



Southmead Primary School

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Coming Up.....

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Headteacher News

What weather to end the week on!

I have to say it has been another bright, positive week despite the colder weather setting in. This week has seen our new Positive Behaviour Policy being implemented. Whilst we have only tweaked the previous policy, there is now far more emphasis on rewarding positive behaviours.

Already, we have seen the positive impact of the House-Point system with children really fostering our whole school values - and being keen to earn a non-uniform day at the end of each half-term.

Following on from this, we have worked hard, in discussions with teachers and children, to ensure our behaviour system is fair, consistent and effective. As a result, every children starts the day on 'Green' and can work their way up by making positive behaviour choices, to Gold and Platinum. Poor behaviour choices will result in the children receiving a verbal warning, before moving down to Yellow. However children can earn their way back to Green from here. If poor choices continue, they will move their name to Red. All information will be tracked and parents will be informed of both exemplary and poor behaviours. The children have really responded well to this and they are keen to earn the Gold and Platinum Rewards. They also like the fact that every day is a fresh start - on Green! In December, pupils that have consistently demonstrated Platinum behaviours will be invited to a special 'Time to Shine' assembly with myself and their parents / carers - including drinks and a piece of cake!

Having heard about our Positive Behaviour Policy a Swedish journalist, Helena Soderqvist, asked to interview me and some of our pupils. She was very impressed with our children's attitude and perception of behaviour. Her article will be published in Sweden later next month. We will publish it in our Newsletter in due course.

We have also welcomed numerous visits from prospective parents this week. Having held Reception Tours for 2019 pupils, we have been very impressed with the uptake already. The parents have commented on the welcoming atmosphere, the children's smiles, the standard of work being

produced, the friendly staff and the grounds / facilities we have for the use of their children. This has made us all very proud of Southmead!

Finally, thank you to all of the parents who took part in the Parent Survey during Parent's Evening. We are currently sharing the many positives and working on the areas for development.

I wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing you again at the gate, on Monday morning.

Star of the Week for week ending Friday 23rd November

Class	Name
0 Hermit Crabs	Sophie
0 Starfish	Rupert
1 Shrimps	Winter
1 Periwinkle	Lucas
2 Sandpipers	Isla
2 Kittiwakes	Matthew
3 Curlews	Annie
3 Puffins	Cara
4 Porpoises	Belle
4 Dolphins	Bebe
5 Otters	Corey
5/6 Grey Seals	Millie
6 Blenny	Ocean

Class Attendance for week ending Friday 23rd November

Class	%
0 Hermit Crabs	96.44
0 Starfish	94.5
1 Shrimps	89.35
1 Periwinkle	93.45
2 Sandpipers	95.45
2 Kittiwakes	98.26
3 Curlews	96.92
3 Puffins	93.08
4 Porpoises	93.57
4 Dolphins	91.48
5 Otters	97.19
5/6 Grey Seals	98.13
6 Blenny	93.45

Year 3 & 4 Cross Country - Tuesday 27th November

Southmead will be hosting a Cross Country event on Tuesday 27th November. We have 4 schools coming to take part with us. Please be aware access into school will be limited during the times of 9.30am - 11.30am.

Golden Table

Starting on **Monday 26th November** the lunchtime staff are going to be promoting positive behaviours in the hall. We will have a "Golden Table" every Monday (for KS1 and KS2) for children who have been recognised for excellent behaviour and manners in the dinner hall. They will also get a certificate.



PE Kit addition:

Now the weather is colder we have added a black or grey sweatshirt to the PE kit list. Please ensure your child has this as part of their PE kit by 30th November 2018. So the full PE Kit is:

- White T shirt
- Black or grey shorts
- Black or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- **Black or grey sweatshirt – this is new to the PE kit list for outdoor PE in colder weather.**
- Black or white plimsolls or trainers

Leavers

If you are due to move from the area and your child will be leaving Southmead, please let the school office know as soon as possible. It is really important we keep our school numbers up to date as we have a waiting list in some year groups.

Broken Bones and Sprains

Please inform us if your child has a serious injury e.g. broken a bone or has a severe sprain that the hospital has told them they need to use crutches or a wheelchair for? Please let us know that your child will be school in a cast and / or with crutches or wheelchair, so we can arrange to discuss your child's individual needs whilst they are recovering, and to carry out a risk assessment to ensure that everyone is happy with the arrangements we put in place?

Lunch Choices

We would like to ask for your help.

We would like to further improve pupils' lunchtime experience by making it as streamlined as possible. We currently have a few children who order lunch in the morning and then change their minds when they get to the kitchen at lunchtime. This can cause problems as Mr Lymer, our Kitchen Manager cooks to order from the lunches ordered in the morning. Whilst we try to accommodate these changes it can lead to upset and difficulties making sure everyone gets their chosen meal. We know mornings can be hectic, but we would really grateful if you could discuss the day's dinner menu with your child before they come to school in the morning.

