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Star of the Week - 3rd Oct 2016

Class AW	Solomon Dunn	Class EL	Avani Rai
Class HS	Layla-Jayne Roberts	Class JT	Sky Purdy
Class BW/NL	Lotti Rebordao-Lehan	Class AP	Tarai Rabosea
Class SB	Eyram Dzoboku	Class NS	Elise Smith
Class AF	Laila Dudley	Class ADS	Henry Jones
Class AVF	Elsa Williams	Class KC	Freya Eastman

Well done everyone!

Parents Guide to Maths Support - Thursday 13th October

Please come along to our meeting on Maths Support for EYFS, Y1 and 2 at 3.30pm on Thursday 13th October.

Y2 & 3 Skills 2 Play - Thursday 13th October

This club will not run due to the Maths meeting. Back to normal on Thursday 20th October. We would be grateful for **donations of any old football boots and shin pads** for the club size 12-2, age 6-8, boys or girls. We will use them when we do tag rugby and football skills in our club after half term.

Red White and Blue Day - Friday 14th October

The Battle of the Somme was one of the bloodiest battles of World War One, with 20,000 British soldiers losing their lives on the first day of the battle. In all, the campaign cost nearly 1,300,000 dead and wounded soldiers on both sides. Fighting began on the 1st July, and continued up until late November that year. It was the largest battle on the Western Front of the war, and there was little to show for all the lives lost on both side, only a few miles gained by the



Allies. Held on **Friday 14th October**, Red, White and Blue Day 2016 will be joining the rest of the UK and remembering the momentous events of 1916 - on land, and at sea - which had a huge impact on the outcome of the war. The three charities that we support on this day are ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The RAF Benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity.

We are asking everyone to come to school dressed in red white and blue and bring a donation for the charities named above.

Devon Air Ambulance

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Superhero dress up day in aid of Devon Air Ambulance. You raised a fantastic **£177.47**.

Parent Governor

We are still inviting nominations for a Parent Governor vacancy. You would be welcomed as a valued member of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting at least once every half term. Together they are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. Please ask the office staff for a letter with more information.

Bulbs

Thank you for the bulbs that have been donated already. We would love to have some more so please please bring them in if you can.

Hometime

Children have been seen climbing trees in the KS1 playground after 3.10pm. Please remember that after this time, children are their parents/carers responsibility and the school cannot take liability if your child should fall and injure themselves.

School Nursing Service

Please see the attached leaflet explaining how the School Nurse works in partnership with us and how she can be contacted by you.

EYFS Open Play Sessions - EYFS September 2017 Starters

We have three dates coming up where parents of new starters for September 2017 can come into school and spend some time in the classes with Miss Scott and Mrs Wilsden. These will be on:

Thursday 10th November 10am

Friday 25th November 1.30pm

Tuesday 6th December 10am

Measles

We have had a message from Devon County Council Education and Families School Communications Service to raise awareness of measles in the South West. In order to minimise the risk of catching measles parents are recommended to check that they and their children have had the scheduled two doses of MMR. If not, you can see your GP and this can be done at any age.

Braunton Book Club - Monday 10th October

Do you love reading? Are you crazy about books? If so go along to the new book club to discover new authors and meet other crazy book lovers. The club will run monthly after the first session and starts at 4pm. It is organised by Sarah Bushell, all are welcome and there is no cost.

Arlington Court Half Term Activities

Celebrating the harvest, 22 & 23 October, 11am-3pm

A magnificent display of crops from the kitchen garden, recipe suggestions, hints for storage and family activities.

Hallowe'en crafts, 24, 25 & 28 October, 12-4pm

Bring your imagination and make some spooky Hallowe'en crafts.

Spooky night walk, 28 October, 5.45pm, 6.30pm, 7.15pm & 8pm

Spooky tales of unusual happenings as you walk through the grounds of Arlington Court; each walk lasts about 45 minutes - Adult £5, Child £3.50

Bring this letter with you during October half term to receive free entry for one child, when an adult ticket is purchased.

Events and Activities

Date	Event/Activity	Class/Year Group
Thu 13 th Oct at 3.30pm	Parents guide to Maths support	EYFS & KS1 Parents
Friday 14 th Oct	Red, White and Blue Day	All
Fri 14 th Oct	World Math Day	All
Tue 18 th Oct	Governors Meeting	Parents
Wed 19 th Oct	Stephens Shield Cross Country	Selected children
Friday 21 st Oct	Harvest Festival	Year 5
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct	HALF TERM	All
Tue 8 th - Wed 9 th Nov	Parent Evenings	All
Thu 10 th Nov	EYFS Open Play Session 10am	EYFS Sept '17 starters
Fri 11 th Nov	Armistice Day - Walk to the Memorial	Year 6
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	All
Tue 15 th Nov	Flu Vaccinations	Y1,2,3
Tue 15 th Nov	Governors Meeting	Parents
Wed 16 th Nov	Tempest Individual Photos	All
Fri 18 th Nov	Children In Need - "Spotacular"	All
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
Tue 6 th Dec	EYFS Open Play Session 10am	EYFS Sept '17 starters
Wed 7 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	All
Wed 7 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner Day	All
Fri 16 th Dec	Queens Theatre Christmas Panto	Year 1 & 2
Fri 16th Dec	TERM ENDS	All

Music Lessons

Singing	Sophie Kerslake	07799 719865	Tuesdays
Guitar	Jess Worth	07720868201	Thursdays
Keyboard & Violin	Rebecca Barrow	07828 601778	Thursdays
Piano	Amanda Oscroft	07926 091831	Thursdays

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
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

If after school clubs are cancelled we will update the website and send an email via parent pay.

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.