



# Southmead Primary School Newsletter

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Hello everyone, it hardly seems a week since I last wrote. Needless to say, it has been a busy but fun week.

### ProStrike

Today, saw children from across the school take part in a football challenge. It was great fun for all and children managed to see how fast they could kick the ball. There were some amazing speeds - with some even reaching 43mph! All school donations will go towards PE equipment for all year groups - including the football goals, nets, footballs and further lunchtime equipment.

### Covid 19

Yesterday, we shared information about the increased measures we are putting in place at Southmead. As we continue to receive regular updates from both the Department for Education and Devon County Council, we are continually monitoring the situation and acting upon advice.

Current guidance recommends anyone who has either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough to stay at home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask our at our office.

### Multi-Skills

Our Year 1s had a fantastic time on Tuesday, as they joined other schools across our Trust, at Braunton Academy. The children took part in a range of activities and lots of fun was had by all - whilst also developing hand-eye coordination and other key skills. The children were very keen to show us their skipping and jumping once they got back.

### Health and Relationships Education

You should have received information about two meetings we have offered our parents/carers, on Thursday 19th March, to share and discuss our Health and Relationships Education. We have recently purchased Jigsaw, which is an excellent resource to support the Government's requirements, in an age appropriate manner. If you have any questions before Thursday, please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Wyles or myself.

### Big Sow

A huge thank you to Mrs Grey and Mrs Bridle for organising our Big Sow, as part of our Allotment project. A range of seeds were planted by children across the school under our Key Stage 2 gazebo. The children will now look after the seeds, watering them and making sure they have all that they need to grow (consolidating our Science curriculum) before the next stage - repotting. Half of the seedlings will be planted in our allotment area and maybe even around our school with the other half being sold to support their next phase of the project. All of the children and staff really enjoyed the day - thank you.

### Fullabrook

Our Year 4 children travelled to Fullabrook on Monday, as part of their English, Science and Design Technology Curriculum. The children (and staff) enjoyed a fantastic experience and this will support their amazing invention writing in the coming weeks. They have also been looking into sustainable energy sources and children were inspired by their visit. Thank you to Fullabrook for allowing us to visit.

### Meal Time Assistants

We are currently looking for Meal Time Assistants to help in the playground at lunchtimes. KS1 is 12pm – 1pm and KS2 is 12.15pm – 1.15pm. Please contact the school office for more information if you are interested.

### SEND

I am pleased to share that Mrs Swann will be joining our SEND Team to support Miss Hapgood with administration.

### Parents' Evenings

Just a quick reminder, Parents' Evening Sign-Up Sheets are on classroom doors. Please book your appointments for Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr N Plumb

Star of the Week	
Hermit Crabs	Jax H
Starfish	Theo H
Shrimps	Phoenix T
Periwinkles	Teddy G
Sandpipers	Aoife J
Kittiwakes	Rose TH
Curlews	Molly C
Puffins	Millie M
Dolphins	Jonah W
Porpoises	Luna M
Grey Seals	Harvey R
Otters	Fin S
Peregrine	Sky P
Raven	Summer P

Weekly Attendance %	
Hermit Crabs	92.07
Starfish	90.65
Shrimps	94.07
Periwinkles	93.85
Sandpipers	96.21
Kittiwakes	97.86
Curlews	96.67
Puffins	94.80
Dolphins	100
Porpoises	95.97
Grey Seals	94.81
Otters	99.60
Peregrine	94.17
Raven	83.33



Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Arlington Court	Year 2
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Devon Winter Games	Selected
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	JIGSAW Presentation, 2.45pm and 6.30pm	All
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Easter Colouring Competition Entries in	All
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Netball at Kingsacre	Selected
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evenings	All
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evenings	All
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evenings	All
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Last day of Spring Term</b>	<b>All</b>