



Southmead Primary School

Newsletter Issue 17

Friday 18th January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been so busy! Our children have been working hard and it was great to see their understanding of Space consolidated with our Explorer Dome visit today. The children (and staff) were inspired by the workshop. It was absolutely amazing! We will look to offer this to other year groups in the coming terms.

I have also been out and about in all classes this week. From Reception's Inventor's Workshop and listening to Individual Readers, to Year 6's Multiplication of Fractions, I have enjoyed partaking in your child's learning and getting to know them even more.

Also, this week, we are pleased to launch our NEW App! To support parents and carers with communication, you can now download the Southmead Primary School App from Google Play or the App Store. This has been created by our staff (the things you learn working in a school) to help you view the school dinner menu, access the newsletter, report absence, view clubs that we offer, check the school calendar, access learning sites for your children, to mention just a few of the facilities!

With the cold weather forecast, and snow inevitably set to cause issues, we have updated our Snow Protocol in school. We will make a decision whether we can open, considering Devon County Council advice, transport links and issues, number of staff able to get to school and other contributing factors, as early as possible. A decision will be made no later than 7.15am which will also ensure that we can meet our statutory staffing ratios. We will send a message via ParentPay, post a message on our website and notify local radio stations who will publicise any closures regularly. If we can open safely, we will.

I would also like to thank you all for your support with the school dinner census yesterday. From a possible uptake of 148 pupils, eligible in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, 96% of pupils chose a school dinner yesterday. It was brilliant!

On Wednesday, we welcomed Kingsacre staff, to Southmead for Health and Safety training after school as we continue to work together in the local community. It was an absolute pleasure to show their staff around our fantastic school. They commented on the amazing work on display, the bright, engaging classrooms and the established learning rooms between classrooms that our children have really been benefiting from.

I am extremely proud of our school and that is down to our staff and our brilliant children.

| Star of the Week | |
|------------------|-----------|
| OHER | Missi T |
| OSTA | Phoenix T |
| 1SHR | Leo B |
| 1PER | Jasmine B |
| 2SAN | Amelie P |
| 2KIT | Layla S |
| 3CUR | Lotti R |
| 3PUF | Ella B |
| 4POR | Angel B |
| 4DOL | Lyra W-D |
| 5OTT | Mabel B |
| 5/6GRE | Oilly L |
| 6BLE | Summer S |

| Class Attendance % | |
|--------------------|-------|
| OHER | 96.28 |
| OSTA | 93.04 |
| 1SHR | 98.06 |
| 1PER | 97.24 |
| 2SAN | 92.38 |
| 2KIT | 90 |
| 3CUR | 99.2 |
| 3PUF | 94.62 |
| 4POR | 95.56 |
| 4DOL | 93.88 |
| 5OTT | 93.09 |
| 5/6GRE | 95.76 |
| 6BLE | 93.79 |

| Golden Table of the week | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|----------|--------|
| KS1 | | KS2 | |
| Ethan H | OSTA | Lacy H | 4DOL |
| Anuyah G | OSTA | Molly R | 4DOL |
| Daisy N | OHER | Thomas D | 4DOL |
| Simeon D | OHER | Tyler W | 5/6GRE |
| Lunchtime Class of the week | | | |
| KS1 | | KS2 | |
| 1SHR | | 5OTT | |

Finally, we have initiated many activities over the last week to support families and children affected by the recent deployment from Chivenor. We are supporting both military and non-military families. If you would like any further information, please always ask me on the gate in the morning, speak to any member of our Pastoral Team, or just pop along to our Cherry Tree cafe on a Monday or Friday morning.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!

Mr N Plumb



Explorer Dome - Astronomy

The children really enjoyed their tour of our solar system and outwards into the cold depths of space beyond. They asked some very intelligent questions and learned a lot about the planets, the stars and the constellations we can see from Earth: they even found out how stars are made!



Swimming and Water Polo club

Children aged 8+ the chance to a free trial the Water Polo sessions on Thursdays at Barnstaple Leisure Centre . If you are interested to either contact Dan on 07966940164 or via Email danutabb@hotmail.com Further information on Barnstaple Swimming and Water Polo club can be found: <http://www.barnstapleswimmingclub.co.uk/>

School Uniform

Tesco will no longer be supplying our school uniform after **12th February 2019**. Their current supplier has set up an alternative service called My Clothing (www.myclothing.com). There is no change in the quality or service provided. Their details will be included on the website and app nearer the time.

Basketball Coaching

Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome at a new basketball club being held at Pilton Community College on Tuesday nights with David Roper. 5pm - 6pm Years 5, 6 & 7. £3 per session. For more information contact David on 07969 368553 or davidropersports@gmail.com

Parent View

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Coming up...

Thu 31st Jan - Tue 5th Feb = Scholastic Book Fair