

# Somerville News

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## MONSTER MASH

This week we held our very first Monster Mash in school. We did not initially think the demand for tickets would be as high as it was. We were able to accommodate all children who wanted to attend.

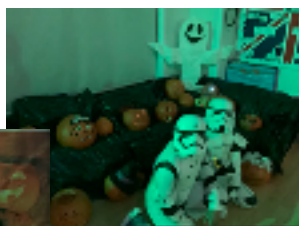
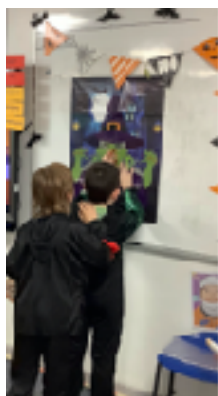
### Dates for you Diary

**Thursday 21st December** Last day of school for pupils - Inset day and end of term.

**Monday 8th January**  
All children back at school for Spring 1 term.

Both nights were a HUGE success. The children all looked amazing and had an absolute ball!

We would like to thank Miss Gregory for organising both nights and to all of the staff who gave up their time for FREE to allow the event to



## AUTUMN / WINTER

The weather has now definitely turned and it has become wet and cold. Please make sure your child comes to school in a coat and a hat, scarf and gloves if needed. We do have some spare coats in school if anyone is in need. If any families have some of the Somerville coats in good condition, that no longer fit, it would be wonderful if these could be donated back to school. Please drop any spares into the school office.



### ORACY FAMILY DISCUSSION POINT OF THE WEEK

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance for those who were lost in war.

Can you think of any symbols or objects that are important to you?

## GREEN TEAM



At Somerville, our children really care about the environment both locally and globally. They genuinely want to make the world a better place. They are keen to work on schools carbon footprint and wish to take their ideas out into the community to make as big an impact as they possibly can. Every little change really does make a difference! So lets help them achieve their goal which will benefit us all. It would be AMAZING if you could get friends and family involved in this as well. We will send home challenges for families to complete together, it would be wonderful if you could pull in friends and family too. How far can Somerville children spread the word? How much of a difference can we help our children to make?

We will send home a small sheet to record challenges. Your child can ask for more if they have are able to spread the message past the family home. At the end of November we will ask for sheets to be returned so that we can show the children in school **THEY HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE.**

Come on Somerville, let's do this!

**SAY NO TO NEW**

**SHOWER POWER!**

**VEGGIE VIBES**

**WE'RE TAKING PART IN**

**CUT YOUR CARBON**

Throughout November, we're challenging pupils to complete 9 small carbon-cutting activities at home. These actions will reduce your emissions and benefit our planet.

To find out how you can get involved, speak to a member of the school's Eco-Committee or scan the QR code below.

**THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.**

**IT'S TIME TO CUT YOUR CARBON!**

**YOUR LEFTOVERS**

**DROP IT LIKE**

**KEEP BRITAIN TIDY.**

**POSTCODE EARTH TRUST**



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2. Go meat-free for a day



3. Have a no food-waste weekend



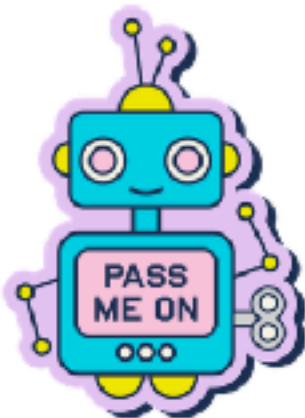
4. Turn down the heating by 1° for a week



5. Design a flight-free holiday



6. Say 'no' to a new item



7. Donate something you no longer need



8. Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes



9. Share carbon-cutting advice



COMPLETED BY .....

## November is Cut Your Carbon month!

Eco-Schools is challenging all young people in England to take action on their carbon footprint. Completing these 9 simple actions with families and friends will raise awareness, change behaviours, and Cut Your Carbon - a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.



**So grab a magnet, stick this sheet on your fridge, and get going... the time to act is now!**

- 1. Make at least one journey more sustainable.** Transport is responsible for around 20% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. So how about turning a car-ride to school into a bus-ride to school? Or perhaps a bus to the shops could become a bike to the shops?
- 2. Go meat-free for a day.** Farmed animals are responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so choose a day to go meat-free and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be. As an extra challenge, try going entirely plant-based for the day (meaning no dairy or eggs either) or attempt a meat-free day each week during November.
- 3. Have a no food-waste weekend.** Prepare only what is needed, eat everything edible on your plate, and ensure any leftovers are saved for another time or used to create a new meal. Growing, processing, and transporting food releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, and even more gases are released if this food is binned and sent to landfill.
- 4. Turn down the heating by 1° for a week** Heating is the biggest source of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in many homes. Dropping your heating 1° below your usual temperature for a week can reduce your carbon footprint and save your family money. You could even go further and commit to 18° for a week, as recommended by the World Health Organization.
- 5. Design a flight free holiday.** Flying is bad for our planet, so for this challenge, we're asking you to appreciate exciting destinations closer to home - sit with your family and decide on a future trip you'd like to take that doesn't involve flying. This might be to visit Stonehenge in Wiltshire, try surfing in Cornwall, or go hiking in the Lake District.
- 6. Say 'no' to a new item.** Write a list of every non-essential item you bought, or that was bought for you, last month and categorise each - e.g., clothing, toys, cosmetics. Choose a category and commit to not purchasing any items in this category for a month, because every item you buy has a carbon footprint.
- 7. Donate something you no longer need.** Manufacturing new items releases carbon into the atmosphere. For example, producing a book releases about 1kg CO<sub>2</sub>, a t-shirt 7kg, and an iPhone, a whopping 60kg! Passing on things you no longer need is a great way to prevent emissions, so, swap a book with a friend, donate clothing that doesn't fit to charity, or pass on an unused device to a relative.
- 8. Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes.** Swapping a bath for a 4-minute shower can use up to 44 litres less water, saving the energy required to clean, transport, and heat this water. We recommend using a 4-minute song as a timer that you can sing-along to!
- 9. Share carbon-cutting advice with someone.** To conquer climate change, we all need to work together, so share three pieces of carbon-cutting advice with people you know. You might remind a brother or sister not to waste food, challenge a grandparent to time their shower or share a plant-based recipe on social media. Don't forget to add #CutYourCarbon to your posts.

Get additional insight into your family's emissions.

Check out WWF's Carbon Footprint Calculator: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>



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