<b>Visual Arts</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<b>JSD</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
<b>JSH</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
<b>JSP</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
<b>JSSW</b>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

**Supplies**

If you have not sent a box of tissues to school with your child could you kindly please do so as we really do need them over the course of the school year.

**Student Wellbeing and School Values:**

Our school values are:

**Respect-** for self, others and the community

**Integrity-** doing the right thing even when no one is watching

**Service-** giving of your time without expecting anything in return

**Empathy-** putting ourselves in someone else's shoes

We follow these values to help each child develop a responsible approach to learning and others. Positive behaviour is acknowledged and celebrated in many ways, including classroom 'Peg up Charts' and 'Leaders on the Rise' awards at Assembly.

**Parent Classroom Helpers**

We welcome help in the classroom so if you have any time to spare during the week and would like to help please come and see us. There are many tasks that you can assist with, listening to students read, working with a small group on a Numeracy or Literacy tasks, laminating classroom resources and helping publish student writing. If you would like to help but are unable to spare time in the classroom there may be some things you can take home to do, such as cutting out items for display. If you would like to help out please get in touch with your child's teacher. You will require a current Working with Children Check to assist in the classroom.

Below are contact details if you ever need to get in touch with one of the Junior School teachers:

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The Junior School Teachers look forward to a great year with your children.

Kind Regards,

**Lisa Durham**

**Junior School Leader**