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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school as we begin the countdown towards the Christmas period. Our fantastic school choir had their first performance this week and they will be extremely busy over the next few weeks singing around the community. The EYFS/KS1 children have also begun to work on their singing nativity performance and we look forward to sharing that with you in a few weeks. Tonight is the South Molton lantern parade and lights switch on and it has been fantastic to see some of the lanterns that children have made as part of the Design & Technology homework. Lights will be given out tonight by staff when you meet them with your lantern at the methodist church for 5.30pm.



Bronze Award

In our celebration assembly this morning we awarded our first Bronze certificate of the year to Ava. Well done to Ava for being a fantastic role model and always showing our school values. We look forward to awarding more children their Bronze certificate next week as they reach 50 green points. We have edited the amount of green points required so that children with 100 green points will achieve Silver and 150 green points will achieve Gold.



Sustainability & Nature - Safe Bike Routes

Last week the Eco-committee met with Selaine Saxby MP and discussed how we would like more safe cycling routes in South Molton and in particular giving safe access routes from across the town to our school. This would help increase the amount of people being able to cycle to school and have a positive impact on the air quality in South Molton. This week during our eco-committee meeting we started writing letters to follow up our discussion and when these are finished we will send them to Selaine, who is happy to hear about this idea and looks forward to receiving our letters. We will keep you updated about how our campaign progresses but please do let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions on further action we could take.



Parent Forum - Thursday 30th November 2023, 8.45am

We would like to start a regular parent forum which would be a chance for parents to talk with the senior leadership team around different areas of school life and be a general chance to ask any questions or make suggestions. The first of these will take place on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 8.45am in Lyn Classroom. This will be around the School Improvement Plan and the strategic direction of the school. Mrs Charles-Jones and I will both attend the forum so please do come along. We will of course provide tea/coffee and biscuits! If you have any comments or suggestions in the meantime please do let either of us know. Future parent forums will be held on different days and times to cater for different parents' commitments.

Head Injuries

In response to feedback from parents regarding our current system and research around high quality systems we have decided to make a small change to our procedure around head bumps during the school day. With effect from Monday 20th November, you will receive an email notification via ParentPay if your child has sustained a minor head bump during the school day rather than a phone call. This will only apply when it is a minor injury that we feel does not impact on your child's school day. You will still receive an accident form in the same way at the end of the school day but this email will ensure you can look out for the form and are kept informed. However, if the injury is serious and requires you to collect your child from school or warrants any medical intervention, we will continue to make contact with you by telephone.

Parent Volunteers

We are always looking out for more parent/family volunteers so if you feel like you could offer some time in any way then please get in touch with your class teacher or one of the Senior Leadership Team, one of which is always at the front gate each morning.



Landacre Class enjoyed their netball session this week with coaches from West Buckland School coming in to visit. The children were able to show off all the skills they have learnt in P.E lessons over the last few weeks. Well done to all involved.



It's been a winning week for our fantastic footballers!

On Thursday we had a very busy day of football, starting with our U9's girls' team playing SMUPs in the South Molton Learning Communities Qualifiers at SMCC on the new astro.

Our team played brilliantly winning 4-0, with a hat-trick from Lola P and a super goal from Millie W (must be the new boots!). A clean sheet in goal for Clara with some super saves! Well done to the whole team. Next up our U9's mixed team played Witheridge with a 7-0 win. Goals were from Freddie, Reggie, Santi and Charlie M. Great teamwork throughout the game with lots of possession throughout.

Then next up we had our U11's mixed league fixture against Witheridge with the final score finishing 5-1. Goals from Harry, Alex and Ollie C. With both teams showing fantastic resilience and determination to play on very small muddy pitches!

Thank you to parent helpers, and to Will and Finn for refereeing.

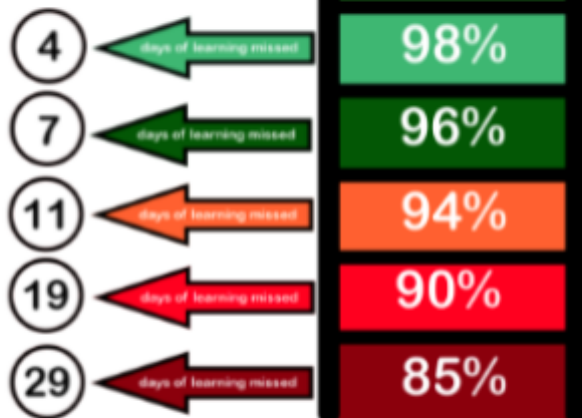
A big well done to all the players, we are very proud of you all.

Please keep an eye on Google Classroom for future fixtures and training days.



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: **93.97%**

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

If parents are unsure if their child should be in school, this guidance in the link below is very useful. If children are unwell during school, we will send them home. We can administer medications both prescribed and over the counter meds with a green form if a child needs meds during the day if needed.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin

Upcoming Events



After School Clubs Monday 6th November - Friday 8th of December

Lantern Parade Friday 24th of November Methodist Church at 5:40pm with lanterns switched off

EYFS Nativity Performance Tuesday 12th of December 9:30am-10:30am, and 2.00pm-3.00pm see link below

<https://forms.gle/bmEiWuwAAedDMJqf8>

Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 3.30-5pm



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