

UPDATE



WB: Monday 16th September 2013

News and Current Events

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We would like to encourage anybody that may be eligible for free school meals to apply as soon as possible. Even if your child does not want a school dinner every day, extra funding is paid to the school to spend directly on eligible children. Applications can be made on-line at (http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/learningschools/parents/financial_support/free_school_meals.htm) or a paper form can be obtained from the office. Current benefits for eligibility are -

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit **without** Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Free school meals for all Infant children (as announced this week by Nick Clegg) will not come into force for some time yet, so it is still definitely worth applying if you think you are eligible!

ON-LINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible to pay for items such as football club, uniform etc. on-line. If you have any queries about the system please contact the office.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who sent in their parental survey at the end of term. We are analysing the data and will publish the results over the coming weeks.

We will continue to use the text messaging service for those who are able to receive them. We will shortly be sending home data sheets for checking the information we hold about your child(ren) - please make sure you let us know all your updated details.

ATTENDANCE

The government has recently brought in new regulations regarding absence from school during term time. These have now been adopted into the school's attendance policy and full details will be sent out next week.

Forthcoming Dates

- Fri 20th Sept Staff from SMCC visit Year 6 pupils
- Thu 26th Sept SMCC Open day (9.30am - 12.00pm and 1.45 to 2.45pm) and Evening (6.00 - 8.00pm)

Summer Term Achievers Amethyst Awards

Infant achiever: **Fin**

Lower Juniors:
Maths achiever **Warrick**
English achiever **Spike**

Upper Juniors:
Maths achiever **Alice**
English achiever **Emily B**

House Points

Totals so far this term

Ruby 26 points
Sapphire 27 points
Emerald 15 points
Amber 32 points