

Southmead Primary School

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Postcards Home - Spring Term

Class AW	Finn Rackham & Tabitha Insley
Class HS	Oscar Wilkinson & Amelie Pleasance
Class BW/NL	Lani Ashton & Leon Silver-Blake
Class SB	Finley Drake & Roxy-May Rogers
Class AF	Lola Gerrard & Sidney Sapsford
Class AVF	Louis Young & Ethan Tonkin
Class EL	Luke Boerboom & Phoebe Kershaw
Class JT	Elsie Kester & Theo Deane
Class AP	Ruby Darby & Hamish Reed
Class NS	Bethan Thomas & Reuben Jones
Class ADS	Eleanor Burrell & Reece Brades
Class KC	Samuel Stephen & Clementine Beagley

Well done everyone!

Governors Meeting - Tuesday 25th April

All parents/cares are welcome to attend the next Governors meeting which starts at 6.30pm at Southmead Primary School.

Mathletics - 20th February 2017 to 2nd April 2017

Mathletics is an online maths learning resources and each child at Southmead from Year 1 to Year 6 has their own account. It is designed to provide students with an engaging and safe learning experience. There is targeted and adaptive content with structured support, plus games and rewards all of which are aligned to the primary maths curriculum.

Breakdown in usage across each of the classes from 20th February 2017 to 2nd April 2017

	Class	Year	Activity Points
1	ADS	5	127,483
2	AVF	2	83,804
3	AF	2	47,289
4	JT	3	46,717
5	EL	3	45,289
6	KC	6	33,864
7	AP	4	29,836
8	NS	4&5	26,113
9	BW&NL	1	25,494
10	SB	1	17,339

**Top 5 Mathletics users in each class year from
20th February 2017 to 2nd April 2017**

	Class	Year	Name	Activity Points
1	AVF	2	Selasi Dzobaku	20,462
2	ADS	5	Soraya Capaldi-Farrow	12,480
3	BW&NL	1	Annie Nicholls	11,578
4	EL	3	Tancho Limbu	9,645
5	KC	6	Livi Walker	8,129
6	SB	1	Eyram Dzobaku	6,963
7	JT	3	Elsie Kester	5,820
8	AF	2	Lalia Dudley	5,454
9	AP	4	Harry Somerfield	4,370
10	NS	4&5	Holly Selvey	2010

Donations

Thank you to Sam Russell for a box full of arts and crafts items which we will make good use of and James Storton for donating some of his old books.

Opening of Pill Gardens Play Park

Following on from the report in the last newsletter we have some photos of the children enjoying the new play equipment in the park at Pill Gardens.



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 or would like to chat to Kirsty Baldwin who takes the sessions, please contact her on 07970 206136 or

kirstylouisebaldwin@hotmail.co.uk

Head Lice Check

Although it is very difficult to prevent head lice, in an attempt to eliminate the prevalence of it in school we would encourage all parents and carers to do a weekly check of their child's hair. Regular detection combing can lead to early discovery and treatment. For more information "NHS Choices" have a comprehensive webpage on the subject.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx#prevention>

Braunton Cricket Club Junior Section



The sun is out and summer is around the corner. Braunton Cricket Club would like to invite boys and girls in Year 2 to Year 6 to the club on Monday evenings. Children will be engaged in a range of skills and game activities delivered by qualified coaches. The sessions will develop your child's cricket ability in a fun environment.

Age Groups	School year	All inclusive Price	Time
Under 9's	2,3 & 4	£18	5.30pm to 6.30pm
Under 10's	5	£18	6.30 pm to 8.00pm
Under 11's	6	£38	6.30pm to 8.00pm

Reduced price for more than one child in under 10's and 11's is £19

Training runs for 12 weeks beginning on **Monday 24th April till Monday 17th July**. There is no training on the Bank holidays in May and June. All inclusive price includes full Junior Membership, Insurance Cover and access to all training sessions. Membership for parents to enjoy the facilities of the club while watching their child is available at the club. If interested, please contact Dean Davies on 07974944984 or come down to the club on Monday evening. Please note a parent or responsible person is required to be in attendance whilst the child is participating.

