

# South Molton Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It has been an extremely busy week in school with so much learning, events and activities packed in! It is great to see children learning new skills in their bikeability sessions and walking around the classrooms to see how engaged children are in their learning across the curriculum. We even made the local news with our fantastic Ofsted report!

## Reading Cup

A huge well done to Landacre Class for winning the Reading Cup again this week, they scored an average of 4.89 reads per student this week. Amazing!

## Non-Uniform Day and Bake Sale

As part of the ongoing fundraising efforts for the North Devon Hospice this year we are holding a non-uniform day and bake sale on Friday 9th February. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1 that will go towards raising vital funds for the hospice.

I would also like to ask parents and children to help with providing some cakes or biscuits for our cake sale at the end of the school day on Friday 9th February. Ideally this would be in portions or single cakes/biscuits which would make it easier to serve. Please support this event by bringing in some goodies, coming along to buy some at 3.15 or ideally both! Thank you in advance for your help with raising money for this very worthy local cause.



## Track it Lights

This week letters have gone home to all children with login details for parents to access the Track it Lights account for the child/ren. Apologies again to the small group of parents who have been affected by a mix up when giving out the letters. Hopefully, all parents have now managed to log in but if you are finding any difficulties then I am happy to help. Currently parents can only see when their child receives green points or a red point for behaviour. During the next half term, we will also activate attendance information for your child so you can have an up to date picture of this. Also, towards the second half of the summer term we will introduce further information for parents to view but will let you know all about this nearer the time. I hope parents find this useful and we are happy to receive any feedback you may have.



### WhatsApp

Over the past few weeks we have had a number of problems with some WhatsApp groups and we felt that informing all parents of this along with advice and guidance would be useful. I have included a link to the NSPCC website which gives a huge amount of advice, tips, and things to be aware of with children using WhatsApp. We have discussed in school that children should be very careful what they say and share on WhatsApp. Interactions online should always be kind and consider how what you are saying may make someone else feel.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

### World Book Day

A separate letter will be sent regarding World Book Day 2024 over the next week so please look out for this. This year World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7th March.

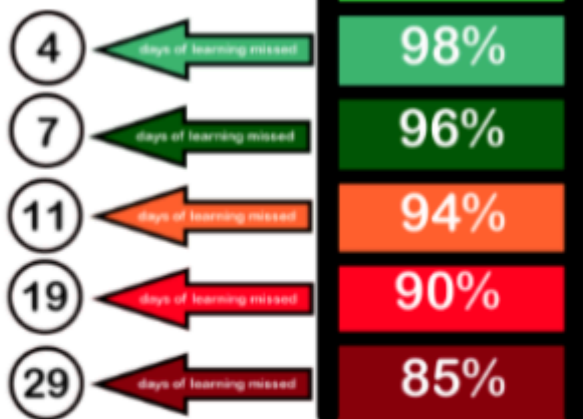
### Staff Netball Match

This week our staff netball team played a friendly match against the staff of South Molton Community College. We had a fantastic time and thank you to South Molton Community College for hosting. We will be organising further netball matches against other schools in the future.



### Attendance

In a school year, this equates to:



Children's attendance matters - It is every child's right to receive an education.

Our aim is for children's attendance to be 96% or more to help them reach their full potential.

This week's attendance: **92.34%**

Children arriving after registration at 8:45am will be classed in our registers as 'Late'. All late children must report to the office to register.

School finishes at 3:15pm however if something unexpected happens and you're running late, please let us know to make arrangements for your child. We offer a breakfast and after school club everyday allowing you to book your children in if you are not able to collect them at 3:15pm.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin



## Social Media

Explore our facebook [www.facebook.com/Southmoltonprimary/](http://www.facebook.com/Southmoltonprimary/)

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## Upcoming Events

After School Clubs Monday 8th January - Friday 9th of February

Friday 9th of Feb Last day of term

Monday 19th First Day of term

Bags to School Collection 20th of February



