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Dear Parent/Carers,

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It has been another incredibly positive week at school, and I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm, kindness and hard work that our children demonstrate each day.

Last week, it was wonderful to come together for our Harvest Assembly. We spent time reflecting on the food we eat, where it comes from, and the importance of being thankful for the many things we have. These are valuable opportunities for children to think beyond themselves and consider how they can support others within their community.



A huge thank you to all the parents and families who generously donated items for our harvest collection. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to support a very worthy local cause that helps people in our community who may be experiencing difficult times. Your generosity really does make a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

My week also got off to a fantastic start when a child proudly brought in a beautifully drawn picture of farming machinery. The detail and care that had gone into the artwork was remarkable, and it was a real pleasure to share it during this morning's assembly. Moments like these remind us of the wide range of interests, talents and passions our children have, and how important it is that we celebrate them.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Together, we are creating a school community where children feel valued, inspired and proud of their achievements. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Water Bottles in School

At South Molton Community Primary School, children are expected to bring **plain water only** in their drinks bottles for use during the school day. This is a whole-school policy that applies to all pupils and supports both children's health and their learning. Water is the healthiest choice for hydration, helping children to stay focused, alert and ready to learn, while avoiding the sugars and acids found in juices, squash and flavoured drinks, which can contribute to tooth decay and dental erosion. Water-only bottles also help us maintain a clean, hygienic and distraction-free learning environment, preventing sticky spills and ensuring a consistent approach for all children. We recognise that some children are reluctant water drinkers, and staff are always happy to encourage pupils to drink regularly throughout the day. We appreciate the support of all parents in helping us promote healthy habits and provide the very best learning environment for every child.



Parent Forums at SMCPs



We are keen to continue strengthening communication and partnership with parents and would like to explore the possibility of holding regular Parent Forums throughout the year.

Attached to this newsletter is a short form that asks whether you would be interested in attending these forums. The form also includes a question about your preferred time of day, which will help us identify the most convenient time for the majority of families before we organise dates and venues.

The aim of these forums is to provide parents with further information about aspects of school life that have generated questions, as well as offering an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback in an open and constructive setting.

The first topics we are considering for discussion are:

- Our Track it Lights behaviour and recognition system.
- Homework at SMCPs, including our aims and expectations for learning at home.

Both of these areas have been highlighted by parents as topics they would like to understand in greater detail.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or specific points you would like us to cover within these areas, please do let me know. Your feedback will help shape the content of future Parent Forums and ensure they address the topics that matter most to our school community.

Thank you for taking a few moments to complete the form. We look forward to hearing your views and working together to support the very best outcomes for our children.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/hLq7qWJcyl>

Year 6 Swimathon Success!

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 swimmers who took part in the Swimathon this week during school swimming. Every child showed fantastic determination, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the event.

Together, the swimmers completed an incredible **868 lengths** of the pool. At **20 metres per length**, this equates to a remarkable **17,360 metres** in total, which is an amazing **10.787 miles!**

Each swimmer demonstrated excellent swimming skills, using a variety of strokes including front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. It was wonderful to see everyone pushing themselves, encouraging one another and giving their very best effort.

We are incredibly proud of all the swimmers for their outstanding achievement and the positive attitude they showed throughout the challenge. [Congratulations](#), Year 6, on a truly fantastic Swimathon!



EYFS Open Afternoons

 Come and see where your child's school adventure could begin!

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2027, we'd love to invite your family to our EYFS open afternoon.

You'll have the opportunity to explore our EYFS spaces, meet the adults who nurture and inspire our youngest children and find out how we support every child to feel happy, confident and excited about learning.

 Wednesday 21st October or Wednesday 4th November at 1.30pm

Please visit our website for the link under News and Events, or see the QR code in both our notice boards at either school entrance. We look forward to welcoming you.

Upcoming Events

Year 6 Swimming Wednesday afternoons on the 30th Sep & 7th Oct
Tuesday 6th Oct Year 5 Farmwise Trip
Wednesday 21st Oct EYFS Open Afternoons 13:30
Friday 23rd Oct Non Pupil Day
Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Wednesday 4th Nov EYFS Open Afternoons 13:30
Monday 9th November School Photos
Monday 7th Dec Reception & Nursery Nativity 9:30am
Tuesday 8th Dec KS1(Years 1 & 2) Nativity 09:30 & 14:15
Last Day of Term: Friday 18th December
Full term dates for the year are on our website



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