



# Somerdale Educate Together Primary School

**'Learn Together to Live Together'**

**Newsletter (Term 1 Week 5)**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Families,

This week has been a timely reminder of how Covid-19 can still cause significant disruptions to our education system and I am really proud of how adaptable and responsive our staff and children have been. We hope that we may be able to return to 'normal' operating procedures after Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, but this will depend on a number of factors including the number of positive cases that we have had in the previous 10 days. I want to reassure families that even if we do have to keep measures in place, or reintroduce them at a later date, we are looking at ways to ensure that this year there is as little disruption to your child's education as possible.

## **Celebration Assembly**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Somerdale Star</b>	<b>Rights Respecting Award</b>	<b>Learner of the Week</b>
1	Teddy	Gus	Lottie
2	Year 2	Edward	Flora
3	Poppy P	Harrison	Dougie
4	Minnie	Rafa	Evie
5	Seren	Ollie	Theo

## **World Mental Health Day**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, we will be saying **#HelloYellow** World Mental Health Day! We know that little things can make a BIG difference to young people's mental health and so we are asking for children to dig out their neon socks, custard scarf and banana hats to show young people they're not alone with their mental health! We would like to raise money for the 'Young Minds' charity and are suggesting a £1 voluntary donation for wearing yellow on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October which can be made via Arbor.

*Article 19: right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated in body or mind.*

## **Voting – Parent Governor Position**

The voting for the Parent Governor position is now open. There are two ways of voting, either online via the link below or through submitting a paper ballot.

Voting Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLKC0jCLwC9aZC6vzqbeUD5205ynTYI0iiSGLroynBLYZmzg/viiform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLKC0jCLwC9aZC6vzqbeUD5205ynTYI0iiSGLroynBLYZmzg/viiform?usp=sf_link)

Paper ballot papers can be obtained from the office. All votes must be submitted by **4pm on Friday 15th October 2021**. If you have any queries about this process, please contact the Clerk to the Local Governing Board at **clerk@somerdaleet.org.uk**.

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

## **Value of the Month – Respect**

This week's value assembly focused on the meaning of the word 'Respect'. We discussed the following questions:

- ***Who do you respect?***
- ***What do you respect about yourself?***
- ***What rights do we respect?***
- ***Other than humans, what can we show respect for?***
- ***How can we show respect at our school?***

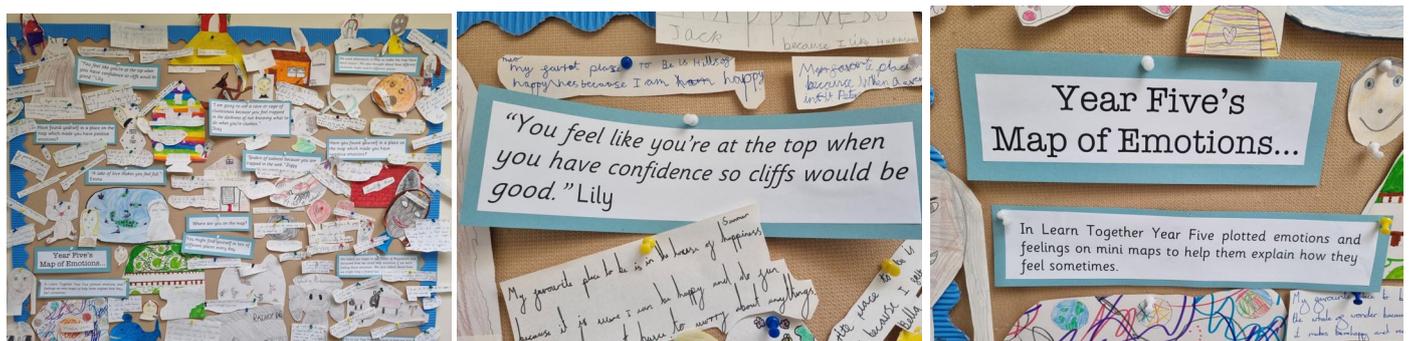
## **Black History Month: Proud To Be!**

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	Stormzy	The Windrush Generation
Rosa Parks	Martin Luther-King Jnr	Colston Statue/ Jen Reid

## **Photographs of the Week**



### **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 families for their reference via email.

### **Share Together Events**

Share Together dates will be rearranged and further information will be sent out on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Parents' Consultation Dates**

Parents' Consultation meetings will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October. A letter will be sent home on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October with details of how to book.

### **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). The AGM has been arranged for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7pm in the school hall.

### **Christmas Fair (FOSET)**

The Christmas Fair will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00am

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am

### **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents' Evening
TBC	Share Together Week

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