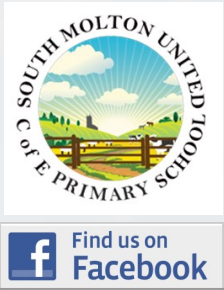


SMUPS News

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Friday 6th September 2024

Hello from the Head

Welcome and Welcome Back to all our parents and carers. It has been lovely to see the children this week and welcome them for the new academic year. A huge thank you for getting the children looking so smart and being on time—it is a great start and long may it continue. Despite the very soggy weather the children have been full of enthusiasm and it has been wonderful to see them with their friends and classmates.

This term promises to be a busy term with lots of events happening. We will communicate these in due course. Over the summer the school officially joined Ventrus Multi Academy Trust and we are excited to be working with a forward looking, innovative trust based in Devon to provide the best education and opportunities for our children. Please note the change of school email to smups@ventrus.org.uk

The start of the autumn term is always about setting up good routines and establishing good habits, which support the children to be successful. Please do support your children by getting back into really good habits with home reading (both listening to your child read and also reading to them), supporting them to do their TTRS or Numbots learning and any other home learning. Thank you for your support with this—it really does make such a positive difference to the children.

Over the coming couple of weeks, there will be lots of communications coming home, so please check emails and book bags.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Collective Worship

Our theme for this half term is **THANKFULNESS**. This week we have focused on how we show our school values around the school.

Things to Remember

- Please do not park on the school site at normal pick up and drop off times. The safety of the children and pedestrians is paramount. Please park carefully and considerately on the roads near to the school and use the pedestrian path.
 - Please ensure that break time snacks and lunchboxes are healthy and nutritious.
- Reception and KS1 children should be in class for 8:30am and KS2 children for 8:45am. Please be punctual so that the children are not arriving late as this is disruptive for them and the class.
 - The school email address has changed to smups@ventrus.org.uk

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Staffing Update

Below is a list of staff and what their roles are for this year

Headteachers—Mr O'Donnell and Mrs Harvey

SENDCO—Mrs Oatway (P/T)

Pastoral Lead and Attendance—Mrs Moir (P/T), Speech and Language—Miss Green

Office—Mrs Dennis, Miss Bell and Mrs Cumings

Year 6—Mrs Kimberley and Mrs Rozputynski

Year 5— Mrs Collings, Miss Thompson, Mrs Edmondson and Mrs Woolcott

Year 4— Miss Brook, Miss Freeman, Miss White and Mrs Mogford

Year 3—Miss Mayne, Mrs Milverton and Miss Miller

Year 2—Miss Dekker and Mrs Morgan

Year 1—Miss Willis, Mrs Seldon Green and Mrs Boyles

Year R—Miss Partridge, Miss Dennis, Mrs Long and Miss Prouse

ATTENDANCE

We continue to have a big focus on attendance and making sure all children are in school and learning unless they are too unwell to do so. Each day missed does have an impact and children can quickly miss out on key bits of learning. Mrs Moir, our pastoral lead, also works with families to help improve attendance so if you have any concerns about attendance please do contact the school. The table below illustrates how the number of days off works out as percentages.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned