

# SMUPS News

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## Hello from the Head!

It has been a challenging couple of weeks in school with Covid-19 making itself felt in the local and school community as well as other illnesses. Thankfully, those children and staff who have been affected by it seem to have had mild cases. A separate email will come out to parents to update on the situation within school at this point in time, but case rates in North Devon are very high so please take care to protect yourselves and others.

It has been really enjoyable to be a **reception** class teacher over the last 10 days and great to get to know the children more. I have been so impressed by their manners, teamwork and great attitude to learning.

We have been finishing off our work on the Gruffalo and autumn and beginning to learn about the nativity story.

Around the school, the children have been continuing with their learning and it has been great to see some fantastic work being produced. **Year One** have been continuing their history work, learning about life in the 1960's and got to see some amazing toys from that time.

With the covid situation in school and the community, we have had to reassess our plans for Christmas events. We will update parents/carers in the next week about the finalised plans for these. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are mindful of people wanting a family Christmas this year so want to make sure any events are as safe as possible.

Have a lovely restful weekend.

## Collective Worship

Next week we will begin our preparations for Christmas in Collective Worship by looking at Advent and the significance of this time.

## Things to Remember

- Please ensure all lunch and club payments are made **IN ADVANCE** and accounts are kept clear.
- Please do not drive up to drop off or collect your child at normal pick up and drop off times as we have large numbers of people walking on site. Please only use the car park if you are a blue badge holder. **The disabled parking spaces are for blue badge holders only.** If you need to drive, please park safely and considerately on the roads around school. **Please do not park at the junctions of roads.**
- A reminder that we are a **nut free school** as we have a number of children in school with nut allergies.
- Please **do not bring dogs** onto the school site. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.
- Regarding **stomach bugs/sickness**: School policy is for children to stay off school for **48 hours** after the last episode.



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## Certificates of the week!

Acorns: Florence and Tristan

Oak: Charlie. S and Joe

Ash: Avah

Pine: Oscar. H

Beech: Max and Aimee

Apple: Kodi and Abbie

Willow: Jimmy & Joseph

Elm: Jayden and Charlotte

Holly: Amelia

Well done to all our certificate winners this week.

### School Crossing Patrol

Please note that at present we are not able to staff the crossing patrol in the afternoons so please take extra care when crossing the road after school.

### Bikeability

Children who have returned their forms will have their Bikeability level 2 sessions over the next two weeks. An email has gone out to those children about which days they are scheduled to have their training on.

### NEW MENU TASTING

On Friday 10th December, Dart Fresh (our new catering providers) will be in school to do a tasting session of items on the new menu for the children. There will also be a chance for parents/Carers to taste the food at pick up times. Details will follow.



## Job Vacancies

### **Kitchen Assistant**

**£9.25 per hour, 16 hours per week (term time only)**

**Closing date noon 29/11/2021**

An opportunity has arisen for an experienced Kitchen Assistant to work within the kitchen at our school.

We are looking for a talented individual, who has great cooking skills and a passion for preparing fresh food from scratch. Duties will include the day-to-day preparation of meals to a high standard and within budget along with maintaining a hygienic kitchen. Alongside this you will be promoting the service to attract the maximum number of children and positively encouraging healthy food choices. The ability to work with children is essential as the role will also include cooking with the children and teaching them the basics of food preparation. On occasions it will be necessary to cover for the Kitchen Manager when this arises pay will be altered to take into account this extra responsibility.

Ideally you should have knowledge and experience within a catering environment. Training in the school environment will be given. The candidate must be flexible, reliable and have ideas on how to best promote the school's mealtime experience.

The job description and application form can be found on our website's vacancy page. The supporting statement element of the form should identify your suitability for the post. Completed applications should be emailed to [admin@smups.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@smups.devon.sch.uk)

This is a part-time, permanent position working 16 hours per week, 38 weeks per year starting in January 2022. These hours will be worked Monday to Friday 10 am - 1.15 pm but will require some flexibility to meet the needs of the school.

A DBS disclosure is required for this post.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Written references will be taken up before candidates are invited to interview.

### **Clerk to Governors**

**£10.41 - £11.50 per hour depending on Experience, 6 hours per week term time (38 weeks per year).**

South Molton United Church of England Primary School Governing Body invites applications for a Clerk to the Governors. The governing body is effective and contributes fully to the school's success.

The Clerk will be accountable to the governing body, working effectively with them, the chair of governors and head teacher.

The Clerk's main role is to provide professional clerking services to the governing body and its committees. You will:

- Be able to take accurate minutes from your own notes to then produce well presented minutes for distribution and reference.
- Collate and distribute agendas and associated paperwork in advance of meetings and prompt committee members and school staff on when items need reviewing.
- Be available to take minutes at all meetings throughout the year, approx 12 meetings a year. Timings of meetings varies, some will take place within the day and others in the evenings.
- Be responsible for updating and circulating policies and find out information for the Governing body on various issues.
- Attend relevant training events organised by the Local Authority and Governor Services.
- Support the induction of new governors and guide the Governing Body on procedural matters

Experience is desirable but not essential as training will be provided. Candidates should have sound administration experience and be competent in the use of ICT, email and internet and have access to a computer.

This post is home based but will require an ability and willingness to visit the school regularly to deal with admin tasks in addition to attending meetings. Currently most of the meetings are done via Teams or Zoom. You should have an interest in education, be tactful and able to deal with matters confidentially. You should be reliable and flexible.

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**For more details of both positions, please contact Mr K O'Donnell, Head Teacher or Hannah Cumings, School Business Manager  
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# "Wordy Week"



If elephants ruled  
the world, what  
changes would we  
see?

"In my opinion..."  
"I disagree/agree....because"

**Did you know...**

An elephants trunk can contain up to 8 litres of water. They use it to suck up water and as a snorkel.

