

# Southmead Primary School

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## Southmead School Newsletter Issue 33 - July 2017

### Star of the Week - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Class AW	Finn Rackham	Class EL	Amelia Hall & Avani Rai
Class HS	Layla Smart	Class JT	Elsie Kester
Class BW/NL	Ella Jones	Class AP	Megan Wilding
Class SB	Eyram Dzoboku	Class NS	Elyse Singletary
Class AF	Joshua Hayes	Class ADS	Arthur Sibley
Class AVF	Harry Baker	Class KC	Ellie Hudson

### Star of the Week - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Class AW	No Star	Class EL	Darcey Thomas
Class HS	No Star	Class JT	Charlie Potter
Class BW/NL	Zach Wilson	Class AP	Alberto Corea Baltodano
Class SB	Martha Corea Baltodano	Class NS	Macy-Grace Devlin
Class AF	Angel Bateman	Class ADS	Owyn Rogers & Reuben Insley
Class AVF	Thomas Fresch	Class KC	Lily-May Burrridge

Well done everyone!

### Parent Pay

Please ensure your child's parent pay account is paid up to the end of term.

### Branton Rotary Art Competition - Sheila Jones

Southmead did so well with all the entries for the competition. The organisers were extremely impressed! The results were as follows:-

Best in Show (all five schools) - **Josephine Cole**  
School Shield - **Southmead School**  
First Prize - Juniors - **Jack Essex**  
Second Prize - Juniors - **Ellie Bradford**  
Commended **Oivia Telford, Elsie Kester, Casey Stephen and Sam Amor** (they couldn't pick one so went with 4!)  
First Prize - Infants - **Amber Bradford**  
Second Prize - Infants - **Cara Slade**  
Commended - **Mollie Banks**

### Summer Reading Scheme - Children's University Passports - Sarah Davies

Branton Library will sign your Children's University passport if you take part in the Summer Reading scheme. Go along to the library to sign up for the scheme.

### Autumn After School Clubs - Mr Corney

Please see list below of clubs we hope to offer in the Autumn term to which year groups. At this stage we cannot say what clubs will be available when. Clubs are offered voluntarily by staff in their own time following their own interests. If you would like to come forward with viable proposals for a club that they would like to see, and are prepared to run we would be very happy to hear from you.

Club	Year
Creative club	EYFS
Computing club	EYFS, 1, 2
Skipping (lunchtime)	EYFS, 1, 2
Skills to play (mini sports games)	1, 2
Book club (lunchtime)	2
Cooking club	3, 4, 5, 5
Flamenco dancing/Spanish	3, 4, 5, 6
French culture (language learning and activities)	3, 4, 5, 6
Hockey	3, 4, 5, 6
Tennis	3, 4, 5, 6
Recorder (lunchtime)	4, 5, 6
Tag Rugby	4, 5, 6
Cross country running club	3, 4, 5, 6
Home learning club (lunchtime)	3, 4, 5, 6

### Is your child moving into KS2?

Year 3 is the start of KS2 and children will no longer get free fruit or free school meals. Pupils can bring in a healthy snack for break or purchase a piece of toast at a cost of 20p. School meals can be paid for via parentpay at £2.10 per day or you may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

### **How to apply**

Through the [Citizen Portal](#) which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision.

Use our [online application form](#), which you can email to [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk) or print out and post to FSM Team, Room L102, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QD. **Please note that from the 30th September 2017 this method of applying will be removed, as online applications will need to be made through the Citizen Portal.**

Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019**.

Devon Children's University (DCU) - Mrs Sarah Davies, Southmead PS DCU Coordinator

Well done to all Southmead Primary School pupils who have followed their hobbies and interests this year and participated in clubs and organisations. It has been quite a task to get local clubs to sign up as many of you will know, but we hope this number will increase going forward so that lots more children can have their 'hours' accredited to the scheme.

At Monday's recent assembly it was fantastic to celebrate some outstanding achievements. There were several pupils well on track to get their Bronze award soon. 8 pupils achieved their DCU Bronze Award (30 hours) and 1 pupil achieved Silver (65 hours). Two pupils, Annie Ogden and Macy Nicholls, achieved their Gold Award and will now be able to graduate at a ceremony in Plymouth University in the autumn. (Details to follow in September.) A really big 'well done' to all of you!

