

Newsletter

11th February 2022



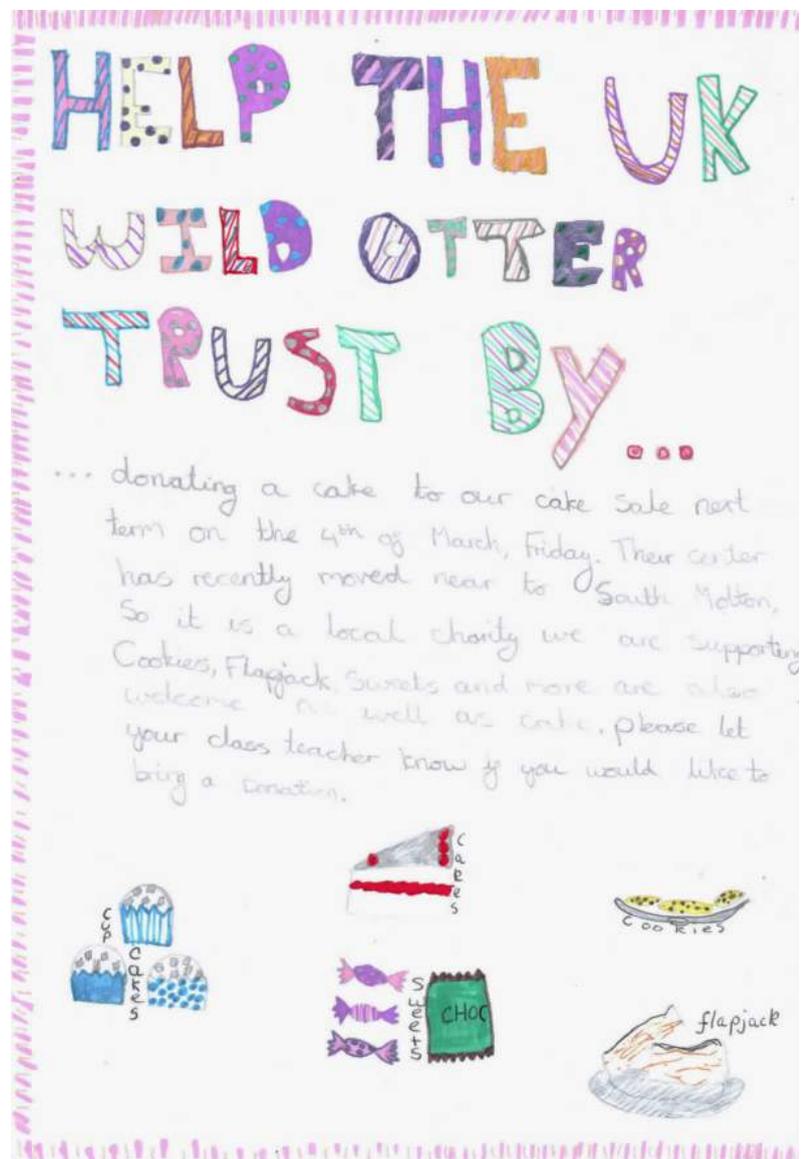
Dear Parents,

I think we are finally seeing cases of COVID subside amongst the children, although we are certainly still seeing significant staff cases. Thank you to parents for their understanding during this period up until the half term break which has been and continues to be so difficult to manage. We are envisaging a much healthier picture after the half term break with a return to the normal situation in school. I must say again, a huge thank you to all the staff who have kept the school running despite major absences.

I had the pleasure of meeting Isabella and Francesca in my office on Wednesday to discuss a fundraising idea for 'The UK Wild Otter Trust'. They have thought this through really well and decided on a cake sale which will be held on Friday 4th March. I have included a scanned copy of their poster and we will send out further details next week with how you can help. I would very much encourage the whole community to get behind them and support their fundraising efforts.

Awards

Well done to this week's stars of the week; Lori, Lily, Max, Maddie,
Congratulations to the writers of the week this week; Cam, Jake, Oliver, Bryn,
Well done to the mathematicians of the week; Isabella, Santi, Alaya, Jan,



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Children's Mental Health Week

Barle Class have enjoyed the activities during Children's Mental Health Week this week. They have taken part in team building exercises (building the tallest tower challenge) and circle time where they talked about growing together, people who support us and they all shared their emotional goals.

The children were very responsive to the challenges and there were some very thoughtful and honest emotional growth goals.

As part of Children's Mental Health week, Bray Class have been learning about mindfulness through play in P.E.

