

SMUPS Newsletter 5/6/26

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Friday 22nd May



 **Hello from Mrs Harvey**

Happy Friday all SMUPS families,

It has been a brilliant first week back of our last half term this academic year. It is jam packed with trips, events and all important transition. Year Four have been wowing us with their times tables this week in the Multiplication Times Tables Check and Year One will knock our socks off with their Phonics Screen next week.

I am sure you will join us in sharing our huge congratulations with Miss Willis and family for the safe and healthy arrival of her baby daughter Lainey-Mae on Friday 22nd May, weighing

7lbs. We are very much looking forward to seeing both soon for a cuddle. Our SMUPS next generation brood continues to grow!

I have had the pleasure of reading through all children's reports over the past few weeks which Teachers have been busy writing, it has been fantastic to note how much they have matured and developed throughout this year. Reports will be winging their way to you in a few weeks for your reading pleasure. We are using a new format so let us know what you think. Please note the times and dates for the parents forums this month. It is important that you are included in plans for the school's future and continual improvement and that we hear your voices.

We have sent out forms today for all parents who have children starting in Reception and Nursery next academic year. Please complete these by next Friday 12th June. Our plans for Cherry Tree Nursery @ SMUPS are afoot!

With all our very best,

Kate Harvey





Acorns



Acorns have had a super first week back! I have been so impressed with their resilience and positive attitudes to learning.

Everyone has been working so hard at our writing, particularly with their letter formation and handwriting. We have loved singing along to our drawing club story 'the Gingerbread Man' and we have produced the most beautiful drawings. Acorns have also been working super hard in maths, identifying 2D and 3D shapes!

We have also really enjoyed getting stuck in to our new topic - the sea beneath my toes! We have kicked this off by learning about our planet Earth and where we live on Earth. This will build to comparing South Molton to Westward Ho! after our exciting trip to the seaside. I have been very impressed with how well Acorns are progressing and how kind and considerate everyone has become.

Well done Acorns!

Oak



Oak Class has made an excellent start to Summer term 2, engaging enthusiastically in their learning. Maths has been a real highlight, we have been developing understanding of grouping and sharing through practical, hands on activities using objects.

We have also made a great start to our geography unit, we have explored farm production with a focus on dairy farming, with lots of thoughtful discussions about where food comes from. Oak members with farming backgrounds shared their own experiences of life on family farms, enriching the topic for everyone.

Ash



What a great start back to Summer 2!

The children have come back with fantastic learning attitudes and ready to finish the year on a high.

We are continuing our Time unit in Maths and they have been superstars with showing their time telling skills. Please continue to also practice their times tables at home via Numbots :) We have begun our new English learning with The Big Book of Blue and the children were fantastic at researching their own sea creatures. This links really well with our new Geography topic, Coasts, and there will be letter come out to you all about our trip which is happening soon.

Please ensure you keep reading with your children at home, it makes such a difference to all of their learning.

Mrs Dennis

Pine



Pine Class have come back after a sunny week off feeling refreshed and ready to learn!

This week, we have been focusing on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and to the minute. This has been quite a challenging skill to learn, but the children have shown great resilience and determination to succeed. To support their learning, it would be extremely helpful if you could continue practising telling the time on an analogue clock at home. This is an important life skill that all children need to develop and understand.

We have also enjoyed a week filled with flowers! In Science, we are investigating how the stem transports water to different parts of a plant by placing flowers in coloured water and observing the changes. The children have loved watching the experiment unfold.

In Geography, we completed our learning on coastal processes by exploring wave erosion and its impact on the pebble ridge at WWH. The children were incredibly enthusiastic when studying maps from the last 100 years and were fascinated to see how the ridge has gradually receded over time.

Well done, Pine Class, for another fantastic week of learning!

Beech



The children in Beech Class have been awesome this week. They have been working hard towards their Year Four multiplication check for a while now and absolutely nailed it on Wednesday. I could see how hard they pushed themselves and also the relief when it was completed.

Beech Class are rising to the challenges set daily and at a recent writing moderation, with other schools, I was proud to share examples of their work. I had some wonderful comments regarding the children's handwriting in particular. A message which I passed onto the children today as they do work extremely hard on their presentation skills. A huge Well done to all the children.