Please note: If you are involved in museum visits and other activities around the country during the school holiday, just check if organisers are validated members of the scheme as some of those hours might count too!

I will send out information at the start of the new term for those KS2 pupils who would like to join the scheme in September, explaining the scheme further.

Have a great summer break!

Southmead Friends Association - Lucy Jones SFA Chairlady

Well it has been a busy year for the SFA, which started with a spotty disco, then fireworks volunteering, star spotting, Christmas Fayre and carols, Easter fair, music evening and ended in a Summer Fair raising £2109 for the year.

Thank you so much for all your support over the year, we have funded a variety of events for the children including the KS1 Panto trip, the Christmas tree, leavers book for year 6, year 4 trip to Hakeford Woods, books for reading recovery and a new bench for the piano, to name but a few.

The SFA has amalgamated funds over previous years and now have plans to create a multi purpose shelter (outdoor classroom) on the field which could be used as a learning area or a shelter from the elements at playtimes.

When I met with Gill at the beginning of the year and asked what she would like from the School Friends Association she said she would like some community events and for the children to have fun. I think we have achieved our goal and exceeded our expectations on how good a school community can be.

A massive thank you to Helen Jones, Rachel Newton, Katie Cotton and Sophie Taofinutu, Beth Woollam and Matt Cardew, who, at every event have contributed their time and help. Thank you to anyone else who has contributed in any way.

Remember to put any unwanted clothes in the clothes bank in the car park as this raises valuable funds.

Please be ready to step up and help the SFA continue to support the school and primarily YOUR children. The SFA needs many hands to make it work and successful.

The AGM in September is a perfect opportunity for anyone who feels that they may be able to contribute in any way to come along and offer much needed support building on the success of this year, yours with thanks.

Sainsbury's Vouchers - Mrs Priddis

Thank you to everyone who brought in the vouchers this term. All together we collected a value of 5025, which was nearly double last year! As a result, we have been able to submit an order for: tennis balls; soft tennis balls for KS1; foam frisbees; foam javelins; hurdles; bean bags; plastic cone markers and stopwatches.

Action for Children Summer Sessions

Please see attached leaflet for Summer Sessions at Kingsacre Primary School.

### Donations

As always we are very grateful to everyone who donates books to school. This week we have had donations from Kelsey Loftus, James & Eowyn Storton and Bethan Thomas. Thank you to all of you!

### Annual Duck Race - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Don't forget that the Duck Race beside St Brannock's Church is on August Bank Holiday Monday which is August 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots to do with a bouncy castle, pony rides (off road), games, stalls and a barbecue and cream teas. Not forgetting the excitement of the Duck Race itself and seeing if your duck wins. This is a great event for everyone

### Beach Volleyball School - Croyde

Whether your child is a beginner or has played before, the beach volleyball coaches would love to see them at Croyde beach this summer. Classes are available daily from 9.30am - 11.30am and 2pm - 4pm. Sessions are £10. For more information or to book a place please contact 07890 890100, [info@beachvolleyballschool.co.uk](mailto:info@beachvolleyballschool.co.uk), [www.beachvolleyballschool.co.uk](http://www.beachvolleyballschool.co.uk)

### Forest School Holiday Club Summer 2017 - Stuart Young

There will be Animal Tracking, Bug Hunting, Natural Crafts, Den Building, Tree Climbing, Fire Building, Campfire Cooking and much more. 6 days of Forest School Holiday Club at a private woodland site only 10 minutes from Barnstaple. Tue 15th, Wed 16th, Thur 17th, Tue 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th August. 10am-4pm. Ages 5-11. £22 per day. Places can be booked via the Facebook page, website or email [hakefordwoods@gmail.com](mailto:hakefordwoods@gmail.com).

### Chivenor Soccer Camps - Lee Barrow

Chivenor Southampton Development Centre are running their summer football camps again this year. For more information, please collect a form from the office or look on the school notice board.

### 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](mailto: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>

We hope you all have a fabulous summer break and look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** refreshed and ready for the new school year!  
Have fun!



## 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](http://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](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk) or call the Customer Service Centre on 0845 155 1019.