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Dear Parents,

It has been a mixed week with the weather but we have taken every opportunity possible to get the children outside on their bikes and scooters at lunchtimes. The new gate has enabled us to open up the roundabout to children using their bikes and scooters which has been lovely and very well received by the children. I have already had requests to keep this going in the future so it will certainly be something we will look to implement. We are continually looking at ways to improve the experience for children at this school and I think this is a great example of using children's ideas to create exciting opportunities for children during their playtimes. The Big Wheel and Walk Week continues next week so please continue to sustainably come to school if at all possible and thank you for all your efforts so far.



No Electricity Day - Friday 17th March 2023

Our termly No Electricity Day was a great success last Friday and the children really enjoyed our focus on biodiversity. I have seen some fantastic examples of both letters and information texts produced throughout the school and I look forward to sharing some of these with you next week.

Our Values

Nurturing
Aspiring
Together
Understanding
Resilience
Equal



Parent View Questionnaire

The parent questionnaire sent home last week is still available for parents to take part in and I have included the link below. We will feedback to parents the results of the questionnaire after it closes on Wednesday 29th March 2023 and any actions we will take following this. <https://forms.gle/a4z4HiegA74fXNxQ7>



Parents Evenings - W/C Monday 27th March 2023

This term we will be holding in person parents' evenings during the week of Monday 27th March 2023 and parents will be able to book a time with their class teacher through their child's Google Classroom account as this has worked really well in the past. We felt that it was important to offer parents for face to face sessions again this term and welcome you all into school but if there are logistical issues then the teacher would be happy to arrange alternative appointments over the phone. Please remember that class teachers have to speak with a huge number of parents during the week so these conversations are limited to 10 minutes maximum, if there is an issue which will take longer to discuss then this may need to be covered in a separate meeting scheduled in the school diary. **Dunkery Class only** will be having their parents evenings in the second week back after the easter break (w/c Mon 24th April) so a sign up sheet will be sent out before then.

Star of the week

Felicitas, Kevin, T, Tom, D,
Andrzej, Kane, Ebony,
Lilly-Mai, Lucas,
Shraavaandhy

Writer of the week

Isabelle, B, Vinnie, Arianna,
Leo, H, Alfie, D, Kyle,
Riley Mason, Evie, Nate

Reading cup

Bescon



Mathematician of the week

Jude, Adhithi, Charlotte,
Albie, Freddie, Tilly,
Ruby, J, Jacob, A, Lottie

Avon Class

The children in Avon class had a week of science last week that brought out lots of new skills! There were opportunities to ask and answer questions about the weather and also 'hands on' investigations! The week ended with a focus on ecosystems and the children thought about ways to increase and encourage biodiversity on a global level and also at our school.



Taw Class

Last week Taw Class enjoyed a Mini Reds tennis session with the coaches from Tarka Tennis in Barnstaple visiting our school. The class really enjoyed practising their tennis skills in preparation for their tennis unit in P.E next half-term. The children listened to the rules, practised their stroke form using the nets and completed some fun relays whilst balancing the ball on the racket. Well done to all involved and thank you Tarka Tennis for coming into our school.



The Big Exeter Sleep-Out

Ethan, Ellie, and their parents took part in The Big Exeter Sleep-Out on Friday and raised over £100 for our charity! They have contributed greatly to raising awareness about homelessness in Exeter and the South West. Every penny they have raised will go towards helping those most vulnerable in our local area.



Pupil Achievements

Luke in Year 5 has won bronze medal for 200m front crawl, and runner up for 50m front crawl. This was Luke's first competition with Barnstaple Swimming Club, he worked really hard, and showed real determination. Congratulations Luke!



Ellie in year 5 came first in the Torbay duathlon, which is a 1.2k run then 6k bike then 625m run! Amazing Ellie.



*Feel free to send us any achievements your child has outside of school to admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk

Athletics

What a fantastic day at Bideford College for the North Devon Athletics Finals, with 14 other schools competing on the day. Each school completed 6 events including the Speed Bounce, Chest Throw, Standing Long Jump, Standing High Jump, 1 lap and 2 lap Sprint Relays. Each athlete performed brilliantly and really pushed themselves in every event. Thank you to our parent helpers for supporting on the day. The winners of the finals will be announced next week.



All correspondence for sporting events will be added to ParentPay and children's Google Classroom, please check regularly and prior to any events.

Residential Payments

Residential	Date & amount due	Date & amount due	Date & amount due	Date & amount due	Date & amount due	Date & amount due	Date & amount due
Year 3 PGL 03/05/23 - 05/05/23	Deposit 31/10/22 £50	Payment 1 25/11/22 £50	Payment 2 27/02/23 £50	Payment 4 31/03/23 £50			
Year 4 Pinkery Pond 03/05/23 - 05/05/23	Deposit 07/12/22 £10	Payment 1 27/01/23 £40	Payment 2 24/02/23 £40	Payment 3 24/03/2023			
Year 5 Dartmoor 19/06/23 - 21/06/23	Deposit 07/11/22 £50	Payment 1 27/02/23 £50	Payment 2 31/03/23 £50	Payment 3 28/04/23 £50			
Year 6 London	Deposit 28/10/22 £50	Payment 1 21/11/22 £50	Payment 2 23/01/23 £50	Payment 3 20/02/23 £50	Payment 4 20/03/23 £50	Payment 5 24/04/23 £50	Payment 6 22/05/23 £43

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.

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

After School Clubs 27th of February - 31st of March
Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 20th - 31st of March



Term Dates

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/news-and-events>



Social Media



Explore our facebook www.facebook.com/Southmoltonprimary/

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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*	