



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

'Learn Together to Live Together'

Newsletter (Term 1 Week 4)

1st October 2021

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see so many families at the class workshops this week. We understand that not everyone was able to make it, so we have saved the slides from the presentations on the class Google Drives. There were a number of questions raised during the meetings. I have included the school's response below:

You said...	Our Response...
Can we have subject specific workshops for Maths, Phonics, Reading, Spelling and Writing?	Yes. We are planning for these workshops to start from Term 2.
Will the website be updated to provide additional support materials for families?	Yes. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. We will soon be updating our curriculum area which will include links to support materials. Please remember that class teachers add support materials to the Google Drive folders.
Can we be provided with the usernames and passwords for the school's online learning platforms such as Bugclub and Timetable Rock Stars?	Yes. We are going to stick the children's usernames and passwords in their reading records.
Can we volunteer to come into school to support with activities such as reading?	Yes. Please contact your child's teacher via info@somerdaleet.org.uk
Will the school be holding community events such as coffee mornings and Christmas Fairs?	Yes. We will continue to engage with the community and are planning a number of exciting events which we hope will bring us all together.

Parent and Family Questionnaire

We had a fantastic response to the questionnaire with nearly one hundred families completing the online form. The information gathered will now be analysed and a summary of the results/keypoints fed back during weeks 5 and 6.

Parent Governor Opportunity

Applications for the vacant Parent Governor role will be closed at the end of October 1st 2021. More than one parent has applied for the role so an election will be organised for next week (details to follow).

Article 3: When adults make decisions, they should think about how these decisions affect children.

Celebration Assembly

Year Group	Somerdale Star	Rights Respecting Award	Learner of the Week
1	Clara	Filumena	Rosalie
2	Wini	Eli	Jack C
3	Emelia	Oscar	Thomas
4	Phoebe	Thomas C	Jacob
5	Jack	Olivia W	Bella

Value of the Month

October's value of the Month is Respect!

Black History Month: Proud To Be!

The school will be exploring the concept of 'race' and discussing anti-racist practices. We will be researching important events and figures related to Black History.

Historical figures/events which will be discussed during Black History Month		
St Paul Saints	Diane Abbott	Carmen Beckford
Cleo Lake	George Poet	Hyacinth Hall
Mallory Black	Stormz	The Windrush Generation
Rosa Parks	Martin Luther-King Jnr	Colston Statue/ Jen Reid

Photographs of the Week



Year 2 visiting the local library and creating recipes for fairy-tale potions.

Positive Covid-19 Cases - Reporting Procedures

Please inform the school immediately if your child has a positive PCR test. Whilst the guidance in the Covid-19 Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan does not require classes to isolate, the school will still report positive PCR cases to parents and families for their reference via email.

Share Together Events (Monday 11th to Friday 15th October)

We are so excited to be bringing the 'Share Together Events' back this academic year. Share Together sessions are an opportunity for parents to come and view their child's learning and to share in learning discussions with their child. These will take place from 8.40am - 9am throughout the week. If you are unable to attend, please let your child's class teacher know and they can arrange for books to be made available during parent evenings.

In line with our risk assessment, we are putting a limit on the number of additional adults in the classroom during each session. We will also require adults to wear face coverings. An online sign-up form will be emailed to families on the 1st October 2021.

Parents' Evening Dates

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st of October. We are offering a blended approach to these meetings with families being offered either face to face or virtual meetings online. Bookings will open on Tuesday 5th October. A link will be emailed to families.

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FOSET)

Thank you to the family members who have shown an interest in supporting the Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FOSET). An AGM will now take place on the Monday 11th October in the school hall (Time TBC).

Christmas Fair (FOSET)

The Christmas Fair will take place on the 27th November 2021. Please save this date for your diary!



Family Coffee Morning (FOSET)

There will be a family coffee morning on the first Thursday of every month which will be held in the school hall. The first morning will be held on the 4th November 2021 between 9:00 and 10:30am.

Reception Tours for 2022-23

The school will be running tours for families wishing to apply for reception places in 2022-23 on the following dates. Places must be booked via the school office.



5 th October (10:00am)
14 th October (3:30pm)
18 th October (10:00am)

Snacks (Y1-5)

Snacks brought into school for breaktime should be of a healthy nature. If you are stuck for ideas the Change4Life website has some fantastic suggestions: [Quick & Easy Healthy Snacks For Kids | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.change4life.co.uk/healthy-eating/quick-and-easy-healthy-snacks-for-kids) **Please ensure none of the healthy snacks contain nuts as we are a nut-free school.**

PE Clothing

Children must wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed or taped.

Wraparound Care

Please can we reiterate that pick-up time for Wraparound Care is no later than 5.30pm. This allows time for our staff to safely pack away and clean up after the session.

Best Wishes

Chris Thomas-Unsworth
(Headteacher)

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
7 th October	School Census Day- Change to school lunch option- Fish and Chips or Vegetable Nuggets
12 th October	'Share Together' (times tbc)
13 th October	'Share Together' (times tbc)
14 th October	'Share Together' (times tbc)
15 th October	'Share Together' (times tbc)
20 th October	Parents' Evening
21 st October	Parents' Evening