



Southmead Primary School Newsletter

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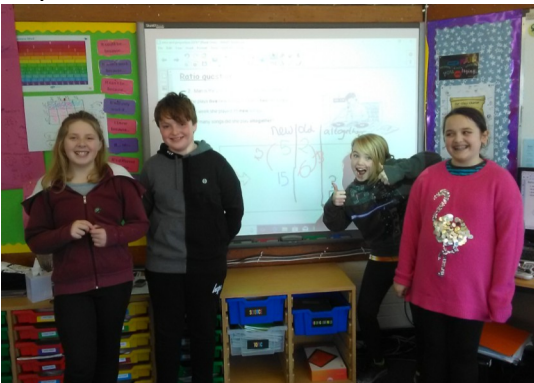


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This week has been very busy, yet again, and it is hard to imagine that we are half-way through the academic year!

ICT and Computing

Across the school we have installed laptop trolleys for easy access for all year groups. Our children now have the opportunity to access a high quality Computing Curriculum that is developing their ICT skills and preparing them for their futures. In addition to this, we have replaced most of our Interactive Whiteboards in the school with the latest models. Everyone will now be able to actively engage in lessons more, with touch sensitive whiteboards that are responsive, capture the imagination of our pupils and provide the best possible teaching resources we can offer. Children have commented how big the new boards are and how much easier it is to see them from the back of the classrooms. Just ask your child about their new board today! Check out the picture below:



Bootsale

Tomorrow, we host our first Community Car Boot Sale. Please feel free to come and sell - sellers can set up from 11am, with buyers entering from 12pm. All money raised by the school will go towards further resources for our children. If you can help promote tomorrow's event, please do so in the local community and on social media etc.

House-Points and Fundraising

Well done to Farah (Red) for being this half-term's House Point Champions. They were deserving winners although the margin between 1st and 4th was the tightest it has ever been! Just 44 points. As a result, Farah have enjoyed two non-uniform days this week - one for winning the House-Points and another for 'Pitch in a Pound.' Today, we are proud to say that we raised **£244.74** for North Devon Hospice through the 'Pitch in a Pound' non-uniform day. On Thursday 28th February, we welcome North Devon Hospice to our assemblies as they would like to thank our children for their generosity and present us with a certificate. We have several 'Thank-you Certificates' being displayed under our Office counter as we continue to support our local community, as they support us.

Parents' Evening

The first week back after half-term, is Parents' Evening. Teachers are available to meet parents from Tuesday to Thursday but please check the sign-up sheets outside classes for availability. If you are unable to attend school to sign-up, please call our office to book in. These meetings provide a valuable insight into your child's school life: progress, attainment, friendships, social and emotional needs and their next steps. Our staff are keen to work with you and your child to ensure the best possible outcomes and opportunities at school. We look forward to seeing you during the week.

School Collaboration

This week, we hosted our third Writing Moderation with Caen and Kingsacre Primary Schools. The quality of writing that our children are producing is very promising and it was a delight to read and share our pupils' work with other teachers. Some of our Year 3s were sent to me this week to share their amazing inventions! Their creativity was fantastic and what really struck me was their positive attitude and passion for their writing. Well done!

A selection of our Reception and Key Stage 1 staff visited Caen's teaching team to share ideas and continue to further links between the two schools.

On Thursday, I also visited Appledore Primary School. New to the area, it is important we foster links and work in partnership with other schools. During the visit, we shared the visions and values of our schools and I was made to feel very welcome by staff and pupils whilst being invited to look at their recent developments and resources. I would like to thank Mr Cooper, Headteacher, for his invite and look forward to welcoming him to Southmead in the near future.

It just leaves me to wish you a very relaxing and enjoyable half-term with your friends and families. The weather is supposed to be good and I am sure I will see some of you on the local beaches before we come back!

Take care.
Mr Plumb

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

All children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice! Bring your favourite book to read and share.

Southmead Rocks

Has anyone found your rock yet?! Check to see if it's still hidden!! Keep looking and return any "rocks" you find to school for a chance of winning a £20 voucher for Squires, Tiki, Wanderlust or Paint a Pot.

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

On **Friday 8th March** – we will be getting ready for Red Nose Day....

KS1 - Spot The Difference - Pupils bring 50p to enter the Spot the Difference competition, to be run at lunchtime. Prizes are: 1st pupil to find all differences wins 50 points for their house, 2nd pupil wins 30 points and 3rd pupil wins 20 points.

KS2 - Quiz - Pupils bring 50p to enter the Quiz, to be run at lunchtime. Prizes are: pupils with most correct answers wins 50 points for their house, 2nd number of correct answers wins 30 points and 3rd number of correct answers wins 20 points.

On **Friday 15th March** - All pupils (and staff if they wish) are to wear red and pay £1.



Chicken Pox

We have had a couple of cases of chicken pox in year 1 this week, so please look out for signs and symptoms over the half term. For more information, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Braunton Children's Library – Grand Opening Saturday 16th February

The new Children's Library Grand Opening with Claire Barker children's author will be this Saturday with refreshments and crafts from 10:30am.

Valentines Cake Sale

Thank you all so much for supporting our cake sale yesterday! Thank you to Helen Conibear for organising and Jackie Pitman for selling and to the others who helped.

Thank you all very much for the many delicious donations we received and thank you all for buying the yummy treats.

We raised a whopping **£140+**, which is fantastic, and the money is going towards purchasing 2 sets of new Netball posts for the school.

"Roving Crows"

The multi award winning celtic rock band Roving Crows will be live in concert on **Friday 1st March, 7pm** in the Isaac Hall, Braunton Academy. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Braunton Academy and JS Wensley Newsagents. There will be a bar, food and seriously good music for the whole community!

Southmead Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies which include a Teacher post, two TA posts, Meal Time Assistants and a Lunchtime post.

<https://www.southmead.devon.sch.uk/staff-vacancies>

Class Attendance %	
0HER	96.62
0STA	82.27
1PER	92.07
1SHR	90.97
2SAN	97.62
2KIT	93.64
3CUR	93.60
3PUF	96.54
4POR	94.62
4DOL	95.47
5OTT	91.29
5/6GRE	94.06
6BLE	92.5

Star of the Week	
0HER	Florence A
0STA	Harry I
1PER	Ollie B
1SHR	Harry M
2SAN	Aoife B
2KIT	Oscar W
3CUR	Kovu P
3PUF	Jayden J
4POR	Brook S
4DOL	Harry B
5OTT	Alana R
5/6GRE	Ruby D
6BLE	Amelia F

Golden Table of the week			
KS1		KS2	
Teddy C-W	1SHR	Immy B	4POR
Jack H	1SHR	James S	4DOL
Hazel P	2SAN	Brook S	6BLE
Sol D	2KIT	Ocean D	6BLE
Lunchtime Class of the week			
KS1		KS2	
Hermit Crabs		Grey Seals	

Coming up...

Tue 5th Mar - EYFS Multiskills

Thu 7th Mar - World Book Day

Thu 7th Mar - No Skills 2 Play or Netball

Fri 8th Mar - 50p for Red Nose Quiz

Tue 12th Mar - Year 2 Exmoor Zoo

Thu 14th Mar - Year 1 Exmoor Zoo

Fri 15th Mar - Red Nose Day