



Somerdale Educate Together
Primary School
'Learn Together to Live Together'
Newsletter (Term 6 Week 4)
Tuesday 25th June 2024

**PRIDE
MONTH**

Value of the Month for

June

Courage

Dear Families,

We are excited to bring you the latest edition of our primary school newsletter. This month, we have plenty of exciting news and updates to share with you!

Welcome to...

Mandy Stuart – New Cook

We are delighted to introduce Mandy as the newest member of our Somerdale family! Mandy joins us with a wealth of experience and a passion for creating nutritious and delicious meals that our children will love. Mandy is excited to bring fresh ideas and tasty dishes to our school kitchen. With a strong background in school catering, she is well-equipped to cater to the diverse tastes and dietary needs of our children. In her interview we were impressed with Mandy's desire to engage children around food and nutrition.

Chelsea Porter- Pre-School Teacher

We are thrilled to welcome Chelsea to the Somerdale community as our newest teacher! Whilst in her first year of teaching she has a background of working in schools and has significant experience in both reception and pre-school. Chelsea will lead our Pre-School provision starting in September 2024.

Goodbye and Goodluck

We would like to say a special thank you and good luck to Amber and Lizzie who will be leaving Somerdale at the end of the academic year.

Amber Fowkes

Amber joined the school two years ago as an Early Carer Teacher making a significant impact across both Key Stage 1 and 2. We will miss her can-do-attitude and passion for everything around teaching and learning. We wish her the best of luck back-packing around the world!

Lizzie Payne

Lizzie joined Somerdale a year ago as an Early Carer Teacher covering Sonia's maternity cover. We have valued Lizzie's positive and determined approach to tackling the Year 4 curriculum. We wish her the best of luck in her new teaching role at a primary school in Bristol.

Key Stage 2 Production

Preparations for the Jungle Book production is well underway. Thank you for all your offers of support. It makes such a difference! Please note the date of the performance when we would kindly request your child (KS2 only) to attend the evening performance is **Thursday 11th July**. We understand that evening performances can be difficult for families to organise, but it really does make a difference to the Year 6 children. Children to report directly to their classrooms at 5:10pm.

Teaching Lineup 2024-25

Year Group	Teacher (Term 1)	(Term 2-6)
Pre-School	Chelsea Porter	Chelsea Porter
Reception	Becca McDonald	Becca McDonald
Year 1	Beth Baker	Beth Baker
Year 2	Berna Aksu	Berna Aksu
Year 3	Sam O'Regan + TBC	Sam O'Regan + TBC
Year 4	Alice Baker (3 days) TBC (2 days)	Alice Baker (3 days) / Sonia Fletcher (2 days)*
Year 5	Jim McLaughlin	Jim McLaughlin
Year 6	Jess Scott	Jess Scott

*Sonia to return from maternity leave on 4th December 2024.

Transition 24/25

We have developed a comprehensive timetable to ensure there is a smooth and supportive transition for the children. Over the coming weeks, there will be a series of activities and events designed to help your child feel confident and excited about the next stage in their educational journey. These will include visits to their new classroom, orientation sessions, and meetings with their new teacher(s). Our goal is to make this transition as seamless and positive as possible, and we are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

New Reception Cohort

Week 1	Transition letter send to parents.
Week 2	Welcome evening for new reception families (11.06.24). Welcome meeting slides sent to reception families (12.06.24).
Week 3	
Week 4	Virtual school tours published on school website.
Week 5	Transition afternoon- Group A: 12.45pm – 1.45pm. Group B 2pm – 3pm (04.07.24)
Week 6	Transition Afternoon Group B 12.45 – 1.45pm Group A 2pm – 3pm (11.07.24)
Week 7	New intake Family Picnic on Somerdale Green (15.07.24)

Pre-School – Year 6 Transition

Week 1	
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	Children informed of their new teacher(s) (25.06.24) Confirmation of children's new teacher(s) sent via school newsletter (25.06.24) Children sent a welcome letter from their new teacher (28.06.24) Virtual school/classroom tours added to the website (28.06.24)
Week 5	Enhanced transition activities for specific children including those with SEND (all week). Meet the teacher/visit the new classroom (02.07.24) – Shared story activity Meet the teacher/visit the new classroom (04.07.24)
Week 6	Meet the teacher/visit the new classroom (12.07.24) -Children picked up at the end of the day from their new classroom.
Week 7	Last day of term: Children move their cloakroom peg to their new classroom.

