



28th September 2018

Message from the Head of School

Well done to the children who had the first fire drill of the year this week, the whole school evacuated and assembled on the playground in just over 1 minute, I was especially impressed by Class 1 as this was their first fire drill with us. Numbers at chess club have grown and we have great players, it is hard work keeping up with the children! The street surfing has been well received and the children are making great progress. Have a lovely weekend.



Celebration of Achievements

Achievement: KS1 Raphi KS2 Rebecca

Behaviour: KS1 Jorja KS2 Cara

Perseverance: KS1 Joseph KS2 Jessica

Stars of the week:

Class 2 James

Class 3 Harvey

Class 4 Grace



School Census Day

Thursday 4th October is School Census Day and we would like to encourage all of our children to have a school dinner on this day. The October School Census is used to determine our allocation of funds for 2018/19 from Devon County Council and school dinner uptake is a major indicator for these funds. If we can encourage as many of our pupils as possible to have a school dinner on this day this will impact our schools financial position and ultimately benefit our pupils. Our school funding is also greatly influenced by the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals. This is a separate funding pot from the Universal Infant Free Meals that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive. Free School Meals (FSM) generate Pupil Premium income which is used to support those families who are eligible, or have been eligible at any time in the past 6 years. Families eligible for FSM can apply on-line through the Devon County Council free school meal website:
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> or by telephone on 0345 1551019. Please consider applying for FSM if you believe you may be entitled as it really does make a difference to our school, thank you.

Phonics in the Early years Parent workshop

Thank you to those Parents who able to attend our Phonics in the Early Years session this week. If you were not able to attend please speak to Mrs Swann about an alternative time. Hand outs from the session will also be given out and uploaded on to our School website, Mrs Swann and Miss Skelley.

New Intake Paperwork

Please can parents of our new Reception intake please return any outstanding forms to the office as a matter of priority, we need this information **before** Census day on **Thursday 4th October**, thank you.

Class 1 Dance Festival

Class 1 have been invited to a Dance Festival at SMCC on Thursday 11th October, letters have gone home this week please return permission slips by **Friday 5th October**.

Wanted

Class 1 would really appreciate donations of any unwanted plastic toy helmets. Thank you, Mrs Swann.

Message from the Office

Outstanding school dinner money letters will be going home on Monday, please could parents pay £2.15 daily or £10.75 weekly in envelopes addressed with dinner money and the child's name, thank you. If anyone would like to purchase any second hand uniform please contact the office.

Reading Help

Class 3 are looking for a regular volunteer reader; ideally on a weekly basis but not necessarily the same day each week. You do not have to be a family member of the class to help - volunteers from other year group families are more than welcome! As this is a regular voluntary role, you would need to have a criminal record check beforehand but the office will be able to help you with this. Please speak to Miss Skelley if you are interested. Thank you.

After School Clubs 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday: KS2 Achieve4All Sports Club
KS2 Chess Club

Thursday: KS2 Running Club

Please note there will be no running club on **Thursday 4th October**.

Environment Club

Miss Skelley welcomed 18 children to our new lunch time club this week. The children had lots of fun bug hunting in the garden and even found a couple of newts. Club will usually run on a Monday lunch time.

Comedy Night 6th October

Come along and have a great night whilst supporting our school. Tickets are £10 and are still available from Laura Knapman on 07968 972913 or laura-knapman@btconnect.com

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

If your child is starting year 6 within their primary school this September, you can apply for their secondary school place online now! The deadline is **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. Applications can be made by using the online system www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned either to school or parents can post directly to the Admissions Team.

Lost Coat

Jacob Woodger has lost his black Mountain Warehouse waterproof coat (size, small adult). Please could you check your child has the correct coat, thank you.

Diary Dates

1st October - Year 5&6 High 5 Netball Tournament at SMCC
6th October - PTA Comedy Night in village hall
11th October - Class 1 Dance Festival at SMCC
22nd-26th Oct - Autumn Half Term
30th October - Individual class photographs in village hall
15th November - Year 3&4 Indoor athletics at SMCC
29th November - Year 5&6 Indoor athletics at SMCC