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Dear Parents,

15/03/24

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding last week with our termly No Electricity day, it was a fantastic day and the focus on Design and Technology went really well. It was great to walk around each classroom and to see children so proud of their work alongside being able to evaluate and adapt.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the fantastic children who were presented with a weekly certificate in assembly this morning. It is lovely to hear how the children have been demonstrating our school values and showing resilience in their learning.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and nature we will be Continuing into the second week of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event which runs from Monday 11th March to Friday 22nd March. Please can children continue to come to school in a sustainable way and avoid the car. It has been lovely to see children using their bikes and scooter this week on our very own bike track. After discussing the idea with some of the scooter enthusiasts we are now planning to introduce a mini scooter park at the top of the bike track so we will introduce this next term.



Non-Uniform Day and Bake Sale

As part of the ongoing fundraising efforts for the North Devon Hospice this year we are holding a non-uniform day and bake sale on Thursday 28th March. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1 that will go towards raising vital funds for the hospice.



I would also like to ask parents and children to help with providing some cakes or biscuits for our cake sale at the end of the school day on Thursday 28th March. The donations last half term were fantastic and we raised a really good amount of money so please do support the hospice again. Ideally this would be in portions or single cakes/biscuits which would make it easier to serve. Please support this event by bringing in some goodies, coming along to buy some at 3.15 or ideally both! We will also be holding a gallery of art work around the classrooms of children's work after school on this day so you can come along to see the fantastic work and pop in for some cake at the same time, helping to raise money for this very worthy local cause.

Parents Meeting

On the week commencing Monday 18th March we have our spring term parent meetings and teachers will be inviting you to make an appointment with them. Please do use this opportunity to find out how your children are doing at school along with helpful suggestions of next steps in their learning. As you can imagine it is quite a task to meet every parent so each session can only be 10 minutes long. If you have something that will require a longer discussion then please make a separate appointment with the class teacher outside of this week. Over the past few years we have had a number of 'no shows' for appointments so please ensure if you book a slot, to attend that session or talk to the class teacher in advance about rescheduling. Thank you in advance for your support with this and I hope you find these sessions useful. In the summer term you will receive your child's annual report.

Book Fair

Please come along to the book fair starting next week after school from Monday the 18th - Thursday the 21st of March. We would like this to be a cashless event. We will have a barcode displayed for you to scan the code on your phone this is the quickest, easiest way to pay.



Orienteering

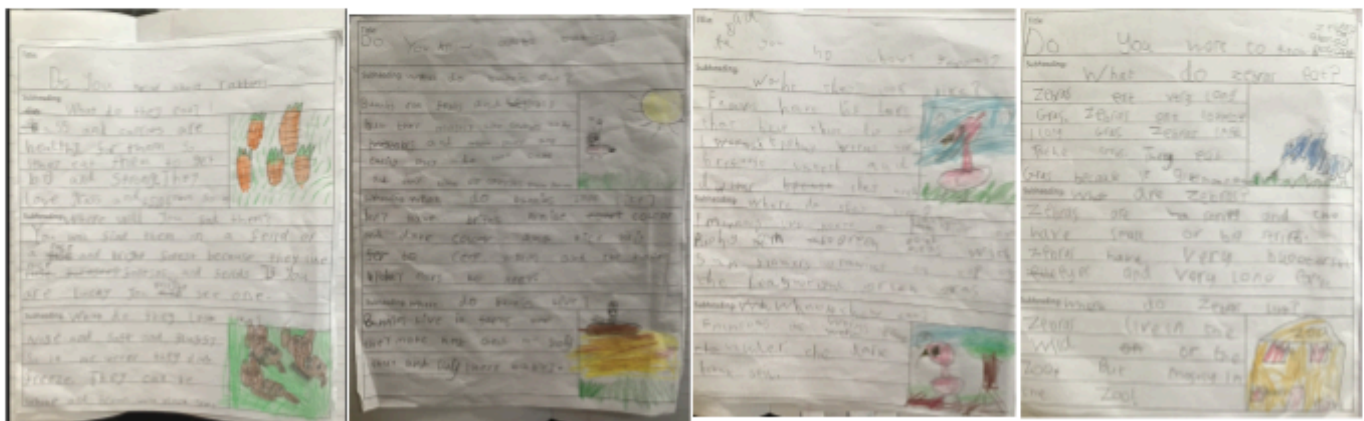
This week all the classes across our school tested their problem-solving skills in Orienteering as part of their Outdoor Adventurous Activity and Team Building units in P.E.

The children really enjoyed developing their navigational skills by map reading and being allowed to explore our wonderful school grounds. The children showed fantastic teamwork and worked collaboratively with each other to locate all the 22 markers.

In KS1 the children searched for the numbered flags to record different letters and in KS2 the children had a mathematical problem to solve on each marker. Well done to all involved.



Children in Avon class have been working really hard on their information text writing this term. We have spent lots of time exploring high-quality texts and looking at key features to help improve our writing. We also chose different animals to write about and inform the reader about key facts and information. Take a look at some examples of our amazing work!



Vacancy -School Cleaner

Please see our website for more details, and to apply, please share with friends and family who may be interested.

<https://www.southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk/vacancies>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Parkin

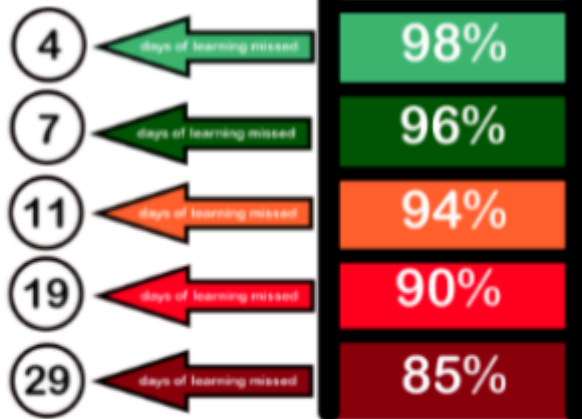
Upcoming Events

After School Clubs Monday 26th Feb - Thursday 28th Mar 2024
Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Monday 11th - 22nd March
Parents Evenings Monday 18th - 22nd March
Book Fair 18th - 21st of March
Non Uniform and Cake Sale Thursday 28th March
Last Day of Term Thursday 28th March
First Day of Term Monday 15th April
Bikeability Y3/4 22nd - 23rd April
Year 3 PGL 1st - 3rd of May
Year 5 Dartmoor Residential 7th - 9th May
Year 4 Pinkery Pond Residential 8th - 10th May
Non Uniform Day and Bake Sale Friday 24th May
Ks1 Sports Day is Friday 21st June PM
Ks2 Sports Day is Friday 28th June AM and PM



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 childrens attendance to be 96% of more to help them reach their full potential.

This weeks attendance: **93.56%**

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.



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