

SMUPS News

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Hello from the Head!

It has been really encouraging to see the progress the children are making with their learning now they have been back at school for a month. The time has flown by really quickly. Looking at examples of children's English books from this year so far, show that they have been working really hard on their writing skills and have produced some very encouraging written work.

There has been some really exciting science work this week in some classes. Year 3 have been experimenting with circuits in their science work on electricity and year 6 have been investigating shadows and making scientific predictions and conclusions in their work on light.

Year 2 have produced some wonderful watercolour art work of their dragons and are writing descriptions to accompany their paintings. Year 1 have been busy learning about where we will live in their geography and have been learning lots of new vocabulary in their lessons.

Children in reception have been working on their balance, climbing and jumping skills in their P.E. sessions in the hall. They have been making good use of the equipment and developing their confidence on different equipment.

A huge thank you for all the generous donations of foodstuffs for the South Molton Food Bank for our Harvest Collection. If you haven't already donated and are able to do so, please bring in tinned/dried foods on Monday as we will be taking our donations to the Food Bank next week.

In the next week or so, we will be sending home a brief overview of your child's progress, attainment and next steps. This will be like a short report to provide you with an update of how your child is doing. We will be trying to run "virtual" parent consultations via Microsoft Teams or Zoom later in November.

We hope you have a good weekend, despite the poor weather.

Collective Worship

We are thinking about our school value of Thankfulness as we enter the season of Harvest Festival.

Things to Remember

- Please bring in a **full water bottle** each day. The children should only have **water**.
- Please **DO NOT** use the school car park to drop off or pick up your child/ren.
- Please ensure all **school photo orders** are returned by **Tuesday 6th October**
- If **contact details have changed**, please let the office know via email or a telephone call so we can update records.
 - If your child is interested in having **Drum lessons** in school, please email the office for a letter
- Children in KS2 can **quiz at home on Accelerated Reader**. Class teachers have sent home usernames and passwords. The website is <https://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/1981254/>
- **After School and Breakfast Club** need to be booked **ONLINE** at least **48 hours in advance**. We are limiting numbers to 22 children. If you have any problems, please email the office.
- Parents can now **download 'School News' app** for term dates, changes to timetables and news straight to their phone. An email with instructions was sent out or you can visit the website news page for instructions.

Certificates and Awards

We had our certificate assembly of the school year today. Well done to our winners.

Acorns: Ryder and Jessica

Ash: Frankie and Bella

Pine: Sophia P and Cash

Oak: Daniel and William .A

Elm: Edison and Scarlett

Apple: Paige

Willow: Ruby C and Phoebe

Beech: Summer and Harry C

Holly: Connor and Freya



We have been planning for the event of pupil absence/isolation or year group isolation and will work on a tiered system.

Tiers for Remote/Home Learning

We will have a tiered approach to remote/home learning to reflect the numbers of children absent from school and the length of time they are absent.

Tier One: Child is ill. If a child is ill, then we will not set work as a matter of course as they should be resting to get better. They can access home learning on National Programmes, the school's YouTube channel and our online programmes such as Accelerated Maths and TT Rockstars. However, there is no expectation that they will need to complete work.

Tier Two: If your child needs to self isolate (awaiting a test result) for the first two days - the children can access work sent home via email and also the links to relevant work on Oak National Academy, White Rose Home Learning as well as their half termly project work.

Tier Three: If your child needs to self isolate beyond the first 2 days - we will deliver a pack of work, send via email links to relevant work on Oak National Academy, White Rose Home Learning and other work which children in class are completing. The children will also be expected to work on their half termly project and use the YouTube videos to help with their maths and phonics. A member of the class staff (teacher/TA) will telephone three times a week for 10 minutes to check in and help with any questions.

Tier Four: The whole class/bubble needs to self isolate - this includes the teacher and staff. In this event, work will be set and we will offer "live" and recorded remote teaching via Microsoft Teams so that the children will have lessons which follow the teaching sequence. We will also aim to deliver packs of work to each house, if this is possible. We will offer lessons in the core subjects for approximately 3 hours of the day. There will also be twice weekly 30 minute small group feedback session via Teams.

Over the next couple of weeks we will send out further details of this and links. The staff are due to have further training on Microsoft Teams and we hope to set all the children up so that they can access this platform.

Well done to Ruby for her beautiful drawing
during art class

