

# SMUPS News

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## Hello from the Head

It has been lovely to have some dry, spring like weather this week and the children have enjoyed going up onto the field at lunchtimes towards the end of the week. It has been another really positive week in school with some brilliant learning taking place. On Tuesday, Oak class visited Barnstaple Museum and Rock Park. They had a super time and were a credit to the school. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day—it was great to see the range of costumes that the children dressed up in and the theme of bedtime stories was a definite winner. Thanks to everyone who submitted an amazing “Extreme Reading” entry—they were fabulous and a real challenge to judge. We had our own Masked Reader competition in school.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their hard work with the Wonka Bars, the Mother’s day gift shop and all they do for the school.

Since September, the school has been working in partnership with Ventrus MAT and the staff have benefited from professional development opportunities and the chance to work with other local schools on school improvement.

Just a reminder that next week is parent consultations on Monday and Thursday after school. Next Friday is Comic Relief, please come dressed in red on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Collective Worship

On Monday we looked at the protected characteristic of age. We have also been focusing on World Book Day.

## 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: Charlie P & Charlie J

OAK: Finley & Oliver

ASH: Amelia & Ava

PINE: Lilly, Alfie G & Joe

BEECH: Mila & Darcey

HOLLY: Sophie & Jacob

WILLOW: William & Summer

ELM: Xavier, Lily & Jimmy

Well done to Harry B for earning his 100,000 words certificate on Accelerated Reader

Well done to Daisy for earning her 250,000 words certificates on Accelerated Reader.

Well done to Steve, Freddy, Nora, Mila, William H, Isaac, Greg, Eliza F, Ben, Heidi, Cobo, Joe R, Isaac and Isabella  
for being this weeks TTRS winners.

Well done to Daniel, William, Ruby W and Elyssia for being this weeks Numbots winners.

## Dates for your diaries

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

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day: Wear Red

Wednesday 27th March – PM PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 26th March—Year 5 and 6 trip to Exmoor

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

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



**13+**

## CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

## Advice

My Places lets users check in and search for popular spots nearby – such as restaurants, parks or shopping centres – and recommend them to their friends. The potential issue with a young person consistently checking in to locations on Snapchat is that it allows other in their friends list (even people they have only met online) to where they currently are and they regularly go.

If a stranger does your child on Snapchat and begins to them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending explicit images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and choose report or block. There are options to they are reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading for example).



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# EASTER BINGO

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH  
7PM

SOUTH MOLTON C OF E  
EXETER ROAD, SOUTH MOLTON,  
EX364EN

CHILDREN WELCOME

Refreshments will be  
available, please bring your  
own alcohol



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