



Somerdale Educate Together Primary School



'Learn Together to Live Together'

Newsletter (Term 2 Week 1)

5th November 2021

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week, rested, and full of enthusiasm for the term ahead. We are looking forward to a number of exciting whole school events, ending the term with a week of Christmas celebrations and performances. As always, we would like to thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

World Mental Health Day

The children raised a total of £250.00 for World Mental Health Day. The money raised will be used to fund the Young Minds charity outreach work.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

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

Value of the month

The value of the month for November is Friendship.

Article 15: Children have the right to choose their own friends and join and set-up groups, as long as it is not harmful to others.

Right Respecting Topic

The learn together focus for the week will be Article 38 which explores children's right to protection and freedom from war. Classes will explore this alongside Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate manner.

Article 38: Children have the right to be free and protected from war.

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.

For children who are isolating, but are feeling well in themselves, you will find information about remote learning in the weekly overviews which each class teacher uploads by Sunday every week on the Google Drive class folders. You can find links to all the class folders on our website under the 'Our Classes' tab.

Local Governing Board

There have been some changes to the school's local governing board. Included below are the names and roles of each member.

Governor	Role	Responsibility
Rachel Cowie	Parent Governor	Chair/ Looked After Children/ H&S Governor
Richard Vanstone	Community Governor	Vice Chair
Lesley Jones	Community Governor	Child Protection/Safeguarding Governor/ SEND Governor
Rachel Renney	Parent Governor	Pupil Premium Governor
Justin Greenway	Co-opted Governor	Pupil Data
Chris Thomas-Unsworth	Head Teacher	Head Teacher
Sam O'Regan	Staff Governor	Deputy Head
Rachael Bishop	Staff Governor	SENDCo

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

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together (FOSET)

The FOSET AGM took place on Tuesday 8th of November. During the meeting a list of FOSET events were agreed for the year. A new chair and committee were voted in for the academic year. Further details of the meeting will be shared with families via an upcoming FOSET newsletter.

Christmas Fair (FOSET)

We have taken the decision to alter the format of the Christmas Fair this year due to concerns around the pandemic and the potential of having to cancel the event at short notice. We understand that as a community we will all have differing viewpoints on how the school should proceed, but our main concern is that children do not miss out on a special Christmas experience. Therefore, on Saturday 27th November children will be able to visit the Somerdale Winter Wonderland and Christmas disco! More details will follow in the FOSET newsletter next week. The event will be bubble based.

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.

Monday 8th November at 10:00am

Wednesday 10th November at 10:00am

Wednesday 17th November at 10:00am

Wednesday 24th November at 10:00am

Wednesday 1st December at 10:00am

Child Absence

Should your child be unwell, please ensure that you let us know by 9am so that we can complete our registers. You can e-mail info@somerdaleet.org.uk or call 0117 3790888 and leave a message. Please remember to inform the office by 9am of each subsequent day of absence until they are well enough to return to school.

Best Wishes

Chris Thomas-Unsworth
(Headteacher)

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 11th November – Remembrance Day

The school will mark Remembrance Day on Thursday 11th November. Children have the opportunity to purchase poppy related products from their class. We would suggest a donation of £1 for a poppy.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/teaching-remembrance>



Monday 15th November – Odd Socks Day!

The theme for this year's Anti-bullying week is 'One Kind Word'. To mark the start of anti-bullying week the school will participate in 'Odd Socks Day'.

Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15th to mark the importance of talking about anti-bullying issues.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>



Friday 19th November- Children in Need 2021

Friday 19th November marks Children in Need 2021 and for a suggested donation of £1, we are inviting children to dress up in their best fancy dress for the day.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/>



Week beginning 8th	Maths Week
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Week beginning 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme – One Kind Word
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying week
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need / UNICEF Children Day
Week beginning 22 nd November	Somerdale Road Safety Week
Saturday 27 th November	Somerdale Winter Wonderland and disco
Monday 29 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 9 th December	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 Christmas Performance
Friday 10 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 14 th December	Pre-School and Reception – Christmas Performance
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner

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