During their P.E. session, the children took part in a River Bear Yoga activity where they sat in a circle and whispered kind words to their friends. The children really enjoyed hearing all the lovely things their friends had to say.

During P.E we teach children to be resilient by challenging them to think differently when they find something tricky, and give them the tools to persevere and try their best.

Building a positive mindset at an early age will really support children when they are learning new tasks or when they face challenges in life.



After School Clubs - Football Focus

A brilliant team performance from our Year 3/4 mixed football team against South Molton United C of E on Tuesday. The game started well with some fantastic strikes on goal, putting us 2 - 0 up very quickly. Well done to Kai, Mason B, Ruby J and Millie G for playing so well in their debut for the team! The final score was 12-4 with goals from Charlie J (C), Harry, Alex, Lucas and Beau. Our player of the match goes to Kai for his amazing tackles in defence. We are looking forward to our Year 5/6 team taking on the SMUPS next half term!



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Gliddon & Squire

Well done to the children who ran the 5th race of the series for the North Devon Gliddon and Squire Cross Country League at Shebbear College, Beaworthy on Sunday. With rain and high winds against them the children didn't fantastically. Thank you to all the parents who supported and travelled early on a Sunday morning. Please follow the link below for individual Shebbear results and our overall school team position for U9 and U11 boys and girls.

<https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/>



Well Done Beau

Beau made a donation of her hair to the Little Princess Charity Trust this week. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. What a lovely charity to support Beau, well done.



Extended Care - Out of School Hours

As a reminder, children cannot be left/arrive unattended on school site before 8.50am. Any children arriving on site before this time will be taken into the Breakfast Club and a charge incurred.

Please bear in mind any changes/bookings for breakfast club made after 12pm will **not** appear on our registers for the following day and therefore charges will still apply.



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Holiday Club

We have space available in our Holiday club in February half term. We are able to offer childcare to children both from our school community and from outside of our school.

If you wish to book or know of a family who wish to use our holiday club, please ask them to contact us for more information and a booking form.

admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk or 01769 572198

Please see the booking form below.

Lost Property

We have the following items in our lost property box in school, if you recognise anything pictured below, please come and claim it before half term. After half term, it will be donated to charity.

We also have a range of unnamed school jumpers, if you would like to come and take a look



LOOK AT THIS

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Parkin

South Molton in Bloom
MEMBER OF THE BIG LOCAL FLOWERS AND HERB CLUB IN SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM 2021

Come and support South Molton in Bloom and have some fun!

BINGO NIGHT

Great prizes to be won!

EYES DOWN 7.15pm

Coaching Inn, South Molton

Saturday March 5th 2022

Entrance free - just pay for your Bingo books

By supporting us you are helping to keep the town looking great.

For information on how to volunteer or to sponsor us, please contact
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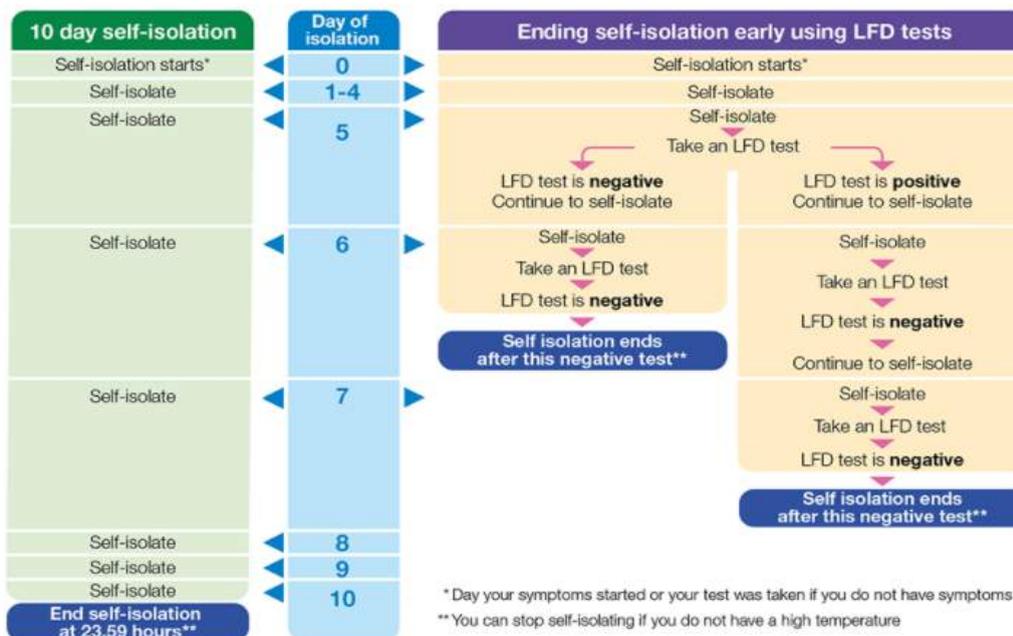
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Covid Guidance