Thank you for your help and support.

Nuts

If children are bringing snacks and packed lunches into school, please ensure they are healthy ☺
We kindly request you do not send your child to school with nuts as although for many they are a healthy snack, we have several children with severe allergies to them which could lead to anaphylaxis.

Birthday Treats

We are happy for children to bring in treats for their class friends when it is their birthday as we want them to celebrate and share in the excitement of their special day. However, we ask that they be given out at the end of the school day and taken home for parents to decide if their child can have them or not. Please be aware treats should not contain nuts and we do have children with various other food allergies as well.

Braunton BMX Track

There was a proposal for a BMX track that fell by the wayside when the steering group petered out but the funding is still there and a motivated group of local parents have picked it up. If we all give it a push we could hopefully get a significant number of families to take part and get some much needed new free to use community spaces/ equipment.

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/northdevonnews/2018/11/06/get-set-to-have-your-say-in-north-devon-bmx-track-consultation/>

Parent Pay

Stay up to date with all the newsletters, class letters, club news and general information by registering with parent pay. If you require a new username and password, please speak to or email the office ladies on 01271 812448 / admin@southmead.devon.sch.uk

If you have more than one child, you need to register each one.

You can add more than one email address to your child's account so both parents/carers can be kept informed.

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 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.

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>



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Wed 5 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Sing a Long 10am	EYFS Parents
Tue 11 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Show	Year 1 Parents
Wed 12 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Show	Year 2 Parents
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	All
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Fair	All
Mon 17 th Dec	Christingle Service 6.30pm at St. Brannocks	Year 3
Tue 18 th Dec	Carol Service 10am at St. Brannocks	KS2
Tue 18 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner Day	All
Wednesday 19th December AUTUMN TERM ENDS		
Monday 7th January SPRING TERM STARTS		
Tue 5 th Feb	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm	All
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February HALF TERM		
Friday 5th April SPRING TERM ENDS		
Tuesday 23rd April SUMMER TERM STARTS		
Monday 6th May BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 7 th May	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm	All
Fri 10 th May	Whole School Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers	All
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May HALF TERM		
Tue 2 nd Jul	Full Governing Body Meeting 6.30pm	All
Wed 3 rd Jul	Sports Day	All
Fri 5 th Jul	Reserve Sports Day	All
Monday 22nd July SUMMER TERM ENDS		

Clubs

Club	Year	Teacher	Day	Location	Collect from	Finish time
Skills to Play	2&3	Mrs Wynn	Mon	Hall	KS1 Patio	4pm
KS1 Football	1	Mr Broadbent	Mon	1PER(SB):Field/Astro	KS1 playground	4pm
Recorder	KS2	Mrs Spear	Tue	5/6GRE(NS)	Lunchtime	
Home Learning	KS2	Mrs Da Silva	Tue	4/5DOL(ADS)	Lunchtime	
Cross Country	KS2	Mr Corney & Mrs Da Silva	Tue	6BLE(AK):Offsite	Year 5/6 patio	4.15pm
Tennis	4,5&6	Miss Brooks	Tue	3PUF(RB):Offsite	KS1 playground	4.15pm
Choir	KS2	Sophie Kerslake	Wed	6BLE(AK)	Lunchtime	
Maths/Homework	2	Mrs Fryer	Wed	2SAN(AF)	Lunchtime	
Sing and Swing	All	Sophie Kerslake	Wed	Hall	Hall	4.15pm
Drawing	4,5&6	James Young	Wed	4/5DOL	KS2 patio	4.15pm
Aikido	All	Phillip Da Silva	Wed	Hall	Hall	6pm
Tag Rugby	4,5&6	Mrs Priddis	Thu	3CUR(AP):Field	KS1 playground	4.15pm
Netball	5&6	Mrs Cooper	Thu	5OTT(KC): KS2 playground	KS2 playground	4pm
Film Club	1 & 2	Ms Woollam	Thu	2SAN	KS1 playground	Various
KS2 Football	4,5&6	Mr Short	Fri	4POR(ES): Astro	KS2 playground	4.15pm
Zumba	3,4&5	Miss Kenshole	Fri	Hall	Hall	4.15pm

Film Club will finish at **4.15pm** for the next two weeks -
Thursday 29th November and Thursday 6th December.

Music Lessons

Violin	Jane Norris	07946005366	Mondays
Singing	Sophie Kerslake	07799 719865	Tuesdays
Trumpet	Paul Moulton	07949 933440	
Keyboard & Violin	Rebecca Barrow	07828 601778	Thursdays
Piano	Amanda Oscroft	07926 091831	Thursdays
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.

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.

Emergency School Closures

In the event that Southmead has to close, we will inform you via email and text using parent pay. The following websites and radio station will be updated:-

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/>

<https://www.southmead.devon.sch.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/radiodevon>