



# Southmead Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 16

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and New Year!

We have started the new term as we mean to go on and the children have been impressing their teachers with all the knowledge they have retained.

It was a pleasure to teach in Year 3 this week. As I continue to get to know all of our children, in their classrooms as well as on the playground and at the gate, I am impressed by their positive learning attitudes. This is something that is improving the school and I am very proud of the children's and teaching staff's achievements.

This week saw us celebrate our 'Time to Shine' assembly. I was extremely proud of all of the children, and I know their teachers, parents and family members who attended were too. It was lovely to see their faces, full of happiness, up on stage and I think it would be fair to say, everyone enjoyed the tea and cake afterwards! We will be continuing to implement this prestigious assembly for children who achieve 'Platinum Awards' throughout the term, for their behaviour and demonstrating values that go over and above the high standards expected of all of our pupils.

To support and enhance teaching, we have purchased additional whiteboards which will be utilised in classrooms and intervention / working areas. This, in addition to the laptops (which were part-funded by our brilliant SFA) will further enhance our children's knowledge of computing technology for the evolving world we live in and for the jobs they will be applying for in the future. The ICT equipment is used across a variety of other subjects in the curriculum too. None less than Maths, which has also seen the purchase of Times Tables Rock Stars, Mathletics and MyMaths, to be used both at school on these devices, (including at Maths Club), and at home. Whilst these support our curriculum and provide further opportunities for our children, they are also fun and engaging.

As we seek to enhance our teaching and learning even further, we have been fortunate enough to trial two new visualisers. These allow the children to see what is being shown under the visualiser on the interactive whiteboard at the front of the class and can really bring lessons to life for everyone. Teachers also use them to show resources, share, discuss and 'up-level' modelled work with their class. Classes have also benefited from new digital cameras to celebrate and share their work, and tablets which allow them to engage in the classwork and the interactive whiteboard at the front of the class from their seat.

Across other areas of the curriculum, we have recently purchased globes, to support with new Topic based work, as well as kin-aesthetic resources for Maths such as metallic coins, stamps, cuisenaire rods, etc.

With Reading being such a high priority, we have purchased further reading books for school / home learning which help inspire children to want to read the new and up-to-date stories. We have also purchased a subscription to a new online spelling programme which will support and enhance your child's spelling in an enjoyable way.

In Reception, we have initiated a 'Roots Up' approach and invested in the areas that were highlighted from our new assessment tool (2Simple). These were, 'language and communication' and 'fine and gross motors skills' and all of the children have really benefited from the new resources.

Through our allocated Sports Premium Funding, we have purchased a fun and proven PE Scheme of work (REAL PE) and are currently looking to buy further equipment to support these lessons. We have also used this 'ring-fenced' money to purchase a small selection of PE kits, in various sizes, to ensure that as many of our children have the chance to participate in PE lessons as possible.

Further SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) resources have been bought to provide stimulating, fun learning opportunities for all of our pupils at Southmead.

Following on from this, we continue to ensure the site is safe and secure and now have a site maintenance schedule. With the bungalow such an important resource to any school, we are currently in the design process for new school gates which will enable us to utilise the bungalow to its full potential, taking large groups of children to Computing lessons, further alternative provision sessions, whole school music lessons and further activities during the school day.

This term, we are focusing on our broad and balanced curriculum. Cross-curricular links, for example, the 'Explora Dome' linking Science, PSCH and Literacy, will ensure the children learn through our core value of Enjoyment, supported by Curiosity (to find out more) and developing Self-Confidence and Perseverance.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and for a fantastic Autumn Term. I look forward to working with you and your children moving forward.

Mr Nick Plumb  
Head Teacher

### Military Deployment

If you are a non - military (civilian) family you may not yet be aware that there are currently various deployments of military staff from Chivenor. Of course, this has a huge impact on some of the military families and pupils involved, but we also recognise that it may affect some non - military pupils too, due to their friendships and associations with military pupils. We are running weekly drop - in sessions and some other initiatives for military pupils who are affected by the deployments. If you feel as a member of a non - military family that your child(ren) are being affected, please do not hesitate to contact us, so we can ensure your child(ren) are supported too.

