

Southmead Primary School

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Star of the Week

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| Class AW | Iyla Murdoch | Class EL | Reuben Rodwell |
| Class HS | Molly Cawthorne | Class JT | Vaughan Mottram-Mitchell |
| Class BW/NL | Quentin Sturley | Class AP | Amelia Fresch |
| Class SB | Finley Drake | Class NS | Holly Selvey |
| Class AF | Kiera Self | Class ADS | Macy Nicholls |
| Class AVF | Amelie Ballentyne | Class KC | Zeon Pereira-Marques |

Well done everyone!

Exciting Staff News

We are delighted to announce that our lovely year 5 teacher Mrs Annie Da Silva is expecting a baby in September. This will not affect Class 5ADS as she will be teaching in school until the end of the summer term.

Class KC Trip to Exeter

Class KC and AP enjoyed their trip to Exeter Cathedral and Museum last week. You will find some of their comments attached. Thank you to the parent helpers who came on the trip.



Waste Week

Please see attached flyer on ideas for leftover lunches and waste tips for the home.

Lollipop Lady - Exeter Road

There will be no lollipop lady on Exeter Road on Friday 17th March in the afternoon.

Infective Conjunctivitis - Royal College of General Practitioners

Infective conjunctivitis typically involves red or pink eyes that may be sticky or watery and can cause irritation. Most cases clear up in a few days without any treatment.

Your child does not need to: See their GP unless symptoms persist or get worse. Or stay off school unless they are feeling particularly unwell.

You should: Bathe any sticky or crusty coating on eyelids or eyelashes with water and cotton wool. Keep eyes uncovered. Discourage your child from touching their eyes. Encourage them to wash their hands with soap and warm water regularly throughout the day. Make sure they use their own towels and pillows. In severe cases; buy lubricant eye drops over the counter from a pharmacist.

PTA Easter Events - Friday 31st March

Easter Egg Hunt

(After school Friday 31st March)

Easter Bonnet/Hat competition

(Open to all children, 50p entry, a prize for the winner!)

Easter Egg Tombola

(Donations gratefully received)

Cake Sale

(Donations gratefully received)

As always, any help to make this a "cracking" family event is always welcome!

Please let the office know.

Donations

Thank you to Mrs Selvey for her donation of toys, books and games.

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>

Events and Activities

| Date | Event/Activity | Class/Year Group |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Tue 14 th Mar | Exmoor Zoo Trip | Class BW/NL & SB |
| Tue 14 th Mar | KS2 Trip to Exeter | Class EL & ADS |
| Tue 14 th Mar | Art and Drawing at Exeter Uni. | Selected C U pupils * |
| Wed 15 th Mar | Tri Golf | Selected Y5 & Y6 |
| Fri 17 th Mar | St Patricks Day | All |
| Wed 22 nd Mar | Reading and Storyboarding at Exeter Uni. | Selected C U Pupils* |
| Thu 23 rd Mar | Open Afternoon | All |
| Fri 24 th Mar | Red Nose Day - Comic Relief | All |
| Tue 28 th Mar | Football & Netball at Kingsacre | Selected Y3,4,5 & 6 |
| Fri 31 st Mar | Easter Bonnet Competition | All |
| Fri 31 st Mar | Easter Cake Sale | All |
| Fri 31 st Mar | Chocolate Tombola | All |
| Fri 31 st Mar | Easter Egg Hunt | All |
| Tue 28 th Mar | Fire Safety Talk | AF, AVF, NS, ADS |
| Fri 31st Mar | TERM ENDS | All |

Music Lessons

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| 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 |

After School Clubs

| Club | Year | Staff Member | Day | Finishes |
|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Home learning club | 3, 4, 5, 6 | Mrs Da Silva | Mon lunchtime | |
| Dance Club | All | Sue Gallimore | Monday | 4pm |
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| Creative club | EYFS | Mrs Wilsdon | Tuesday | 4pm |
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| Recorder | 4, 5, 6 | Mrs Spear | Thur lunchtime | |
| Penpals (French) | 5, 6 | Miss Scott | Thursday | 4pm |
| Skills to play | 2, 3 | Mrs Lyall | Thursday | 4pm |
| Spanish | 3, 4 | Miss Thompson | Thursday | 4pm |
| Computing | KS1 | Mr Broadbent | Thursday | 4pm |
| Mindfulness | KS2 | Hannah Stuart | Thursday | 4.15pm |
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| Skiping | EYFS, 1, 2 | Mrs Fryer & Mrs Matthews | Fri lunchtime | |
| Netball | 5, 6 | Mrs Cooper | Friday | 3.45pm |

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.