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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear all about their Easter holidays. I particularly enjoyed a learning walk around the school yesterday with Miss Warrington, where we saw children engaged in their learning and making progress in their work across the curriculum.

If parents would like to chat in the mornings then I am usually on the school drive just past the school gates at drop off time so please do come and discuss anything you wish. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mr Parkin

Friday 21st April 2023

Our Values

Nurturing
Aspiring
Together
Understanding
Resilience
Equal



Behaviour Certificates

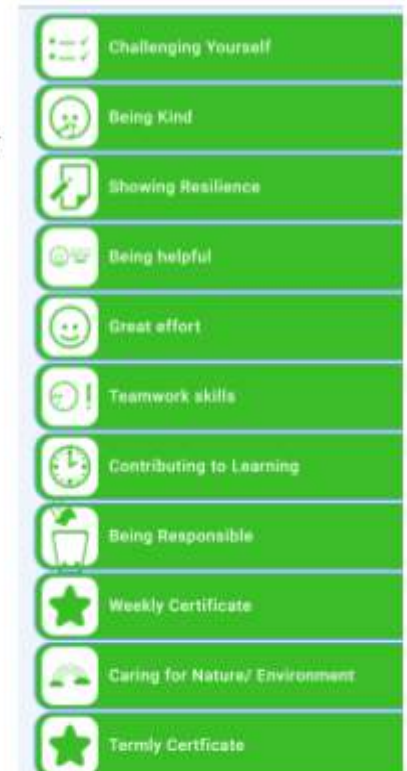
In our celebration assembly this morning I had the pleasure of awarding lots of certificates to children who had reached either the bronze or silver Milestone.

Bronze

- Omar N (Taw)
- Riley TB (Fernworthy)
- Francesca M (Puffin)
- Santi A (Puffin)
- Lochlann (Dart)
- Rex W (Puffin)

Silver

- Jan M (Dart)
- Molly B (Avon)
- Jake R (Avon)



Well done to all the children who have received certificates. Green points can be awarded for the reasons shown, all of which are connected to our school values. Children will accumulate points over time and will achieve a bronze as their first milestone. This is then followed by silver and gold. Any children which reach the gold certificate by the end of the school year will be invited, along with parents, to a special assembly to recognise their achievement and celebrate their on-going excellent behaviour and attitude in school.



Extended School Hours Consultation

The government is asking all schools to ensure that their working school week is at least 32.5 hours from September 2023. This year we have started welcoming children into class from 8.45am to enable a smooth transition in the morning and this has worked really well. From September to adhere to these new expectations we would need to actually start school from 8.45am and take the registers immediately. This would mean that children would have to be in class at this time and any child arriving after 8.45am would be classed as late. I know this is a big change for parents so I felt a consultation period from Friday 21st April till Friday 26th May would give us time to gain parents' view on these proposed changes before they come into place. If you would like to give any feedback then please use the following Google Form -

<https://forms.gle/GzSk8S6iFdR1QxfR9>

The King's Coronation

The King's coronation will be taking place on Saturday 6th May 2023 with an extra bank holiday and school closed on Monday 8th May 2023. Due to 3 school trips taking place on the Friday before this we have decided that we will have our school celebrations on Friday 12th May 2023. We will invite parents to join us in school towards the end of the afternoon (approx 2.30pm) and celebrate through activities in school. We will update you on further details nearer the time but I thought some advance warning of the date would be useful for parents.



Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant at our school, if you are interested then please follow the link to the vacancies page on our school website.

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

U11's Mixed Football

Well done to our U11's mixed football team for a fantastic performance against Filleigh Primary School on Tuesday. Some brilliant goals scored from some set pieces! Our goal scorers were Ben, Alex, Charlie and Harry. Well done to both teams for a great game of football to watch and thank you to Will for refereeing.



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

Reading cup

Beacon



Star of the week

Grace, T, Theo, Logan, B,
Lillian Rose, Oliver, C,
Jaxon, Judah,
Poppy, P, Autumn

Writer of the week

Abigail, H, Lillith, H, Nora,
Aurelia, Ryan, B, Cordelia,
Millie, S, Phoebe,
Archie, S

Mathematician of the week

Saoirse, Sophie, Noah, H,
Alby, L, Aurora, William,
Leo, Megan, Leela

Swimmers of the Week

Josie - for demonstrating amazing technique for backstroke

Harry - for showing great improvement in his technique and clean movement through the water

Scarlett B - for trying hard with her front stroke and succeeding

Evie - for showing confident swimming and good technique on her front



A note from Mrs Boyles (Handford)

We are lucky enough to now offer piano lessons within our school, which started this week. I know the children have been really looking forward to this. Lessons for this term are now full, but please do make contact if it is something your child would be interested in, in the future. I do have contacts for local guitar, flute and singing teachers outside of school, so please ask if you are interested in this also. I have also been in contact with a national online music school, SAM. They offer online piano, singing, guitar and drum lessons after school, and weekends. Feel free to check out the link provided. www.sammusicservice.com
Feel free to contact me, if you have any questions. s.handford@smp.school



Year 4 Pinbrook Trip

The year 4 children really enjoyed their visit to Pinbrook recycling centre and the EfW plant. They learnt about what and where rubbish can be recycled, took part in science activities, played Kahoot and visited the Energy from Waste control room.



Mini Marathon

Over the next few weeks we will be taking part in a World Record attempt in partnership with TCS London Marathon. The children have made a pledge to run a mile next week in their PE lesson, on our running track in hope to be part of "The most pledges received in an exercise campaign in one month." Schools all across the UK are taking part in walking or running a mile and we are very proud to be part of this event. Keep your eyes peeled for more photos of our running!



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Upcoming Events

Monday 24th of April Bags to school collection 9am

After School Clubs 17th of April - 19th of May

Friday 12th May Coronation Cream Tea

Thursday 25th May Sustainable Fashion Swap from 6.30pm – 8.00pm



Term Dates

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday

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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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*	