



Southmead Primary School Newsletter

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Well, we survived the snow and braved the cold!

Our Braunton Learning Community

On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs Claire Cole, Headteacher from Kingsacre, to Southmead. We spent the morning visiting classes, talking to teacher and pupils and discussing future projects. She was very impressed with our children's manners and commented that all children were engaged in their learning and demonstrated positive learning attitudes. It was also commented about the high levels of morale throughout the school, from our welcoming school office staff, to the teaching staff, children and our catering team. It was so good to walk around our ever progressing school and our children did both you and me proud!

School Grounds

You may have noticed that Mr Fry, our Site Manager, has not been around since October. Unfortunately, he is currently receiving treatment but the good news is he is making great progress! All being well, we expect to welcome him back in May. In his absence, we are pulling together, but if you know anyone who could help with maintenance jobs, please direct them to our school office. We would be grateful for any help.

However, the site is still improving! Hopefully, you have seen our new outside classroom / shelter on the Key Stage 2 (Junior) playground. The children have already been making full use of this. You will also see our new gates are being installed this weekend. This is to ensure additional security for our school, both during the school day and after hours. Furthermore, it allows us to use the fantastic bungalow facility we have on the other side of our staff car park. We can now utilise this amazing resource far more with larger groups of children and we hope to engage in cooking and computing projects further down the line.

Lunchtimes

I have also been out with the pupils at lunchtimes, braving the cold together and have noticed some do not have coats in school. With our current weather forecast, can I please ask everyone to ensure that children have a coat in school. If they become too warm whilst running round they can leave it in designated areas around the playground. (We are still running our 'Need a coat, Take a coat' scheme. There are lots of coats to choose from on the rack in entrance to school. Please help yourself if there is a suitable coat.)

Training and Courses

This week has seen our PE and Maths Leads attend training to support our teaching practice throughout the school, bringing in new resources, sharing good practice and ensuring up-to-date initiatives are in place and benefiting our children. The Maths Active course looked to develop Maths through PE as we look to ensure healthy lifestyle opportunities for all.

As an added benefit, I was able to cover in Year 6 this week. I am really getting to know all of our pupils inside and outside of the classroom. I was teaching Percentages of Amounts and was really impressed by their determination to succeed! These were not easy percentages. They demonstrated our school values in abundance. Well done to all!

SFA

Today, I met with some of our lovely SFA members. We have discussed how we plan to invest the monies raised for now and the future. There are some very exciting projects planned and some of these will come into fruition in the coming weeks and months. Others are a little further away. Thank you for supporting our SFA and attending the many events they put on throughout the year. All monies raised makes a huge difference for ALL of our children.

It just leaves me to wish you all a lovely weekend. If the snow comes, enjoy and keep warm!

I look forward to seeing you all at the gate on Monday morning. If anything changes (with the weather) please check our school website and ParentPay notifications regarding potential school closures. Take care,
Mr Plumb



Valentine's Day Cake Sale Thursday 14th February.

Please bring all donations of cakes and biscuits to the school office on the 14th.

Cherry Tree Cafe
Will be open for teas and coffees every Monday & Friday 9am – 10am

Little Princesses Trust Hair Donation

Ocean donated her hair to the Little Princesses Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.



Parking

Please do not pull in or park in front of the school gates, this is our emergency access. We also respectfully ask that you consider our neighbours when parking near school. Please be understanding of people's driveways and do not park on double yellow lines.

Terracycle

What do you do with your used pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, fountain pens and tipex? DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!! Southmead is now an official Terracycle writing instruments recycling point. Bring in any used pens etc and they will be sent to Terracycle to be recycled into products such as garden furniture, watering cans and waste bins.

<https://www.terracycle.co.uk/en-GB>

The Disability Network and Free Max Card

The Disability Network helps to keep parents of children with SEN and/or disabilities informed about available services in Devon. It gives opportunities to be involved in consultations, and in designing services. The information from the Disability Network will also help Children's Services to understand local needs for services. When a parent/carer registers their child or young person (0-25) they will be sent a free "Max Card". This gives free or discounted admission to over 800 attractions nationwide. Find out more here: www.new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/send/disabilitynetwork

Class Attendance %	
0HER	99.07
0STA	90.91
1PER	95.52
1SHR	94.84
2SAN	95.24
2KIT	96.82
3CUR	97.6
3PUF	94.23
4POR	95.56
4DOL	93.58
5OTT	96.13
5/6GRE	97.5
6BLE	95

Star of the Week	
0HER	Harry R
0STA	Arlo M
1PER	Scarlett B
1SHR	Sebastian G
2SAN	Callie S
2KIT	Brody D
3CUR	Brooklyn B
3PUF	Sam K
4POR	Emilia C
4DOL	Jemma F
5OTT	Roxy T
5/6GRE	Aston J
6BLE	Poppy W

Golden Table of the week			
KS1		KS2	
Seb B	1SHR	Archie P	3PUF
Maisey B	2KIT	Louis Y	4POR
Kai F	2SAN	Missi P	5OTT
Aoife B	2SAN	Amy S	6BLE
Lunchtime Class of the week			
KS1		KS2	
2KIT		3PUF	

Coming up...

Fri 1st, Mon 4th & Tue 5th—Scholastic Book Fair.
Tue 5th Feb—Full Governing Body Meeting.
Don't forget to look out for those Southmead Rocks!!