

# SMUPS News

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## Hello from the Head!

As we get ready for the last week of the first half term, it has been really good to review the learning and work that the children have done so far this school year. We are really delighted with the positive attitude, enthusiasm and hard work that the children have put in this year and it has been lovely to see their friendships grow and be renewed. Hopefully, you found the progress updates useful. We are hoping to offer a **Virtual parent consultation** later on in November and will send out details of these shortly after half term.

After half term we will be reverting back to a more normal school meal offering and will be having the hot dinners eating in the hall. The new menu is attached and as you can see, there will be more choice and a greater variety.

Children in **years 5 and 6** will hopefully have come home today with some information from **South Molton Community College**. They are not able to run their normal open days, but are offering some virtual open days via their website.

For parents in year 6, if you haven't already, please make sure you **complete the application for secondary school** as the deadline is **31st October**. Applications can be made by using the online at Devon County Council [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) or by contacting the education helpline on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form.

A huge thank you for the very generous donations of Harvest Gifts. We will be taking these up to the Food Bank next week so that they can be distributed to those in need.

## Collective Worship

We looked at the Parable of the Talents this week and thought about how we can show our thankfulness by making best use of our talents and gifts.

## Things to Remember

- Please bring in a **full water bottle each day**. The children should only have water.
- Please **do not park on the school site at pick up and drop off times**.
- If **contact details have changed**, please let the office know via email or a telephone call so we can update records.
- 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 at least **48 hours in advance**. We are limiting numbers to 22 children. Please use School Gateway. If you have any problems, please email. **After School Club finishes at 5pm**.
- 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.
- **PLEASE NOTE: FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER AND MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER ARE NON-PUPIL DAYS**



# Certificates and Awards

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

Acorns: Parker and Brody

Ash: Oliver

Pine: William and Jack

Oak: Freya and Hallie

Elm: Wilf and Zion

Apple: Harry

Willow: Charlie. V. and Tiegán

Beech: Faith and Mckenzie

Holly: Ryan and JR



Reception Class trip  
to visit people who  
help us