Please see below for the current Covid-19 guidance. We are aware that guidance has now changed. When calculating the isolation end date, please bear in mind that the day your child tests positive (if routine LFT) or the first day of symptoms is day 0, day 1 is the following day. We ask that if you are in doubt, please check the guidance before sending your children into school in order that we keep all of our children and staff safe. We thank you for your co-operation during difficult times.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



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Future Events

What's happening	Who's it for? Which year group?	When is it?
Year 6 Swimming	Landacre Class	Thursday 13th Jan - Thursday 17th February
PGL	Year 3	May 2022

Term Dates 2021/2022

2021 / 2022		2022 / 2023	
21st - 25th Feb	Half term	Wed 4th Jan 2023	First day of spring term
Thurs 7th April 2022	Last day of spring term	13th - 17th Feb 2023	Half term
Mon 25th April 2022	First day of summer term	Fri 31st Mar 2023	Last day of spring term
Mon 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday	Mon 17th Apr 2023	First day of summer term
30th May - 3rd June 22	Half term	Mon 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday
Tues 26th July 2022	Last day of summer term	29th May - 2nd Jun 2023	Half term
Mon 5th & Tues 6th Sept 2022	Non-pupil days	Fri 21st Jul 2023	Last day of summer term
Wed 7th Sept 2022	First day of autumn term		
24th - 28th Oct 2022	Half term		
Fri 16th Dec 2022	Last day of the autumn term		



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Vacancy

MEAL TIME ASSISTANT VACANCY

South Molton Community Primary School is an expanding school that is looking for a Meal Time Assistant to join our team.

The Meal Time Assistant will work as part of a team to ensure that children are supervised during the lunchtime break in the hall whilst eating and outside in the playground. They will lead games that encourage physical activity, raise self esteem and confidence in children as well as completing other duties as directed by their supervisor/line manager.

South Molton Community Primary School is a very successful well presented, well maintained Primary School. Decisions do not form a material part of the role, other than in the completion of tasks.

The successful candidate must be able to undertake work consistent with basic knowledge and skill.

The school can offer:

- friendly and welcoming staff -high levels of support and guidance
- well-maintained and good quality buildings This will be a 12 month fixed term position. It will be 6.65 hours per week worked across 5 days. The hours will be from 12:00pm-1:20pm Monday-Friday. The salary will be NJC grade A at £9.25 per hour. Please see the vacancies page on our website to apply.

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



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Free Science Kits

"Free science kits for children self isolating due to Covid. The kits, called Busy Bag Science, intend to keep youngsters busy and engaged in science whilst they are at home. Kits contain the resources & instructions for 4 experiments plus 3 colouring pages. They can be ordered from the Sciencedipity's website below and are posted 1st class to your home address:

<https://sciencedipity.co.uk/free-busy-bag-science-kits-for-torridge-north-devon/>

The project runs for 4 weeks to mid March, and kits can be ordered for free any time during this period while stocks last."



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HOLIDAY CHILDCARE BOOKING FORM – FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022

£2.50	8am – 9am	£15.00	9am – 3.30pm	£5.00	3.30pm – 5.30pm
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Breakfast will be provided for anyone arriving at 8am.

Healthy snacks and water will be provided throughout the day. Please provide your child with a pack lunch.

Please remember: Coats / Hats / Applied Sun Cream / Trainers / Wellington Boots

Child/Children Name Class/Classes/Year

Week	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
w/c	8.00	9.00	3.30	8.00	9.00	3.30	8.00	9.00	3.30	8.00	9.00	3.30	8.00	9.00	3.30
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	9.00	3.30	5.30	9.00	3.30	5.30	9.00	3.30	5.30	9.00	3.30	5.30	9.00	3.30	5.30
21/02/22															

Signed _____ Total Amount Enclosed: £ _____

Completed booking forms and payment **MUST** be made before the end of term.
Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council.

Holiday Childcare fees are non-refundable. Please ensure you pick up your child / children up at the correct times, failure to do so will result in a penalty charge.
Please drop off and pick up your child from the main entrance.

Office Use Only

Amount Paid

Cash Cheque On-line