Music Lessons

Singing	Sophie Kerslake	07799 719865	Tuesdays
Clarinet, Saxophone & Oboe	Carol Dewis	07971 250636	Tuesdays
Guitar	Jess Worth	07720868201	Thursdays
Keyboard & Violin	Rebecca Barrow	07828 601778	Thursdays
Piano	Amanda Oscroft	07926 091831	Thursdays
Cello	Lara Foot	lara_foot@hotmail.co.uk	Fridays

Events and Activities

Date	Event/Activity	Class/Year Group
Mon 24 th Apr	Tag Rugby - Torrington	Selected Y5 & 6
Tue 25 th Apr	Full Governors Meeting	All Parents
Wed 26 th Apr	Tarka Tennis	Y2
<i>Mon 1st May</i>	<i>BANK HOLIDAY</i>	<i>All</i>
Tue 2 nd May	Tennis - Braunton Academy	Y3
Mon 8 th - Thu 11 th May	Y6 SATs	Year 6
Mon 8 th - Thu 11 th May	Y5 Bikeability	Year 5
Fri 12 th May	Y6 Bike Ride to Rock Park	Year 6
Mon 15 th - Thu 18 th May	Y2 SATs	Year 2
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th May	Walk to School Week	All
Tue 16 th May	Football - Barnstaple	Selected
Tue 16 th May	Tennis	Year 3
Thu 18 th May	Aquathlon	Selected KS2
Thu 18 th May	Empty Classroom Day	All
Tue 23 rd May	Athletics - Braunton Athletics Track	Y5
Wed 24 th May	Tennis	Y2
<i>Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun</i>	<i>HALF TERM</i>	<i>All</i>

After School Clubs - Summer Term

Club	Year	Staff Member	Day	Finishes
Home Learning	KS2	Mrs Da Silva	Mon lunchtime	
Dance Club	All	Sue Gallimore	Monday	4pm
Football	4,5,6	Mr Broadbent	Monday	4.15pm
Country Dancing	KS1	Mrs Wilsden & Miss Wyles	Tuesday	4pm
Tennis	KS2	Mr Corney, Miss Scott & John Griffiths	Tuesday	4.15pm
Cricket	KS2	Matt Cardew	Wednesday	4.15pm
Recorder	4, 5, 6	Mrs Spear	Thur lunchtime	
Rounders	KS2	Mrs Priddis & Miss Love	Thursday	4.15pm
Spanish	3, 4	Miss Thompson	Thursday	4.15pm
Mindfulness	KS2	Hannah Stuart	Thursday	4.15pm
Skiping	KS1	Mrs Matthews & Mrs Reed	Fri lunchtime	
Book Club	2	Mrs Finlay	Fri lunchtime	
Marlins	4,5 & 6	Heather Burke	Friday (4pm)	5pm

Regular Reminders

Governors Meetings

The Governors' Meetings are held every half term. These meetings are held in public and as such, those of the school community including parents and carers, are encouraged to attend and sit in the public area to listen to the discussion. Those in the public area cannot participate in the meeting and will be asked to leave if matters of a confidential matter are discussed. If you would be interested in attending a meeting of the Full Governing Body please contact Judi Walker, the Clerk to the Governors, via the school office and she will be delighted to discuss this with you.

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

Illness

If your child is poorly and will not be in school, please inform the office as soon as possible. We have a dedicated phone line for absences where you can leave a message even out of office hours. You will need to phone every day your child is absent, unless they have had sickness and diarrhoea when it is Southmead school policy for your child to be absent from school for 48 hours after the last bout of being poorly. This is to reduce the spread of germs to the rest of the children.

Attendance and Absence

If your child is going to be absent for any reason during the school day you should collect an absence form from the office. As much notice as possible is required for it to be authorised and returned to the class teacher before the child is taken out of school.


It is important for your child to attend school regularly as it has been proven that children can only do their best and flourish at school if they are present on a regular basis. Children who are late for school and who miss school, often achieve less well than their peers. They also lack self esteem and find it difficult to build and maintain friendships.

The school has a duty to monitor children's attendance. It is a priority issue for Ofsted and it is the school's duty to keep abreast of any circumstances that mean your child is not in school. Any time requested out of school holidays are only authorised if there are exceptional circumstances. If you take your child on holiday in term time, without the prior approval of the school, you are liable for a cash penalty and in extreme cases there are legal implications for parents who do not act within the law.

Contact Details

Please notify the school office as soon as possible if any of your contact details change. This includes mobile phone numbers, work numbers and people that you have put as extra contacts who may not be in the area any more.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please follow the link below for more information or to apply online. Apply online by [downloading an application form](#)  (862KB - [pdf help](#)) and emailing it to the Free School Meals Team at freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk or call the Customer Service Centre on 0845 155 1019.