



Somerdale Educate Together
Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 2 Week 1)
Friday 8th November 2024


Value of the Month
for
November:
Friendship

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you all had a lovely break and that you and your children are settling back into the school routines! We have lots of fantastic 'learning opportunities' planned for the children on the run up to Christmas. Please see the termly overviews and class newsletters for further information. As always, please get in touch if we can help in any way.

Term 2

Dates and times are available on the school website: <https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/parents-and-community/upcoming-events/>

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
(w/c 4/11/24)	1	Article 15 – Setting up or joining groups Article of the Week for Remembrance		Remembrance
(w/c 11/11/24)	2	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		Remembrance Day – 11 th November Anti-bullying Week Odd Socks Day- 12 th November World Kindness Day-13 th November Children in Need- 15 th November Year 5 Assembly- 11 th November
(w/c 18/11/24)	3	Article 12 – respect for children's views Article 13 – sharing thoughts freely		PTA AGM (FoSET)- 19 th November World Children's Day- 20 th November Flu Vaccination- 21 st November Christmas Fayre- 23 rd November
(w/c 25/11/24)	4	Article 24: Health, Water, Food, Environment		SEND Coffee Morning- 27 th November Wombles Litter Pick FoSET Coffee Morning-29 th November
(w/c 2/12/24)	5	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		Peace/International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3 rd December Internal assessment week Parent Carer Forum- 3 rd December
(w/c 9/12/24)	6	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		KS2 Songs by Candlelight- 12 th December KS1 Christmas Production- 13 th December Human Rights Day
(w/c 16/12/24)	7	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		EYFS Nativity- 17 th December Y6 Life Skills- 17 th December Children's Christmas Dinner Day- 18 th December
End of Academic Year				

Anti-Bullying Week (11th – 15th November)

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 Tuesday 12th November.

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

Children In Need 2024 (Friday 15th November)

Friday 15th November marks Children in Need 2024. The theme for this year is "helping us make life lighter for children". Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality and lack of opportunity. Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone. At Somerdale we talk about children carrying an invisible backpack and the importance of knowing they can talk about how they are feeling to lighten their load. So this year, we are asking you to help make life lighter for children. For a suggested donation of £1, we are inviting children to dress up in their best yellow/SPOTacular outfits. We will also be inviting children to customise their bags for the day. You could add a balloon, attach some colourful keyrings or clip a poster to the front of your bag. The best design will win a prize!



Just Giving page [link](#)

Year 5 will also be holding a cake sale after school from their Classroom.

World Children's Day 2024

On Wednesday 20th November, we would love the children to come to school wearing blue to celebrate World Children's Day 2024.

Christmas Events

Year Group	Event	Date/Time	Description
Key Stage 2 Year 3-6	Songs by Candlelight <i>Top Playground</i>	Christmas Carol Concert (12.12.24) 4.30pm – 5.15pm	Join us for some festive songs chosen by the children in the top playground. Wear your best Christmas jumper and Christmas hat! (Children to arrive at their classrooms for 4:15pm)
Key Stage 1 Year 1-2	Christmas Rhyme <i>School Hall</i>	KS1 Christmas Play (13.12.24) 2.15pm – 3pm	<i>Max of 2 adults per family.</i>
EYFS Pre-School & Reception	Nativity Play <i>School Hall</i>	EYFS Nativity (17.12.24) 14.15pm – 3pm	<i>Max of 2 adults per family.</i>
All Children	Christmas Dinner	18.12.24 12:00-1:00pm*	Pre-school children not attending school on 18.12.24 are invited to attend the Christmas dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day – 18.12.24

On the 18th December we will be raising money to support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Whilst we encourage children to wear Christmas clothing on the day we will be marking the event by making special Christmas dinner hats. The children will have the opportunity to make their hats in school but we welcome home-made entries. Details of our Save the Children Just Giving Page to follow later in Term 2.

Parent/Carer Forum

The next forum will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 2:30pm in the school hall. Parents/carers can contribute towards the agenda via the [online form](#). The form will close on Thursday 21st November. An agenda for the meeting will be distributed on Tuesday 26th November.

Statutory Assessment Meetings

Year Group	Statutory Assessment Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Year 1 & 2	Phonics	13.11.24	9am	Hall
Year 4	Multiplication	12.11.24	9am	Hall
Year 6	SATs	18.11.24	3:30-4:30	Hall

Staff Training – 19th December 2024

Following the practice of our other Educate Together schools, we will be closing at 1:15pm on Thursday 19th December to allow our staff the time for essential training. Therefore, it is important that all children are collected at 1:15pm. On this day, there will be no after school childcare provision available, so it is crucial that arrangements are made for your child to be collected at the earlier time of 1:15pm. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter as it is important for the continued professional development of our staff.

Website Update:

We would like to make you aware of the following updates to our website:

Extra-Curricular Clubs	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/school-information/enrichment-clubs/
Parent and carer forum	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/parents-and-community/family-and-community-voice/
Pre-School	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/our-preschool/
Approach to assessment (including assessment dates)	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/our-curriculum/assessment/
Class Pages – Year group specific information.	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/our-classes/
School Calendar	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/parents-and-community/upcoming-events/
Approach to teaching Maths	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/our-curriculum/maths/
Wraparound Care	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/school-information/new-page-2/
Attendance	https://www.somerdaleet.org.uk/school-information/attendance/

Friends of Somerdale Educate Together



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Enjoy a drink at the Somer Dining bar,
help elect the new committee and hear how your generous
donations have helped our school!

**Somer Dining, The Chocolate Quarter,
Trajectus Way, BS31 2GJ
6:30pm, Tuesday 19th November**



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FOSET'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SAT 23RD NOVEMBER
1PM TO 3PM**

**JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC, STALLS,
CAKES, GAMES AND LOTS OF
CHRISTMAS FUN**

FOR INFO ON HAVING YOUR OWN STALL

PLEASE EMAIL

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