

# South Molton Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Our first full week back in school has flown by and it has been great to visit classes this week and see the progress that is already being made across the curriculum.

## Eco-Committee

It was lovely to have our Eco-committee in place so early this year. We felt it was an important role and discussed what it involved in assembly. Each class then had candidates that declared themselves and presented to the class their ideas. Following this there was a vote held in each class and the winner became the new class representative for the Eco-committee. Fernworthy and Dart Class will hold their votes in a few weeks once they have settled into school. I am delighted to announce the following children have been elected: Avon - Faye, Taw - Ava, Beacon - Lola, Puffin - Jack, Landacre - Lily, Dunkery - Ruby, Pinkery - Luke



## Mornings

A member of the senior leadership team (SLT) will always be outside in the morning around the school to welcome parents, have a chat and answer any questions. The SLT work together to strategically lead the school and use the school improvement plan to continually develop our school. We are there to help so please do come and speak with us. I have included a list and pictures of the SLT so that you know who we all are.





## Parent Volunteers

Teachers will also mention how parents can volunteer in their child's class and I would like to tell you briefly about some of the other ways parents or family members can help out and volunteer around the school. Firstly, we really value any part you can play in helping the school and we would love to welcome as many parents or family members into school as possible. There are a variety of ways to help so I have listed some of the below. If you feel like you would like to help out in any of these ways or in any other way then please just let me, the school office or the class teacher. I am usually outside around the school in the morning and happy to chat about this or anything else.



- Governor - working with the governing board and SLT to make strategic decisions about the school
- PTA member - helping the school to raise vital funds that improve the school
- Trips and sports events
- Reading across the school
- General support in the classroom
- Gardening or outdoor learning support

## Nature & Sustainability News

This week we have had two brilliant assemblies linked to our sustainability and nature work. The second of these was all about how we can care for hedgehogs both at home and in school. The Landkey Hedgehog Group did an amazing job in telling us all about hedgehogs and the importance of making gardens friendly for them. We have included some top tips from Hedgehog Street for how you can help at home:



1. Link your garden - make small holes in fences and walls
2. Make your pond safe - create a simple ramp
3. Create a wild corner - hedgehogs will love it!
4. Deal with netting and litter
5. Put out food and water - meaty cat or dog food and hedgehog food
6. Stop using chemicals
7. Check before strimming
8. Be careful with bonfires - always check beneath them before lighting
9. Make a home for hedgehogs - we will also be making some of these for the nature area
10. Become a hedgehog champion - [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org)



## Pupil Achievement

Leo in year 6 completed his first inter-counties competition this weekend after working hard to get on the team. He won his age category under 12's with a whopping score of 1330

Leo also contributed to the whole team score meaning that Devon and Cornwall Archery association won overall. Well done Leo



## Vacancy

Please see our website regarding a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant.

The person appointed must:

- Enjoy working with and relate well to young children.
- Be enthusiastic and have creative ideas on how to engage and lead children in physical activity, whether through sports or games.
- Be patient, firm and understanding of young children's needs.

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 17th of October individual school photos

Friday 20th of October Last day of Term

Monday 30th of October First day of Term



## Social Media

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

Browse our instagram page @southmoltonprimary

Find our Twitter page @smoltonprimary1

## When should my child return to school?



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