



Southmead Primary School Newsletter

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Well we are at the end of another wet week but we have not let that dampen our spirits! This week has been very busy and here is just a flavour of the things that have been going on...

Phonics Screening

Our lovely Year 1s have been showing off their phonics skills and decoding alien and real words. It is no easy task to read made up words, but they have done us proud. Well done to each and every one of them! We await thresholds and will let parents/carers know how well their child has done as soon as possible.

Reception 2019-2020

On Wednesday, we welcomed our new Reception parents for September 2019. It was lovely to meet so many of them and share the fantastic journey we have already had and where we are striving to be. There are many days of transition ahead and we look forward to meeting our new children in the coming weeks.

Guitar and Drum Lessons

Stevie-Ray will be continuing with Guitar and Drum lessons in September. If your child would like to carry on or you would like to sign your child up to have music lessons, please request a letter from the school office.

Wake and Shake

From next week, we are going to be introducing a Wake and Shake activity on the Junior Patio area, outside Mr Short's and Mrs Da Silva's classrooms from 8.40am-8.50am. On Wednesday, Mrs Lyall will offer an Early Morning Aerobics Workout. On Thursday, Mrs Hill will offer a Fitness Workout and on Friday, Miss Kenshole will offer a Zumba Workout. Parents are actively encouraged to join in with their children. This is a trial and we will see how it goes!

Trips and Events

Next week sees a host of events happening around the school, from an Art Workshop, Fullabrook Trip, Queen's Theatre visit and the Devon Summer Games. These experiences are invaluable to our children and provide enrichment opportunities that they may never be able to experience again - creating memories.

Read For Fun

This week, we saw our first Read for Fun workshop in Reception. Starfish and Hermit Crabs welcomed their parents and carers in to see how much they enjoy reading and how much their reading has improved this year. Our children were really pleased to see their Mums and Dads in school and we are going to be inviting more year groups in over the coming weeks.

Fun at Southmead

It was great to see our Reception children running round dressed as Pirates this week, accompanied by Captain Mulligan. As part of their Literacy unit, they are reading Land Ahoy and have been searching for the lost treasure. The children couldn't wait to tell me what they had found!

Next Year

I am very pleased to confirm that we will have 14 classes next year, meaning 2 classes per year group from Reception to Year 6. This will mean that there will be some class changes next year, but we will factor in friendship groups, family links, academic abilities, social mixes and boys and girls. I would also like to welcome Miss Sophie Mugleston to our Southmead Team. We successfully interviewed a high calibre of candidates last Friday and she was the successful candidate.



Rounders

The Yr5/6 inter-house rounders competition began this week, with the first match held at Lunchtime on Monday. The initial contest was between Farah and Hawking and was very well supported by children from all houses, shouting and cheering from the bank.

With some amazing batting and a display of good fielding skills, the final scores were 3 1/2 to Hawking, but 6 1/2 to Farah! Player of the match was awarded to Harvey A (5Otters) for total focus on the game and devastating batting. Well played Harvey: 25 house points to you! :)

So Farah take an early lead in the competition, but everything is still to play for. The next match (between Malala and Watson) is scheduled to take place on Friday ... weather permitting!

Absence Form

Devon County Council has issued a new Absence Form for parents who wish to take their child/ren out of school. It states that the completed form needs to be returned to the school office 3 weeks prior to the intended absence. You should contact the school office after 5 days to ask if the request has been authorised. You can do this by phone 01271 812448 or email admin@southmead.devon.sch.uk

The form has been attached for your information.

Bug Hotel

Thank you to Esme J in Starfish for her fantastic bug home for the new Bug hotel. It looks very inviting for various mini beasts. We have lots more spaces available, so please do get researching and creating your own design.



Star of the Week

0HER	Ellie B
0STA	Scarlett F-B
1SHR	Keira-Leigh B
1PER	Max M
2SAN	Archie C
2KIT	Brody D
3CUR	Marsaya C
3PUF	Ella-Gale B
4POR	Reuben C
4DOL	Finlay S
5OTT	George B
5/6GRE	Jacob K
6BLE	Amber D

Class Attendance %

0HER	98
0STA	97.27
1SHR	93.67
1PER	97.41
2SAN	95.45
2KIT	92.17
3CUR	90.77
3PUF	98
4POR	91.54
4DOL	96.92
5OTT	82.42
5/6GRE	91.82
6BLE	91.43

Golden Table of the week

KS1		KS2	
Chloe S	2KIT	Ally F	4POR
Alana C	2KIT	Reuben C	4POR
Ace C	2SAN	Laila D	4DOL
Archie C	2SAN	Hermione V	4DOL
Lunchtime Class of the week			
KS1		KS2	
Periwinkles		Grey Seals	

Most Improved Attendance

KS1 = Hermit Crabs

KS2 = Puffins

5 minutes extra playtime on Monday!

Highest Class Attendance

KS1 = Hermit Crabs

KS2 = Puffins

Whole class wins a prize!

Date	Event/Activity	Class/Year Group
June		
Wed 19 th	Fullabrook Wind Farm Trip	Year 3
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Wed 19 th	Trip to the Queens Theatre	Selected Pupils
Wed 19 th	Devon Summer Games	Selected Pupils
Fri 21 st	Oceanfest	Year 6
Tue 25 th	Volleysport	Year 6
Tue 25 th	Sept 2019 EYFS and Parents invited to dinner	Sept 2019 EYFS
Fri 28 th	Sept 2019 EYFS Open Afternoon 3.20pm – 4.20pm	Sept 2019 EYFS