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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to end another busy week in school with our celebration assembly this morning and we handed out the weekly certificates. Well done to all the children winning an award!

Bronze Awards

In our celebration assembly this morning we awarded our second group of Bronze certificates and celebrated how these children have demonstrated our school values. A huge well done to Logan R, Noah H, Faye P, Jacob K, Emmanuel L, Ashitha S, Ruby I, Millie G, Jake R, Amelia C and Ariana I.

We also talked in assembly this morning about a new parent app that we will be launching in January which will give live updates to parents about their child. This will help to keep parents informed about when and for what they receive points in school. We look forward to sharing this with you after the Christmas break.



Lantern Parade

It was lovely to see so many families on Friday for the lantern parade and lights switch on. The South Molton Community Primary School lanterns looked brilliant, well done to everyone who took part!



Pavement Parking

We know that pavement parking is an ongoing national issue that causes lots of debate. We would like to keep the approach to school as safe as possible for families so we would ask parents to avoid parking on pavements to allow access for people walking, cycling and scooting to school. We are currently supporting Sustrans campaign to ban pavement parking and I have included a link to an interesting article for Sustrans on this topic.

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/news/2023/november/three-years-of-people-parking-on-the-pavement/?scrybrkr=1bdfad2>



Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents that attended our first Parent Forum, it was extremely useful to have some feedback from parents around various issues. It was also great to hear their ideas and suggestions for continuing to improve our school. The next Parent Forum will take place in January with the date and subject to be shared over the next few weeks.

Christmas Dinner:

We will be having our fabulous Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December. Children will sit with their class and adults from their class and enjoy a festive meal together. If you have not yet ordered your child's Christmas dinner, please do so ASAP via the Google link which has been sent out.



Christmas Jumper Day:

Our Christmas jumper day will be on our Wednesday 13th December. We would love for all of the children to wear a Christmas jumper and we don't want families to feel the need to go and buy a jumper, so if you have a jumper that no longer fits your child which you are happy to donate, please drop it into reception next week.

If you are in need of a Christmas jumper or a new size jumper, please pop into reception from Friday 8th December to see what we have.

Choir events

Our lovely choir led by Mrs Boyles have visited Eastleigh care home, Saint Mary's Magdalene Church, and South Molton Hospital. All of the residents have thoroughly enjoyed having the children sing to them.



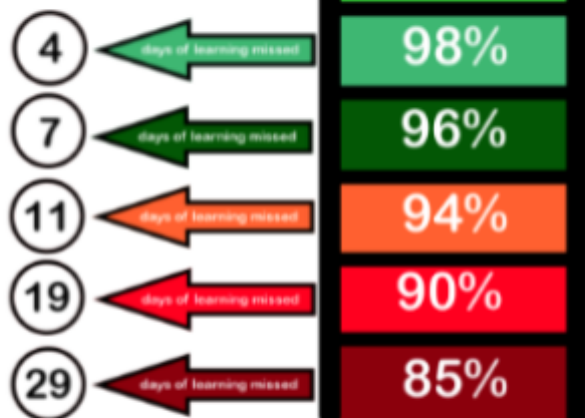
BREMCO North Devon Cross Country League

Well done to all the children in our SMCP cross country team who raced at the weekend. This race was held at Coxleigh Barton and is always a tough course to complete! Each runner did amazingly and we have had some great results with children positioning 13th and 16st for the 3rd race of the series.



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: **91.81%**

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/>

Upcoming Events

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

Fat Stock Show Sunday 3rd Of December in the Pannier Market South Molton

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

Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 3.30-5pm

Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 13th December



I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mr Parkin



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