



Somerby Standard

Message from Steve Nash, the headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a really busy half term, with the children getting immersed in their 'Here and Now' topic. There has been lots of geography and history learning going on – they have been learning about Somerby, the school and their place in the local area. It's great to see so much going on!

Since I started in October I have been so impressed by the manners and politeness shown by the children, as well as their efforts in their learning. This really is a lovely school full of lovely children.

Have a restful half term break, and we shall see you on Monday 24th February.

And please remember to come and chat to me or any of the staff if you want to share anything – things you're concerned about, things you're happy about or anything else!

Steve

If you'd like to join the FOSS and help raise money for the children in school please see the office, who can give you all the details. It really won't take up too much of your time if you join!

Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week (3rd – 7th February) children learnt ways to be positive and look after their mental health.

Sport

There has been a lot of different sports and competitions going on this half term. First up was the internal Somerby house versus house curling competition, followed by the boccia competition. Boccia is an exciting game similar to bowls, where the children try to bowl a ball to land as close to a target ball (the Jack) as possible. This was followed by the action packed dodgeball competition; there was so much skill and passion on show!

Some children in key stage 2 (so Years 3,4,5 and 6) also got to take part in the Sportsability competition, where they tried lots of different sports. We came 5th overall and the children did themselves proud!

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%. Please make sure children are in school every day that they are able – it makes such a positive difference to their learning! Be in school and on time – the gates close at 8:45am so don't be late!



Friends Of Somerby School (FOSS)

Thank you so much to every member of FOSS parents and teacher group who has helped raise money so far this term – you are all fantastic, and it is a huge help to the children! Thanks too if you were able to support any of the events.



Judo proved popular too; here's Oak class having a session with the coach.

There was also the Little Springers gymnastics club running after school which was very well attended. The children learnt lots of gymnastics skills based on balancing, coordination and working as a team.



Safer Internet Day

The children also learnt how to stay safe online for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February, doing lots of fun activities to help them have fun online and look after themselves.

See the school website for parent specific information and child specific information on such an important topic.

Rutland Water trip

The children recently got to spend the day at Rutland Water learning about wildlife and nature, and how we can protect them. They also took part in activities like bird watching and a scavenger hunt, so had lots of (sometimes muddy!) fun.



Chinese New Year

The whole school got involved in learning about Chinese New Year, and all the children learnt lots about the celebrations. Activities included cooking and eating Chinese food, making Chinese art and learning songs, as well as speaking Mandarin Chinese as part of our language curriculum!



Dates for your diary

Start of spring term 2:
Monday 24th February 2020

Parents' evening:
Tuesday 3rd March (3:15-6:30pm)

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March 2020

Sport Relief:
Friday 13th March 2020

End of spring term 2:
Friday 3rd April 2020

Start of summer term 1:
Monday 20th April 2020

Year 4,5,6 residential trip to Dukes Barn, Derbyshire
Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd July 2020