### DEADLINE APPROACHING!

The deadline for our Crowdfunding project is next **Friday 18th January 2019**. We are incredibly grateful to all of those who have donated so far. The increased ICT provision that we have already made has been a great improvement to facilities for our pupils but we would like to take this much further.

We would like to buy visualisers for all classrooms to allow children to see their work on the interactive whiteboards, provide videos to support learning as well as allowing them to show small objects to the whole class during shared discussion.

We would like new laptops for our new Computing Suite, to replace the classroom desktops, which are too slow for many of our new teaching applications. We also plan to purchase more Chromebooks and allow our ICT provision to lead our pupils into the technological future, while not forgetting the importance of handwriting and the multitude of practical activities.

We would also ideally like Beebots for Maths and Computing to develop direction and programming skills, and further improve hardware throughout the school.

If you feel you could donate or know someone who would be willing to, please use this

link: <https://rocket.fund/p/southmeadICT/>

Thank you for your support.

Coming up...

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Menu Change - Sausage/Veggie Roll	All
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Menu Change - Vegetable Pilaf with Salmon or Quorn	All
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Explorer Dome: Astronomy Dome Show	EYFS, 5 & 6

Star of the Week**KS1**

0 Hermit Crabs	0 Starfish	1 Shrimps	1 Periwinkle	2 Sandpipers	2 Kittiwakes
Eric N	Eva B	Ella-Brooke	Aoife J	Caitlin L	Ivy N

**KS2**

3 Curlews	3 Puffins	4 Porpoises	4 Dolphins	5 Otters	5/6 Grey Seals	6 Blenny
Kayla M	Renee S	Christian H	Lexi E	Jago B	Reuben W	Harry S

Golden Table of the week

KS1		KS2	
Leo B	1SHR	Robin R	5/6GRE
Ethan S	1PER	Isla N	5/6GRE
Sylvia C	2SAN	Jerry W	5/6GRE
Isla P	2SAN	Poppy W	6BLE

Lunchtime Class of the week

KS1	KS2
2SAN	5/6GRE

Class Attendance %**KS1**

0 Hermit Crabs	0 Starfish	1 Shrimps	1 Periwinkle	2 Sandpipers	2 Kittiwakes
94.88	97.39	98.06	95.17	83.81	93.64

**KS2**

3 Curlews	3 Puffins	4 Porpoises	4 Dolphins	5 Otters	5/6 Grey Seals	6 Blenny
97.2	94.23	95.56	88.21	86.67	94.55	94.48

### **CAN Play - Before and After School Club**

CAN Play run our before and after school club. They can take children from 7.45am, provide breakfast and will make sure they are in class for registration. This is held in the school hall. The after school club is held in the Cherry Tree Cafe and runs until 6pm. Registration forms can be provided by the school office. If you have any questions please contact CAN Play on 07778 683769, 01237 471972 or go to [www.canplay.co.uk](http://www.canplay.co.uk) There is a centralised booking and cancellations system. If you want to book or cancel, please call the CAN Play office on 01237 471972 and leave message, text 07778 683769 or email [southmead@canplay.co.uk](mailto:southmead@canplay.co.uk).

### **Golf Club**

We have some spaces in both of the Golf Clubs at Saunton. This is a FREE club, so parents only have to get their children to Saunton (or arrange with another parent to do so) to benefit from this brilliant opportunity.

### **Clubs**

After school clubs start again next week.

There will be no **DWG** training on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Zumba** will commence on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

### **KS2 Break**

No toast for KS2 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - please bring a healthy snack from home

### **Parent View**

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. The information you provide will be used when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when. Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### **Guitar Lessons**

Jess has finished guitar lessons for now to concentrate on growing her baby! We have been trying to find another teacher and will let you know if we are successful.

### **Coastal Kids Club**

If your child is aged 5-10yrs and likes to run around, play games and make stuff then they will have a great time at Coastal Kids Club! It's on Mondays from 4pm-5.30pm at the Vivian Moon Community Centre. We play games, do crafts, dance around and think about how we can be happier/kinder people by looking at stories from the Bible. Come along and check it out (it's free!) Or for more info contact [gwyneth-coastalcommunitychurch@outlook.com](mailto:gwyneth-coastalcommunitychurch@outlook.com)