



Southmead Primary School Newsletter

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We have made it through a wet, cold and blustery week!
I have to say the children have been impeccable this week and I am so proud of all of them!

Behaviour Walk

On Tuesday, I welcomed Mrs Anne Duthuit, our new Parent Governor, to Southmead for a tour and Behaviour Audit of our school. Everyone was very keen to show how the new Behaviour strategies are working and it was clear to see as we walk around the school. Children from Reception to Year 6 were demonstrating all of our values in abundance and were all focused on their learning - even on a Tuesday afternoon with wet breaks! Children walked round the school beautifully, and this has been noted by several other visitors this week too!

I have shown several potential 'new' starters around and the children and their parents were amazed by the number of doors that were held open, the shirts being tucked in and the 'Excuse Mes' as they walked past. Well done and thank you to all of our children!

Exmoor Zoo

As many of you know, Year 1 and 2 braved the weather thrown at us this week with a trip to Exmoor Zoo, to support their Writing Sequences. Despite the rain and wind, they had a great time. I would like to thank Exmoor Zoo for going above and beyond in ensuring our children had the best experience possible and the adults who gave up their time to accompany the trip. We could not do this without you! In the coming days and weeks, I look forward to sharing their writing with you.

Plymouth and Exeter Universities

This week, we have welcome Miss Kayleigh Baker, Miss Grace Danaford and Miss Leah Jenkins as they embark on their teaching careers. I am extremely pleased with our links with the Trainee Teacher Programmes and can already see the benefits that our children and school are reaping from their placements - the additional adult support, the social and emotional developments with unfamiliar adults and increased opportunities in the classroom. I look forward to sharing further updates and links as the weeks and terms progress.

Play Leaders

Despite the cold, wet lunches we have refocused our energies towards lunchtime activities. As a Gold Sports School, we are committed to providing as many healthy choices as possible so have increased the number of activities being lead by our fantastic Play Leaders at lunchtime. This week, we have held skipping competitions, basketball and netball activities and penalty shoot outs - even against me! However, we acknowledge not all children want to run around every day during lunchtime so are currently looking to create quiet areas for reading, in addition to our already popular Sit, Natter and Create Lunchtime Social Club in the Studio. If you have any books or board games at home to support with this next step please bring them into the school office.

Attendance

Our attendance continues to improve and I thank you for working with us as we strive for a minimum of 96.4% for our school. This is the Government's target and we want to work with you to help improve your child's attendance. If they are not here, they cannot learn but absence also has further implications within friendship groups and missed learning as they move on to new topics, although we do our best to ensure they catch up with the rest of the class. On Wednesday, I attended an Attendance and Well-Being Conference with Mrs Redstone, our Attendance Officer. It was very informative and has given us further strategies to support you to increase attendance. We are currently at 95.6% for the school since September.

I would also advise that, we can now administer Calpol and other non-prescribed medicines. Please pop into the office to complete the necessary forms and talk to the office staff. (We continue to be able to administer prescribed medicines too).

Red Nose Day

It was lovely to see so many children (and adults) participating in Red Nose Day 2019. In total, we raised a whopping £383.73! With such a flurry of red, the North Devon Gazette has contacted us asking for pictures! Please watch out for them in the paper and our website.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday morning!

Mr Plumb

RAF Chivenor Wartime Air Crashes Exhibition

On Saturday 23rd March at Barnstaple Library there will be a free exhibition revealing investigations into wartime crashes and the part RAF Chivenor played.

<https://www.northdevongazette.co.uk/news/raf-chivenor-wartime-history-exhibition-1-5914218>

EASTER ACTIVITIES!

Sunday 31st March, 11am
Practise Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Egg Hunt

3.20pm £5 per child

Mon 1st Apr EYFS / yr 1

Tue 2nd Apr yr 2 / 3

Wed 3rd Apr yr 4 / 5

Thu 4th Apr yr 6

Thursday 4th April

10p Easter Egg Roll

SFA Colouring Competition

Easter colouring competition! Southmead Friends Association

(SFA) would like to invite all children of Southmead Primary School to decorate their own basket of Easter eggs. With the help of the template, use your imagination and creativity to design and colour your own basket of eggs.

Entries should be handed in to the office by the end of **Tuesday 2nd April**. The best designs will receive a prize. Get creating!

Southmead Lottery

Don't forget to register for the school lottery (<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/southmead-primary-school>). First draw prizes: £25,000.00 JACKPOT, £20.00 Guaranteed Prize (this will go up as tickets are sold). It costs as little as £1 per week and someone from Southmead's lottery will win every week!

Sciencedipity

Due to interest and high demand, we have arranged with Sciencedipity to repeat their successful science club in the first Summer half term. Although current club children are welcome to rejoin, the activities from the last club will be repeated in this club, so the new club is really for those children who did not get a place, first time around. We have also extended the age group, so the club will also be open to children from years 1-3. The new club flyer will be sent out on Parent Pay in the coming week, so please keep an eye out for it, as places are booked very quickly!

Red Nose Day Winners KS1

Spot the Difference

1st Skye Year 1

2nd Phoebe Year 2

3rd Mia Year 2

KS2

Quiz

Hawking and Watson

Southmead Rocks Winner!

Lexi E 4DOL

She choose a £20 voucher for Paint a Pot



Class Attendance %	
0HER	95.19
0STA	90.45
1PER	100
1SHR	95.81
2SAN	100
2KIT	98.18
3CUR	98.8
3PUF	99.23
4POR	98.85
4DOL	95.56
5OTT	94.19
5/6GRE	95.45
6BLE	97.5

Star of the Week	
0HER	Rupert C
0STA	Rebecca Y
1PER	Imogen P
1SHR	Oscar G
2SAN	Phoebe G
2KIT	Ashley J
3CUR	Starr P
3PUF	Codie K
4POR	Kiara L
4DOL	Thomas D
5OTT	Lexie J
5/6GRE	Oscar F
6BLE	Gabby V

Golden Table of the week			
KS1		KS2	
Bonnie O	1PER	Ella B	3PUF
Zack W	1SHR	Rosaline G	3PUF
Ivy N	2KIT	Alberto CB	6BLE
Edward G	2KIT	Bobby F	6BLE
Lunchtime Class of the week			
KS1		KS2	
1SHRIMPS		5OTTTERS	

Coming up...

Thu 21st Mar - Netball/Football Tournament

Thu 21st Mar - No Skills2Play or Netball

Fri 22nd Mar - Bag2School Collection

Mon 25th Mar - Volleysport Young Leaders

Mon 25th Mar - EYFS Height and Weight checks

Wed 27th Mar - Year 2 Tarka Tennis

Thu 28th Mar - DWG (selected children)

Fri 29th Mar - School Disco

Sat 30th Mar - Community Car Boot Sale