



**Somerdale Educate Together
Primary School**
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 1 Week 1)
8th September 2023

Value of the Month for
September:
Responsibility

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first term of an exciting new year at Somerdale Educate Together! I have been pleased to see all our wonderful children settling into their new routines. There has been a real buzz around the school with children discussing and planning their enquiry questions. We have lots of exciting plans and ambitious targets to share with you over the coming weeks and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new reception and pre-school families.

Annual Family Questionnaire

We believe that relationships and effective communication are key to a developing a successful school. Your views are really important to the school team. We want you to feel that you are 'active participants' in your child/ren's education and that your views are listened to and acted upon. We would appreciate it if you could spare ten minutes of your time to complete our annual family questionnaire. The results from the questionnaire will inform the school development plan, along with the views of the children and staff. We will send you a summary of the results along with the school actions by the end of Term 1.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EUzq6EpNyP>

Deadline for responses: Monday 18th September 2023 - 1PM

Parent and Family Workshops

Please see below dates of parent workshops for each year group. Further details will be found in the year group newsletters.

Date (September)	AM (8:55 Start Time)	PM (2:40 Start Time)
Monday 11 th September		Year 5
Tuesday 12 th September		Year 6
Tuesday 19 th September	Reception	
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 1	Year 2
Thursday 21 st September	Year 4	Year 3

Child Consultation Dates

The child consultation meetings will take place on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th October. Alice (Y3) and Sonia (Y4) will conduct their child consultation meetings on the 16th, 18th, and 19th of October.

New Website

You will be pleased to know that the school will be launching a new website in Term 3. We are currently consulting with the design team. The calendar, class pages, and essential information will continue to be updated on our current website until then.

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FOSET)

Dear School Community,

The Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FOSET) give notice to all their members of their Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will be held on the **26th September, 6pm – 6:30pm in the school hall.**

As a Friends group all parents, carers and guardians of pupils currently at the school and the teaching and non-teaching staff currently employed at the school are members of FOSET. We'd love to see as many of you as possible at the AGM, so we can update you on our work during the 2022-23 school year and talk about how you can get involved to make this year another brilliant year for fundraising for the school and bring the school and wider community together.

Election of the Committee

The AGM is also an opportunity for members to elect a new FOSET committee for the forthcoming year. During the AGM up to 10 committee members will be elected to lead the work of FOSET. This year the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have decided not to stand for re-election so these Officer roles are vacant alongside Ordinary Committee Member roles.

These are the kind of things you might be expected to do if you joined the committee.

- We hold committee meetings 6 times per year to which elected committee member/trustees will be expected to attend, where possible, and vote on items raised on the Agenda.
- There are additional meetings for the specific planning of large events, which you can attend if you want to be involved with these along with any volunteers who want to be part of organising the event. As an elected committee member/trustee there is no expectation that you have to attend these additional meetings.
- Following the committee meetings, as an elected committee member/trustee you will be expected to read and agree with the recorded meeting minutes and complete the actions assigned to you.
- As FOSET is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination, please read <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>.

If you would like any further information about becoming a Committee Member, please speak to Caroline Jewell (FOSET Secretary) via email on friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com or via message to 07967 528319.

Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform FOSET of their intention to stay in their role. Please notify us by the 25th September 2023 (at the latest) via email friendsofsomerdale@hotmail.com of your intention to stand for Chair/Secretary/Treasurer/Grants Secretary/Ordinary Committee Member.

Can I be involved without being a committee member?








Absolutely! All members of the school community are members of FOSET and there are so many ways to get involved and we need your help!

Just a few ways that the FOSET community have helped in the last few years are: volunteering for events, running a fun run, MC-ing a quiz, making cakes, setting up crafts and games, growing plants for sale, scoping opportunities to apply for grants and being a class representative for a year group to keep people informed on what FOSET is up to.

In short, we rely on all the skills, talents and enthusiasm of the FOSET community to make the fundraising year successful. Please let us know if you want to get involved at the AGM or by email.

Thanks to all our members for the amazing year we have had, we are all looking forwards to next year!

Term 1 Overview

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
4 th September	1	Article 1: All children have rights.		Class Charters
11 th September	2	Article 1: All children have rights.		Rights Respecting Ambassadors – Recruitment process Class Workshops
18 th September	3	Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.		Launch of Outright 2023/24 Campaign International Day of Peace Class Workshops
25 th September	4	Article 7: Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.		
2 nd October	5	Article 2: Every child has rights “without discrimination of any kind.” Article 29: You have the right to education which tries to develop your personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages you to respect other people's rights and values and to respect the environment.		Black History Month Poetry Day Rights Respecting Ambassador Interviews
9 th October	6	Article 2: Every child has rights “without discrimination of any kind.”		Black History Month
16 th October	7	Article 2: Every child has rights “without discrimination of any kind.”		Black History Month Child Consultation Meetings
Half Term 23rd -27th October				

School PE Kit

Children will need to come to school wearing clothing and footwear that is suitable to exercise in on their PE days. Here is a list of things that would be suitable to wear on these days. We ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and year group so that it does not get lost.

PE kit list –

- Short sleeved free moving top
- Jumper (if weather appropriate)
- Shorts or leggings (no denim)
- Trainers suitable for running
- Hair tidied up
- No jewellery

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

**Venue: School Hall
Date: 26th September
Time: 6:00-6:30pm**



Parentkind
Member Association



SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

26.09.2023

14.11.2023

17.01.2024

06.03.2024

17.05.2024

21.06.2024

9am in the school hall

**Theme for each coffee morning will be announced
nearer the time.**

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Anxiety
Low Mood
Anger
Panic

Self-esteem
Body Image
Worries
Social Anxiety

We are a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) from the NHS. We work with children and young people aged 5-18 years to provide early mental health support within schools for mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

We provide:

1 1:1 Sessions

Talk to us about your feelings in a safe space. You will work with us for 6-8 sessions

2 Groups

We provide a range of group work to assist young people who are facing similar difficulties



If you would like support from an EMHP, speak to your teacher or a member of the pastoral team.