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Dear Parents,

We have had another great week in school with lots of learning, events and trips taking place across the school. We have been continuing with our whole school focus on writing as this is an area identified in our School improvement Plan and internal assessment data which needs development. This will be a continued focus throughout the year and we look forward to sharing our progress and examples of children's writing with you at the end of term.

School Roundabout

As you will know from many previous newsletters and correspondence, parking around the school roundabout (on the double yellow lines) is not permitted during pickup and drop off times. You will also know that we had planned to install a gate at the far end of the roundabout which can then be closed during these times to keep the area safe for children and families on their way to school. I am very pleased to tell you that we have now had delivery of our gate, after a very long wait, and this will be installed over the coming weeks. Once installed there will be no access to the roundabout for parents during drop off and pick up time so I would ask parents not to use the road approaching the new gate as this would then cause traffic issues.

As a school we strongly encourage walking or scooting/ cycling to school as part of environmental work, and don't forget children who do this can use the bike track in school during lunchtimes. If you cannot avoid driving to school then there is a car park in the centre of South Molton which is only 10 minutes walk from our school.



Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter and helping to make our school a safe and eco friendly environment for the whole community.

Lost Property

We currently have lots of lost property, which is stored in the school office, so if you have lost something then please come and check this. Anything with a name on will automatically be returned to your child's class.

Carter Close - Private Path

I have been asked by some local residents to remind all parents that the path running along the houses on Carter Close is a private path and for residents only. The path is not designed for heavy footfall and it falls on residents to maintain this so please avoid using this private path. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Smoking on Site

Please can I remind all parents and family members that smoking or vaping is not allowed anywhere on the school site. This includes the roundabout area which is school property. If you see anyone smoking or vaping then please explain this rule to them and report to the school office immediately.

Writer of the week

Siorse, Jan, Arianna, Alby, Theo, W,
Poppy, A, Ava-May, Lucas, A,
Ben, W

Star of the week

Sofia, C, Kevin, T, Millie, C,
Lola, H, Amelia, H,
Joshua, T-H,
Jaymee Donna, Georgie, D,
Riley, H

Mathematician of the week

Nolah, Liliith, Bryn,
Ethan, C, Miles, T-B, Adela,
Kai, Ellie, Roxanne

U9's Girls football

A fantastic afternoon of football at the South Molton Community College for our U9 Girls' team. The weather was great with the sun shining for us! Our team all played brilliantly winning our first game 2-0 with 2 goals from Ella H, then drawing our second game 0-0 with a shot hitting the post! Every single player put in 100% effort and didn't stop running for the whole afternoon! Our team finished joint winners of the South Molton tournament, which qualifies us for the North Devon next round held in Barnstaple. Well done to all involved and thank you to Phoebe's mum for supporting on the day.



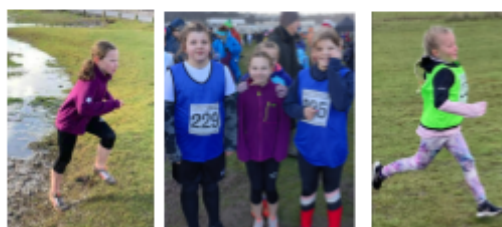
Gliddon and Squire

Fantastic effort from our Gliddon and Squire Cross Country team this Sunday! The 4th race of the series was held at Northam Burrows, not only did the children battle the muddy and slippery course but also the wind and cold weather! Amazing perseverance and effort shown by all involved. Thank you to all the parents who give up their Sundays to transport and support our amazing team.

A special mention to the children who came in the top 15, please have a look our team and individual results below.

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Fernworthy Martial Arts Session

This week Fernworthy, Avon and Pinkery classes took part in an introductory session with Master Faulkner from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts, for our Health and Fitness Unit in P.E. All the children really enjoyed the session, with the KS1 children using the double target and focus pads. The year 6 children practised different fitness exercises testing their speed, strength and agility along with technique. Well done to all the children involved you were absolutely brilliant.



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 is 95.67

Children arriving after registration at 9am 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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 2nd February Tempest Photos
After School Clubs January 9th - 3rd of February

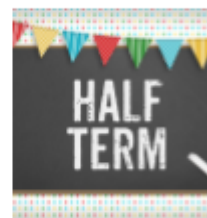


Term Dates

Wednesday 4th January Start of Spring term
Friday 10th February Last Day Of Half Term
Monday 20th February First Day Back Spring Term
Friday 31st March Last Day Of Half Term
Monday 17th April First Day Back Summer Term
Monday 8th May Bank Holiday

Please see website for further term dates:

<https://www.southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk/diary/grid/2022/03/>



Social Media

Explore our facebook www.facebook.com/Southmoltonprimary/

Browse our instagram page @southmoltonprimary

Find our Twitter page @smoltonprimary1

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	