

Southmead Primary School

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Star of the Week

Class AW	Samuel Earner	Class EL	Amelie Singletary
Class HS	Kai Farrow	Class JT	Theo Deane
Class BW/NL	Annie Nicholls	Class AP	Elece Brand
Class SB	Samuel Kielty	Class NS	Charlie Weston
Class AF	Mia Latu	Class ADS	Liam McQueen-Mason
Class AVF	Marcie Jones	Class KC	Lexi Gerrard

Well done everyone!

Website

Southmead is extremely proud to announce that it has a brand-new website. You can find it by searching:-

www.southmead.devon.sch.uk

You will find links for "Families", "Parent Pay", "Upcoming Events" "About Us" (Dinner Menu, Term Dates, Newsletters, Clubs and Music etc), "Pupils Page", Curriculum and a Gallery amongst many others. Please log on and have a look!

Friday 25th November

Southmead Primary School will be **Open** as usual on **Friday 25th November**. Branton Academy will be closed.

Parent Governor

We are still looking for a Parent Governor. If you, or someone you know has an interest and would like to find out more, please let the school office know and we will give you as much information as possible. There may be someone you think would be good in the role, but perhaps they are uncertain - if so, ask them to contact us and we can have a "no obligation" chat.

Remembrance by Mrs Cooper (year 6 teacher)

Every year, the oldest children of Southmead walk into the centre of Branton for the Remembrance Service. This year, we walked behind the poppies banner that our parents had made. Our Year 6 school councillors, Clem Beagley and Kenzie Deane, were asked to stand with the flag bearer for the one minutes silence.



School Photos

There were some lovely photos taken of the children by Tempest this year. If you would like to buy them, please complete the order form and return it to the school office with the correct payment in the envelope provided. All orders should be returned to school by **Thursday 24th November**.

School staff had their photographs taken as well for a Staff Photo Board that will go up in the main reception area. Watch this space!

Meal Time Assistants

We currently have three vacancies for MTA's in school. Please see attached advert for more information and ask in the school office for an application pack.

Staff Car Park

The staff car park is for staff use and parking permit holders only. Please do not use it for dropping children off in the morning or collecting after school. We have limited spaces for members of staff who arrive between 8am and 9.30am so please do not enter the school premises during these times in your car. The disabled car parking space is for disabled badge holders only and the gates at the top of the car park onto the KS2 playground should always be kept clear as it is our emergency access for ambulance and fire engines should they ever be needed.

EYFS Open Play Session - Friday 25th November

Our next play session for children starting school in September 2017 will be on Friday 25th November at 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

Raffle Prize Donations

The SFA are busy organising this year's Christmas Fair which will be on **Friday 2nd December**. They would like any donations from parents/carers of prizes for the raffle. If you own your own business or if your work place would donate something they would be very grateful. You may have a talent in arts and crafts and can donate a lovely homemade gift. If you have any ideas that you are not sure about, please contact them via the school office.

Crochet Sessions

Three of our mums will be holding crochet sessions in the Cherry Tree Café. There will be plenty of books to learn from; wool and hooks will be provided. They would love to see you there for a cuppa and crochet! They will be there between **9am - 11am on Monday 21st, 28th November and 5th, 12th December**.

Donations

We would like to thank Sid Sapsford for donating a set of reading books to school.

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 21 st - Fri 25 th Nov	Switch Off Week	All
Mon 21 st - Fri 25 th Nov	Brake - Road Safety	All
Fri 25 th Nov	EYFS Open Play Session 1.30pm	EYFS Sept '17 starters
Wed 30 th Nov	St Andrews Day	All
Thu 1 st Dec	Open Afternoon	All
Fri 2 nd Dec	Christmas Fair	All
Mon 5 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Play 2pm	Parents
Tue 6 th Dec	EYFS Open Play Session 10am	EYFS Sept '17 starters
Tues 6 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Play 6pm	Parents
Wed 7 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	All
Wed 7 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner Day	All
Wed 7 th Dec	KS1 Christmas Play 6pm	Parents
Tues 13 th Dec	Year 3 Christingle	All welcome
Fri 16 th Dec	Queens Theatre Christmas Panto	Year 1 & 2
<i>Fri 16th Dec</i>	<i>TERM ENDS</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Thu 5th Jan</i>	<i>SPRING TERM STARTS</i>	<i>All</i>
Tue 10 th Jan	KS1 SATs Meeting	KS1 Parents
Tue 17 th Jan	Parents Guide to the Phonics Check	Y1 & Y2 Parents
Saturday 28 th Jan	Chinese New Year	All
Tue 31 st Jan	Governor Meeting	Parents

After School Clubs

Club	Year	Staff Member	Day	Finishes
Home learning club	3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Da Silva	Mon lunchtime	
Arts and crafts	1, 2	Mrs Darby & Mrs Huckstep	Mon	4pm
Football (boys & girls)	4, 5, 6	Mr Broadbent	Mon	4.10pm
Dance Club	All	Sue Gallimore	Mon	4pm
Creative club	EYFS	Mrs Wilsdon	Tues	4pm
Skills to play	EYFS, 1	Mrs Finlay	Tues	4pm
Cross country	3, 4, 5, 6	Mr Corney & Mrs Da Silva	Tues	4.20pm
Recorder	4, 5, 6	Mrs Spear	Thur lunchtime	
Penpals (French)	5, 6	Miss Scott	Thurs	4pm
Skills to play	2, 3	Mrs Lyall	Thurs	4pm
Spanish	3, 4	Miss Thompson	Thurs	4pm
Tag Rugby	5, 6	Mrs Priddis	Thurs	4.15pm
Skippping	EYFS, 1, 2	Mrs Fryer & Mrs Matthews	Fri lunchtime	
Netball	5, 6	Mrs Cooper	Fri	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.