

# Southmead Primary School

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## Southmead School Newsletter Issue 30 – July 2018

### Coming Up.....

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Essex Dance Troupe	Year 2
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	All
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reserve	All
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Kitty Whittington	Year 6 Parents
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to Parents	All
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b>	<b>All</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Gifted & Talented PE Day 3	Selected Year 6

### Sports Day - Update

We hope to start the races at 1:30pm, as advertised but our parade onto the field (carrying class banners) will take place beforehand, between 1:15pm – 1:30pm, so if you don't want to miss the parade, please ensure that you are trackside by 1:15pm! :)

The forecast for Sports Day is currently for the weather to be warm and sunny. As the children will be outside all day, it is doubly important that they are sent to school with a sunhat or cap that they can wear while taking part in activities, as well as a water bottle. Please apply sunscreen before the children leave home. (see poster at the end of the newsletter).

### Cross Country Club

Cross Country Club has finished now for this term. It will begin again in September. Last sessions for all other clubs will be the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**No after school clubs in the last week of term.**

### Southmead School Tarka Tennis Tournament - Wednesday 20th June

3 double tennis partners from Southmead School went to Tarka to participate in a North Devon schools tennis competition. Poppy and Hamish were the C team, Harry and Reuben were the B team and Ed and Ollie were the A team. Each team had to play 4 matches in the group stages - only the top two teams went through to the semi-finals.

All three Southmead partnerships got through to the semi-final. Unfortunately, Harry and Reuben narrowly lost out in the semi-final. However, both the A and C teams won the semi-final and progressed to the final. Sadly both teams were beaten by West Buckland and finished second overall.

By Ed and Harry

Group Stages	L	W
Ed & Ollie	0	4
Harry & Rueben	0	4
Poppy & Hamish	1	3

### Young Engineers - Stem Kids

We are offering the Stem Club again in September. The club will run on a Thursday for 6 weeks between 3.15pm - 4.15pm at a cost of £42 per child. Children will construct a range of things including Rollercoasters, Fidget Spinners, Steady Hand Game, Fan Car and Windmill. All projects can be taken home. You can register online at <https://stemkids.co.uk/> Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. If the club is full, please register your interest on the waiting list ☺

### 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 please contact CAN Play on 07778 683769, 01237 471972 or go to [www.canplay.co.uk](http://www.canplay.co.uk) There is a centralised booking and cancellations system. If you want to book or cancel, please call the CAN Play office on 01237 471972 and leave message, text 07778 683769 or email [southmead@canplay.co.uk](mailto:southmead@canplay.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>

### Chivenor Soccer School - Summer Holiday Camps

Summer camps are being held at Chivenor again this year for children aged 5yrs to 12yrs old. Held on various dates in the holidays they will run from 9.30am - 2pm. £15 per day (£13 Chivenor Players). To book a place or for more info, please collect a flyer from the school office.

**Cherry Tree Cafe**  
**"Pop in for a cuppa and a chat"**  
**Monday and Friday**  
**9am - 10am**



### Events and Activities

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Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Move up Morning	All
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Leavers Party	Year 6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Celebration Assembly	Year 6 Parents
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Summer Term Ends	All

### Music Lessons

Drums	Ken Kerslake	07842 936355	Mondays
Singing	Sophie Kerslake	07799 719865	Tuesdays
Clarinet, Saxophone & Oboe	Carol Dewis	07971 250636	Tuesdays
Trumpet	Paul Moulton		Tuesdays
Violin	Jane Norris		Tuesdays
Keyboard & Violin	Rebecca Barrow	07828 601778	Thursdays
Piano	Amanda Oscroft	07926 091831	Thursdays
Cello	Lara Foot	lara_foot@hotmail.co.uk	Fridays (Sept 2018)
Guitar	Jess Worth	07720868201	Fridays

### 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 Elaine McIntosh, 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

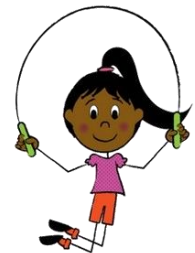
If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please follow the link below for more information or to apply online. Apply online by [downloading an application form](#)  (862KB - [pdf help](#)) and emailing it to the Free School Meals Team at [freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk)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

# Sports Day

## Please come and join us!

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
Braunton Athletics Track*

*9:45 – 11:45am  
Multi-skills activities.*



*1:30 – 2:45pm  
Competitive races, including  
an egg and spoon race,  
100m, 200m, 4x100m and 4x200m relays.*



*Followed by  
Optional 400m races for KS1 and KS2.*

*Refreshments for parents will be provided at the clubhouse, during the afternoon, courtesy of the PTA: please bring your pennies!*

*Children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit. Please remember to remove any jewellery and tie back long hair.*

*Children will return to school for the end of the school day.  
The PTA will also provide a free ice lolly for each child, to be given out at the end of the day by the Class Teacher! ☺*