Willow



1 - Willow Class has been really amazing this week. We have covered a lot of Maths content and started our new writing unit (Ancient Egyptian Narrative.) The effort and focus has been excellent. We are writing up some historical fiction - for our next teacher - so they can see all our beautiful writing skills. We have used the information we learnt about Ancient Egypt to feed in real historical to our fictional adventure.

Holly



Holly Class have had another busy and successful week. The children have been working incredibly hard on their writing, exploring and describing the characters in our class book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. In Geography, we have developed our map skills and the children can now confidently explain what contour lines show. We have also enjoyed lots of French lessons, and it has been wonderful to see the class growing in confidence and enthusiastically having a go at pronouncing new words. Some members of the class

attended their first swimming session this week, which was a great success, while others spent time with the other Year 6 class preparing sculptures for our exciting art project. As ever, I am extremely proud of the maturity, resilience and positive attitude that Holly Class demonstrate every day.

Elm



2 - Elm class have had a busy first week back in school. We have been learning about how fossils are made, used modroc to wrap our sculptures and learned about leading causes of mortality in the industrial revolution. The children were horrified that young children were used to work under the looms in mills and down mines! The children have enjoyed playing cricket as well as learning to use 'tinkercad' to create digital models- the children can also use this at home. Please don't forget any baby photos and look out for the invitations to the forthcoming Leavers' Part organised by the PTFA. We look forward to a super last half term of primary school!

 Stars of the Week/s



Acorns: Olivia & Seb

Oak: Finley & Ada

Ash: Aaron & Dylan

Pine: Daniel & Ruby

Beech: Zander & Sofia

Willow: Evie &

Elm: Cash and Caleb

Holly: Rosie & Isabelle

Collective Worship



Our new value this half term is **thankfulness** and there is certainly much to be thankful for. We learnt about how two teenage sisters are turning destruction into hope by recycling materials into bricks to begin to rebuild Gaza. We thought about the quote from Martin Luther King who said that '**it is in the darkest skies that we see the stars**' and how even through the most difficult times hope anchors us and there is always something to be thankful for.

Attendance



Acorns: 93.6%

Oak: 93.33 %

Ash: 95.02%

Pine: 97.78%

Beech: 91.82%

Willow: 98.92%

Holly: 94.87%

Elm: 96.28%

Attendance %	Missed Days	Missed Weeks	Days Missed Over 5 years	Weeks Missed Over 5 years	Annually	Hours of Learning Missed (approx.)	Impact over 5 years
100%	0	0	0		Excellent	0	None
99%	1.9	0.38	9.5	1.9	Very Good	9.5	
98%	3.8	0.76	19	3.8	Very Good	19	
97%	5.7	1.14	28.5	5.7	Very Good	28.5	
96%	7.6	1.52	38	7.6	Good	38	
95%	9.5	1.9	47.5	9.5	National Average	47.5	Quarter Year missed
94%	11.4	2.28	57	11.4	Below National Average	57	
93%	13.3	2.66	66.5	13.3	Below National Average	66.5	Approximately third year missed
92%	15.2	3.04	76	15.2	Requires Improvement	76	
91%	17.1	3.42	85.5	17.1	Requires improvement/worrying	85.5	
90%	19	3.8	95	19	Cause for concern	95	Half Year missed
89%	20.9	4.18	104.5	20.9	Serious concern	104.5	
85%	28.5	5.7	142.5	28.5	Major issue	142.5	
80%	38	7.6	190	38	Significant impact on outcomes	190	Whole Year missed
75%	47.5	9.5	237	47.5	Significant impact on outcomes	237.5	1 ¼ year missed



- Family hub support drop in dates: every 2nd Tuesday of the month in term time only 9:15 - 10:30am: 9/6 and 14/7
- Whole School Photo: Thursday 11th June
- Year Five Open Day SMCC Thursday 18th June 9:15am-2:30pm (please book your child on via the QR code)
- Friday 19th June: Reports sent home
- Tuesday 23rd June (8:30-9:30am) and Thursday 25th June (5:00-6:00pm): Parent forums
- Tuesday 23rd June: Jammy Dodger Football Tournament
- Wednesday 1st July: Whole school Transition Day
- Wednesday 1st July/Thursday 2nd July: Year Six to SMCC
- Wednesday 18th June: Year Six Leavers 6pm until 8:30pm
- Wednesday 15th July: PTFA SMUPS Summer Festival
- Monday 20th July: Last day of term

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