

# Weekly News

9<sup>th</sup> January 2020



## Dates and key information

### School Meals

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January - **PINK**  
Juniors ~ £2.30 Infants ~ free

### January

- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - Brumble Bees in session  
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- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Rock & Rapids
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fitness Club - 3.30-4.15pm
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - Brumble Bees in session
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> - Brumble Bees in session
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> - Infants Forest School Group 1
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> - Junior Forest School Group 1
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> - Board Games Club 3.30-4.15pm
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Brumble Bees in session
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Mr Godwin visiting Year 6
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Choir Club 3.30-4.15pm  
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- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Rock & Rapids
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Fitness Club - 3.30-4.15pm
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> - Brumble Bees in session
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> - Brumble Bees in session
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> - Infants Forest School Group 2
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> - Junior Forest School Group 2
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> - Board Games Club 3.15-4.30pm
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> - High Five Netball SMCC YR 5/6

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and I wish you a very Happy New Year. A new year, a new term and many new and exciting learning opportunities for the children. At the end of last term the teaching staff spent time with colleagues from Umberleigh Academy to plan this term's topic which is called 'Farm to Fork'. A curriculum letter for each class will follow next week with more detail about the children's learning for this term.



I'm sure you'll agree that this time of year is the ideal opportunity to develop new 'good' habits'. I would therefore like your co-operation in helping the school day get off to a positive start by dropping your children off quickly or allowing them to come into the Junior class on their own. Doing this will undoubtedly help develop each individual's resilience and independence; it's very important that they learn to organise themselves and settle quickly to their learning. Thank you.

Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Mr Godwin, Head of year 7 at South Molton Community College will be meeting the year 6 children who will be moving on to SMCC in September. Mr Godwin will talk to the children during the afternoon and answer any questions they may have about the transition to secondary school.



SOUTH MOLTON  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SUPPORTING SUCCESS

Best Wishes

Miss Corrinne Smith

The children fully embraced the challenge of Rock Climbing, they had their first session at Rock and Rapids on Monday and we are looking forward to seeing their progress over the next five weeks!



### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

After school clubs will start again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Beattie will run a Fitness Club, Miss Sheppard will run a Board Games Club and Mrs Brayley will run a Choir Club. All clubs will run from 3.30pm - 4.15pm. Please fill in the slip attached to this newsletter and return to the office ASAP to ensure your child's place.

Monday	Mrs Beattie	Fitness Club
Wednesday	Miss Sheppard	Board Games Club
Friday	Mrs Brayley	Choir Club

### **FOREST SCHOOL**

The Forest schools date list for this term was at the end of the last newsletter of last term. If you would like a paper copy please see Sally in the office. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for these sessions, i.e. warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies.



### **BREAKTIME SNACKS**

May we please request that the children do not bring chocolate bars in for a Breaktime snack. We have fruit available everyday or alternatively if your child wishes to bring their own choice of fruit or something along the lines of an Alpen Bar or Brunch Bar they may do so.



### **YEAR 5 LONDON RESIDENTIAL**

A reminder that the full balance for the London Residential is due by the 24<sup>th</sup> January, this can be paid via Parentpay or by cash or cheque (made payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust) to the office.



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-  
**James d - 11<sup>th</sup> January**

## Have you thought about becoming a registered Childminder?

**Come along to one of our free information sessions to find out  
more:**

**Wed 15 January 2020 – Amory Centre, South Molton (10.30am – 11.30am)**

**Wed 15 January 2020 – Ilfracombe Children’s Centre (1.30pm – 2.30pm)**

To express your interest in attending, please contact the Early Years Team:  
[eycs@devon.gov.uk](mailto:eycs@devon.gov.uk)

**You’ve decided childminding is for you, what next?**

### **Preparing to be a childminder course:**

This 2-day course covers all the training requirements to prepare you for Ofsted registration. The course costs £50.

#### **Course dates:**

- **5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (9.30am – 4.30pm) – Barnstaple**

To book a place please contact the Early Years Team: [eycs@devon.gov.uk](mailto:eycs@devon.gov.uk). We will then be able to create a training account for you and will let you know how you can book and pay for a place on the course.

*We also run this training as eLearning (£50)*

*\* You must also attend a Paediatric First Aid course (£65) and a Safeguarding Awareness course (fully funded). Dates are available from the DEL training website. If you already hold a current Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding Awareness certificate you do not need to undertake this training again.*

**Devon needs more  
childminders**

[devon.cc/eyjobs](http://devon.cc/eyjobs)





## **VACANCY**

**Required as soon as possible**

**Foundation Stage Unit post**

School: **Witheridge Academy**

Status: Temporary maternity cover

Hours: 15.5 per week with the opportunity to work additional hours.

Weeks: 38 per annum

Closing date: noon 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Interview date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

For more information about the above vacancy, please check our website [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) or the Devon Jobs website [www.devonjobs.gov.uk](http://www.devonjobs.gov.uk)

We welcome visits to the school so to arrange this, please email [admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk)

Caroline Tucker  
Trust HR Manager

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Christmas Community Lunch

The next Community Lunch will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 12.15pm. Please call the school office on 01598 710345 to book your place by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The cost is £5 per adult.



**SMART**  
**South Molton's**  
**Music centre**

We're back on Thursday's  
from 16th January

Instrumental and  
vocal lessons for  
children KS2  
onwards. Only £20  
per term for 10 x 90  
minute sessions.

SMART  
Sing

SMART  
Play

South Molton  
United C of E  
Primary School  
4.30pm to 6pm

Contact [csms2s@outlook.com](mailto:csms2s@outlook.com) for  
more information

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devon  
music  
education  
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The poster features a red and blue background with a diagonal split. It includes three circular icons: a person singing into a microphone, a school building with musical notes, and a person playing a piano. The text is in white and blue, with the school name and contact information clearly visible.

*Any articles which appear in the school newsletter that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.*



### Letters sent home this week

Proms Concert - Whole school  
Exmoor Challenge - Year 6

## Calendar

Please look out for further details of the following events which have been scheduled for this Autumn term. These dates are an indication of what is to come, but may be subject to change as the term progresses and the need arises.

### 2020

6<sup>th</sup> Jan - First Day of Spring Term

17<sup>th</sup> Jan - Mr Godwin (SMCC) visiting the Year 6's

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan - High Five Netball Year 5/6

24<sup>th</sup> Jan - London Residential balance due

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan - Community Lunch**

4<sup>th</sup> Feb - London Residential Year 5

6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Orienteering SMCC Year 3/4

**17<sup>th</sup> Feb - HALF TERM**

18<sup>th</sup> Mar - Proms Concert Queens Theatre

**These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes**

## Spring Term

<b>First day back</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Summer Term

<b>First day back</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>st</sup> May 2020
<b>Last day of term</b>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020

**\*Please note date changes in the Summer Term\***

### Booking for Breakfast Club

I wish to book my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ into Breakfast Club from 7.45am for the week commencing - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

(please tick)

I enclose £4 per day per child, total £\_\_\_\_\_ Please make cheques payable to TEAM Multi Academy Trust.

I have paid via ParentPay

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please return by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December).

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### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please complete the slip below, entering your child(rens) name against which club they would like to take part in and return to the office ASAP.

DAY	LEADER	CLUB	CHILD(RENS) NAME
Monday	Mrs Beattie	Fitness	
Wednesday	Miss Sheppard	Board Games	
Friday	Mrs Brayley	Choir	