

Southmead Primary School

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Star of the Week - Monday 12th June

Class AW	Ace Cotton	Class EL	Isabel Hebard
Class HS	Alice Mackie	Class JT	No Star (Teacher Absent)
Class BW/NL	Annie Nicholls	Class AP	Rose Clopet
Class SB	Connor Bolt	Class NS	Lola Lilley
Class AF	Mason Gard	Class ADS	Liam Bament
Class AVF	Tane Langley-Walker	Class KC	Gracie O'Toole

Star of the Week - Monday 19th June

Class AW	Amelia McSweeney	Class EL	Luke Boerboom
Class HS	Elijah Lott	Class JT	Sky Purdy & Millie Huxen-Fielding
Class BW/NL	Jack Leyshon	Class AP	Oscar Goodfellow
Class SB	Aiden Streeter	Class NS	James Sigatolu
Class AF	Tilly McQueen-Mason	Class ADS	Dylan McSherry
Class AVF	Maisie Kay	Class KC	Ellie Hudson

Well done everyone!

Exeter Road Lollipop Lady

There will be no Lollipop lady on Exeter Road from **Tuesday 27th June**, for the remainder of the term. She will return in September 2017.

Open Afternoon - Thursday 29th June

Everyone is welcome to our Open Afternoon on **Thursday 29th June** from **2.15pm**. The children love showing off the work they have done this term and the year 6's will take you on a tour of the school should you wish to see all the classrooms.

Open Afternoon for September EYFS Children and Parents/Carers - Friday 30th June

On **Friday 30th June** from **3.20pm** all parents of new EYFS children are welcome at Southmead to explore the foundation stage classrooms and environments.

Donations to School

Thank you to Sid Sapsford for his donations of books to the school.

Nearly New Toys

Class KC would like donations of nearly new toys for their stall at the summer fair. If you have some that you would like to donate, please bring them into the school office. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition.

National Book Tokens

As you know we love books at Southmead and by entering this competition you give us a chance of winning £5000 in book tokens for school. All you have to do is nominate us as your chosen school and we are in with a chance.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WUfVWZLytpg>

Summer Reading Challenge

This summer's theme will be "Animal Agents" and includes Fun Forensic Science Workshops, a writing workshop with children's author and storyteller Clive Pig, visits from local zoos, craft sessions and much more.

All events will be available to book from Saturday 1st July, they will be advertised on Barnstaple Libraries website and Facebook Page as well as in the library itself.

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive an Animal Agents collector folder.
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their folder and incentives along the way.
- Library staff and young volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal.

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>

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 Ocroft	07926 091831	Thursdays
Cello	Lara Foot	lara_foot@hotmail.co.uk	Fridays

Events and Activities

Date	Event/Activity	Class/Year Group
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Jun	Residential	Year 6
Thu 29 th Jun	Open Afternoon	All
Fri 30 th Jun	Sept EYFS Open Afternoon 3.20pm	New EYFS Parents & Child
Mon 3 rd Jul - Fri 7 th Jul	Oxfam Water Week	All
Mon 3 rd Jul	Essex Dance - Braunton Academy	Y2
Tue 4 th Jul	Moving up Morning	All
Tue 4 th Jul	Full Governors Meeting	All parents
Thu 6 th Jul	Cricket	Selected Y5 & 6
Fri 7 th Jul	Summer Fair	All
Tue 11 th Jul	PE Gifted and Talented - Bath	Selected Y6
Thu 13 th Jul	Reports to parents	All
Thu 13 th Jul	Music Concert	Selected children
Tue 18 th Jul	Y6 Show 6pm	Year 6 parents/carers
Thu 20 th Jul	Y6 Leavers Party 6pm	Year 6
Fri 21 st Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly 10am	Year 6 parents/carers
<i>Fri 21st Jul</i>	<i>TERM ENDS</i>	<i>All</i>

After School Clubs - Summer Term

Club	Year	Staff Member	Day	Finishes
Home Learning	KS2	Mrs Da Silva	Mon lunchtime	
Dance Club	All	Sue Gallimore	Monday	4pm
Football	4,5,6	Mr Broadbent	Monday	4.15pm
Creative Club	EYFS	Mrs Wilsdon	Monday	
Country Dancing	KS1	Mrs Wilsdon & Miss Wyles	Tuesday	4pm
Tennis	KS2	Mr Corney, Miss Scott & John Griffiths	Tuesday	4.15pm
Cricket	KS2	Matt Cardew	Wednesday	4.15pm
Recorder	4, 5, 6	Mrs Spear	Thur lunchtime	
Rounders	KS2	Mrs Priddis & Miss Love	Thursday	4.15pm
Spanish	3, 4	Miss Thompson	Thursday	4.15pm
Mindfulness	KS2	Hannah Stuart	Thursday	4.15pm
Skiping	KS1	Mrs Matthews & Mrs Reed	Fri lunchtime	
Book Club	2	Mrs Finlay	Fri lunchtime	
Marlins	4,5 & 6	Heather Burke	Friday (4pm)	5pm

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.