St Mungo's Charity Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale after school on **Friday 12th July** to raise money for St Mungo's homeless charity. The cake sale has been organised by Teddy in Year 4 who is passionate about supporting the rights of people who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Teddy brought this idea to the Listening Team who unanimously agreed to support it. We would appreciate it if you could bring any donations for the cake sale to the school office on the morning of Friday 12th July. Please note that we are a nut free school.

Teddy has informed the Listening Team that you can find out further information about St Mungo's homeless charity from the following website: <https://www.mungos.org/our-services/where-we-work/bristol/>

Assessment

Assessment will take place in the following year groups over the next two weeks. This is part of the school's routine assessment practices which take place in Term 2, 4 and 6. A new assessment area will be added to the school website to provide parents/carers with greater detail around assessment before the end of the academic year. Please note that these assessment practices are common in schools and have been used at Somerdale for the past three years.

Year Group	Assessment	Assessment Paper*
Pre-School	Teacher Assessment	
Reception	Teacher Assessment	
Year 1	Teacher Assessment	NFER Assessment Reading & Mathematics
Year 2	Teacher Assessment	KSI SATs Assessment Reading & Mathematics
Year 3	Teacher Assessment	NFER Assessment Reading & Mathematics
Year 4	Teacher Assessment	NFER Assessment Reading & Mathematics
Year 5	Teacher Assessment	NFER Assessment Reading & Mathematics
Year 6	Teacher Assessment	

*Adaptations/ alternative assessments may be used to support children with specific needs.

Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 children had a wonderful time at PGL camp. During their week away from Somerdale, the children participated in a range of activities including rafting, climbing, abseiling and high ropes. The school was complimented on numerous occasions by the instructors for their politeness, team work and positive attitude. Special thanks to Jess, Sharon, Jo, and Sam who gave up their time to organise and deliver the camp.



Summer Fair

Thank you to the Friends of Somerdale Educate Together Primary school for organising the summer fair. Over £1600 was raised for the school as a result of event. Much fun was had on the day and the sun even put in an appearance!










Harley Davidson – Ride-Out!

The children enjoyed watching the Harley Davidson ride-out (we think this is the correct technical term) which is becoming a bit of an annual event at Somerdale!



Term 6 Overview

Week Beginning	Week	Rights Focus	Global Goal Link	Event(s)
03/06	1	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		Pride Month Multiplication Check (Y4)
10/06	2	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		Pride Month Multiplication Check (Y4) Phonics Check (Y1) YR (24/25) Welcome Meeting (11.06.24) Tender Drama Workshop (Y6) (11&12.06.24) FoSET Summer Fair (15.06.24) 1-3pm
17/06	3	Article 24: Health, Water, Food, Environment		Pride Month Year 6 Camp SEND Coffee Morning (21.06.24)
24/06	4	Article 2: No Discrimination - All children have rights no matter what their differences are.		Pride Month School Diversity Week
01/07	5	Article 24: Health, Water, Food, Environment		School Assessment Week Sports Week EYFS & KS1 Sports Day (05.07.24) AM KS2 Sports Day (05.07.24) PM
08/07	6	Article 31: I have a right to rest, relax and play.		KS2 Production (PM) (10.07.24) KS2 Production (PM) / KS2 Production Evening Performance (11.07.24) School Reports Sent Home (12.07.24)
15/07	7	Article 31: I have a right to rest, relax and play.		Leavers Assembly (17.07.24)
End of Academic Year				

Pupil Voice

Listening Team Term 6 Update

The Listen Team are also overseeing one of the school development inclusion and diversity strands and would like to request photographs from families representing their cultural heritage. Later in Term 5 the team will be creating a permanent display to celebrate the diversity at Somerdale.

Message from Listening Team:

Dear families,

We would like to make a display in our school which celebrates our diversity. If your family have roots in different countries around the world, please send us a photograph and we will add it to our world map. Email: info@somerdaleet.org.uk



Messages

Reading Records

To ensure that we can monitor and support children's reading, it is essential that reading records and books are brought to school every day.

Head Lice

Please be vigilant regarding head lice and nits. The school nurse recommended reading the following article if you require advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. You can also book an appointment with the school nurse via the school office.



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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.**

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Anxiety
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Self-esteem
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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.