

# SMUPS News

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## Hello from the Head

It has been a great week in school to finish off the half term and mark the halfway point in the school year. The children have been working hard across the curriculum and making some really good progress. It has been good to talk with lots of children over the last few weeks about the subjects and topics that they have been learning about, what they have enjoyed and the things that they feel they have got better at. It is great to hear the range of different things that they talk about, showing the breadth of the curriculum and the varied learning activities that the children have been undertaking.

On Tuesday afternoon, the year five and six football team played at SMCP and performed really well, going down to a narrow 5-3 loss. The team played very well and showed great determination. As the weather improves and the evenings get lighter, there will be more fixtures in the coming weeks.

On Friday afternoon last week, year one and year six visited South Molton library in their Reading Buddies. It was great to see the children working so well together and sharing their love of books. A huge thank you to South Molton Library for hosting and the parents/carers who helped. Other classes will be visiting after half term in their reading buddies.

We use Accelerated Reader in Key Stage 2 to support the children's reading. So far this year, the children have read 3455 books and 21,290,390 words. Well done on a greater effort.

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

## Collective Worship

This week, we have completed our theme of Compassion. After half term, we will be looking at our school value of Forgiveness and start the build up to Easter.

## Things to Remember

- Please do not park on the school site at normal pick up and drop off times. The safety of the children and pedestrians is paramount. Please park carefully and considerately on the roads near to the school and use the pedestrian path. We only have parking for blue badge holders.
- Swimming is on Tuesdays for Year 2 and Year 5 (ASH and WILLOW class). Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit for Tuesdays.
  - Please make sure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather conditions.
  - Please ensure that your child is completing their home learning each week.



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## CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Each week, we celebrate brilliant learning in our celebration assembly.

We give out certificates for Resilience, Resourcefulness,  
Relationships, Risk and Reflectiveness as these are our  
Building Learning Powers.

ACORNS: Talyia, George & Annabelle

OAK: Brilliant & Lottie

ASH: Emmett, Cohen & Elijah

PINE: Poppy & Steve

BEECH: Henley & Georgie

HOLLY: Willow & Curtis

WILLOW: Eliza H & Amira

ELM: Joe R & Edward

Well done to Elsa, Oliver L, Dylan L and Abbie for earning their 100,000 words certificate on Accelerated Reader

Well done to Archie G, Eliza F, Ella W and Hollie P for earning their 250,000 words certificates on Accelerated Reader.

Well done to Ben for earning his 500,000 word certificate.

Well done to Wilf in year 6 for reading over 3 million words so far this year.

Well done to Steve, Ethan M, Maylah, Isabelle S, William H, Isaac J, Greg, Curtis, Daisy, Heidi, Eliza F, Ben, Joe R, and William W for being this weeks TTRS winners.

## Dates for your diaries

Friday 9th February: Last Day of Half Term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February: HALF TERM

Monday 19th February: Beech and Oak visiting Eastleigh 1:30-2:15pm

Monday 11th March: Holly and Pine visiting Eastleigh 1:30-2:15pm

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: 3:15-5:30PM

Thursday 14th March: PARENT CONSULTATIONS: 3:15-5:30PM

Thursday 28th March: Last Day of Term and Year 6 and Reception Weigh and Measure

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April: EASTER HOLIDAYS



# SMUPS PTFA NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2024



Dear Families,

As we begin the school year, we are thrilled to welcome you to our PTFA community. Your involvement makes a significant impact on our school, and together, we can achieve great things. We look forward to collaborating with you on exciting events to raise money that benefit our children at SMUPS.

From Sam (Chair), Claire (Treasurer) and Hannah (secretary)

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

World book day  
7th March

Wonka bars on sale during the week. Find a golden ticket and you will win a £5 The Works voucher.

We will also be having a cinema night, afterschool, showing Charlie and the chocolate factory £5 per family admission, including popcorn and a drink (more info to follow)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2024:

w/c 4th March: Mother's day shop  
after school

5th March: Global recycling day event

22nd March: Easter Bingo at the  
school

27th March: Free Easter egg hunt in  
school time

Mark your calendars and join us for  
these upcoming events. Stay tuned  
for more details!

### DIFFERENCE MADE

Your donations have so far booked next years school panto; Year 6 leavers events and gifts and put money towards school trips for the year.

Future plans are to support the school to improve the outdoor learning space, some exciting things to come!!!

### STAY CONNECTED

Join our social media channels to stay updated on news, events, and school activities:

– Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SMUPS.devon.sch.uk>

– Email: [smupsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:smupsptfa@gmail.com)







# Family Yoga





# iPADS

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also expensive than other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being younger ones.

Like most digital devices, the potential to quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the screen time settings and you limit how long they're spend on the device each

Even if it would occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

Parental controls built into the fundamental operating system of Apple devices enable you to block access to age-inappropriate content your child could potentially still bypass restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle Siri's functions to 'off' in the settings menu.

## Advice

## Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for of their gaming or viewing time.

To empower your child with an increased of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy a game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've Family Sharing.

### SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. You enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option has been stolen.

