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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The summer holidays already feel like a distant memory, and it has been lovely to see everyone settling back into school life. The children have made a fantastic start to the year, getting used to new classes, teachers, teaching assistants and friends. We are very proud of the positive attitude and effort they have shown during their first few days.

Welcome Meetings

Our Welcome Meetings are a great opportunity to meet your child's Teacher and Teaching Assistant, see the classroom and ask any general questions. All meetings start at **9.15 a.m.**

- **EYFS:** Monday 21st September
- **Year 1:** Tuesday 22nd September
- **Year 2:** Wednesday 23rd September
- **Year 3:** Thursday 24th September
- **Year 4:** Friday 25th September
- **Year 5:** Tuesday 22nd September
- **Year 6:** Wednesday 23rd September

Please note that these sessions will last approximately 30 minutes. If you would like to discuss anything in more detail, please arrange a separate meeting with the class Teacher via our School Office

Parent Coffee Morning

We are always keen to hear from our families and work together to make Southmead the best it can be. Please join us for an informal **Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 16th September at 9.00 a.m.** There will be coffee, conversation and an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas with me.

As a school community, we value kindness and respect in all communication.

Staff aim to respond to emails within 2 working days, as they are prioritising supporting pupils throughout the day.

Thank you for your understanding.



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www.southmead.devon.sch.uk/documents-and-policies/*



Attendance

Attendance remains a key focus for schools nationally and is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and friendships. If your child is absent, please let us know as early as possible by emailing absence@southmead.devon.sch.uk or calling **01271 812448**. We understand that children do become unwell and we are committed to working with families to support good attendance wherever possible.

Clubs

Thank you for completing our online form regarding Clubs. The information is being finalised and we will be in touch, by Monday, to let you know start dates.

Around School

Over the summer, we have continued to improve our school environment. Work has included:

- installation of new water pipes.
- upgrades to gym equipment.
- improvements to our internet infrastructure.
- further development of our grounds and Forest School.
- the start of our window replacement project, which will continue during October half-term.

Curriculum Highlights

Pre-School

Getting to know each other, learning routines and boundaries, meeting key adults and exploring the learning environment.

EYFS

Learning about our classroom, meeting new friends and drawing self-portraits.

Year 1

Creating self-portraits inspired by Picasso, careful counting to 10 and learning new phonics digraphs.

Year 2

Exploring our inner superheroes through resilience, becoming explorers and creating birthday cards.

Year 3

Learning about each other in English, studying the Stone Age in History and partitioning numbers to 100 in Maths.

Year 4

Investigating Ancient Egypt and the pyramids, using number lines in Maths and developing sentence writing skills in English.

Year 5

Exploring Roman numerals through Maths games, practising punctuation in English, reading poems and riddles and investigating suitable materials for kitchen equipment in Science.

Year 6

Using problem-solving skills through a Cluedo Maths challenge, writing about chocolate in English and beginning their World War II History topic.

School Dinners Next Week

- **Monday:** Pesto Chicken Pasta Bake / Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake
- **Tuesday:** Chicken Katsu Curry / Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry
- **Wednesday:** Roast Turkey / Lentil and Cheddar Tart
- **Thursday:** Homemade Margherita Pizza
- **Friday:** Salmon Fish Fingers / Vegetable Quesadilla

Jacket potatoes, rolls with cheese, beans or tuna and chicken wraps are available daily. We are also now offering homemade soup Monday to Thursday. Next week is Tomato and Red Pepper.

If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements that school has not been informed about, please contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another happy and successful year together.

Best wishes,

Mr Nick Plumb

Headteacher