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A Wonderful Week at SMCPs!

We have had a fantastic week at school and there is much to celebrate. Over the course of the week, we welcomed several visitors into our school, and every one of them commented on the excellent culture, positive behaviour and warm atmosphere that they experienced.



Our children have been outstanding ambassadors for the school. In particular, it was lovely to hear a group of Year 6 pupils confidently talking about how safe they feel in school and how much they enjoy coming here each day. Hearing such positive reflections from our children is always incredibly rewarding and reinforces the importance of the work we do together as a school community.

The positive culture we are continuing to build does not happen by chance. It is the result of the collective effort of our pupils, staff, parents and carers, all working together to uphold our values and high expectations.

Thank you to everyone for the part you play in helping our school continue to grow, develop and thrive. We are very proud of all that our children achieve, both inside and outside the classroom. Well done, everyone!

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.



Track It Lights and Green Points



At South Molton Community Primary School, we use our Track It Lights system to encourage and celebrate behaviour and learning that reflects our school rules and values. Green points are awarded when children go above and beyond our expectations, demonstrating excellent attitudes, effort, kindness, resilience and respect.

It is important to remember, however, that children regularly make positive choices throughout the day without necessarily receiving a green point. Whilst the system helps us recognise and reward exceptional behaviour and learning, it is not always possible to acknowledge every positive action. We actively encourage all children to strive for excellence because it is the right thing to do, rather than simply for a reward.

As a staff team, we work hard to ensure consistency in how green points are awarded across classes. However, as with any system involving professional judgement, there may be some variation between classes or at different points throughout the year. We regularly review our approach to help maintain fairness and consistency for all pupils.

We are extremely pleased with the positive impact that the Track It Lights system continues to have across the school. Visitors, advisers and other educational professionals have frequently commented on our calm, respectful learning environment and positive pupil behaviour, identifying this as one of the school's strengths.

If you have any questions about the Track It Lights system or how green points are awarded, please do speak to your child's class teacher during our parent meetings later this term. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress, behaviour and engagement with our school values. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain the high standards that make our school such a positive place to learn and thrive.

Harvest Celebration and Food Bank Collection

The children enjoyed a lovely harvest themed assembly today. A huge thank to you all for all your generous donations. The donations will be delivered to the local food bank this weekend.



Uniform Update: Hair Tied Back

Following a review of our uniform expectations, we are making a small amendment to our uniform policy. From Monday, all children with long hair will be expected to have it tied back whilst in school.

This is already a requirement for PE lessons for safety reasons. However, following a small number of incidents involving loose hair during the school day, we feel that extending this expectation is the safest and most practical approach for all children.

Children have already been informed of this change during assemblies this week so that they understand what will be expected when they return on Monday. We would be grateful for parents' support in ensuring that children with long hair come to school with their hair tied back each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we work together to maintain the high standards and safe learning environment that all of our children deserve.

Upcoming Events

Year 6 Swimming Wednesday afternoons on the 30th Sep & 7th Oct
Tuesday 6th Oct Year 5 Farmwise Trip
Friday 23rd Oct Non Pupil Day
Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
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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