

South Molton United Church of England Primary School Prospectus



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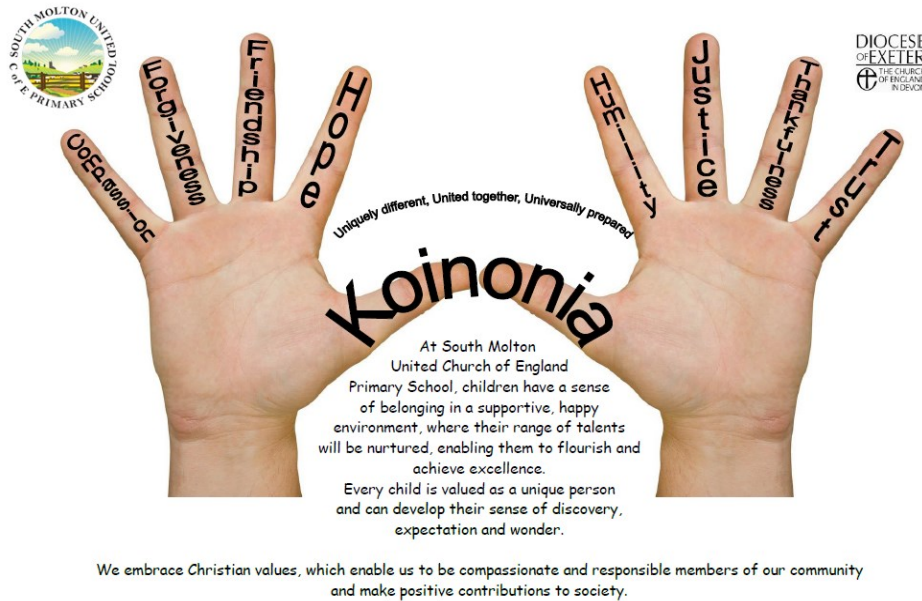
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South Molton United Church of England Primary School

Our Curriculum

We value each child as an individual and want to celebrate and build on what makes them unique. Through our broad and balanced curriculum we will identify, nurture and develop their talents and interests, whilst equipping them with the key skills, knowledge and understanding they will need to flourish in the next stage of their education. We are committed to supporting the development of the “whole child” and to providing every child with the opportunity to develop the attitudes and dispositions that are the foundations of a successful education.



The foundation of our curriculum is the teaching of learning behaviours and attitudes, which underpins all of the work we do. Examples of these are persistence, confidence, independence, engagement, determination and creativity. We provide opportunities for the children to develop these behaviours and attitudes and celebrate them through our weekly celebration assembly. We also use Building Learning Power to help our children develop their learning behaviours such as being reflective, risk taking and using resources.

We are committed to ensuring that all children are able to achieve their very best in the core areas of reading, writing and maths as these need to be applied in so many other subjects and in so many jobs. Through high quality teaching, specific interventions and support we aim to help every child to make the best progress they can. Other aspects of the curriculum are equally important and we want the children to develop their skills in subjects such as science, art, music, history and geography. During their time at SMUPS, they will develop a wide range of skills and knowledge and instil a love of learning.

Our Ofsted report (March 2018) noted “pupils blossom because staff nurture their talents and interests. Pupils are provided with engaging, inspiring teaching and learning opportunities across a whole range of national curriculum subjects.”.

We believe that partnership with parents and carers is absolutely vital in a child’s education. Therefore we regularly invite parents into the school to see their children’s learning and to see the work of the school. We also keep parents informed of topics and planned work through newsletters and our website. Children are set half-termly homework projects to extend and deepen their learning. They also read at home, practise spellings and complete maths tasks. The school uses Accelerated Reader, which supports the children in their reading by providing them with suggested reading at their level and quizzes to help their comprehension skills. We also use Mathletics, an online maths resource, which the children can use to practise and develop their skills.

Please see our website for more information on our curriculum and examples of the children’s work.



Reception Class

At South Molton United C of E Primary School we have created a learning environment where children are:-

Interested

Children should want to learn and be eager to find out more.

Imaginative

Children should be creative, have a love for stories and be full of

Inquisitive

Children should always ask questions

Independent

Children should be able to think for themselves and be willing and enthusiastic to meet their own needs wherever possible



We strongly believe that getting the reception year right is vital. A good first year at school builds the foundation blocks for all future learning at primary school and beyond.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Our school offers wrap around care for your children. Our breakfast club is open from 8am until school starts and the afterschool club runs from the end of school until 5.30pm. The club is run by committed school-based staff, who already know your children. They offer a wide range of activities such as art and craft, cooking, gardening, rounders, film nights etc. Please contact the school office regarding club registration forms and bookings or see our website. Bookings should be made online and in advance.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club costs £2.50 per session, per child. The breakfast is a choice of hot and cold drinks, various cereals, fruit and toast with a number of different toppings to choose from. If your child particularly likes something that we don't have we will try and accommodate the request.

Afterschool Club Costs £6.50 until 5.30pm. We also offer a drink and light snack within this cost. There is also a discounted rate to £3.50 for siblings.

School Organisation

The school caters for children ages 4 up to 11 years. From September 2019 there will be seven classes and approximately 190 children on roll.

Class organisation is single age classes with one exception. We endeavour to structure the classes to ensure that there are no more than 30 children in each class.

Appropriate intervention groups will be run through the school year to support and extend children's learning in the core subjects of Maths and English.

Times of the School Day

Reception

8.30—11.45 am lessons with breaks
11.45-1.00 pm Lunch
1.00-3.00 pm lessons with breaks

Years 1 and 2:

8.30 - 10.15 lessons
10.15 - 10.30 break
10.30 -11:50 lessons
11:50—1pm lunch
1.00 - 3.00pm lessons

Years 3/4/5/6:

8.30 - 10.45 lessons
10.45 - 11.00 break
11.00 -12.05 lessons
12.05—1pm lunch
1.00 - 3.00pm lessons

Collective worship takes place every day.

Our Staff at the School

We have a very committed and hard working team of staff within the school who are very excited about working with your children. They are dedicated to making sure each child gets the best education and are implementing the curriculum to provide a broad and rich education for all children which enables them to progress well. Our Ofsted report said “pupils in all year groups, and in all subjects, make good progress”.



School Useful Information

Assessment, Progress and Standardised Tests

As part of the curriculum 2014, the school has developed an assessment system, which closely identifies the children's attainment against specific objectives. This is used to constantly inform planning and the curriculum so the children can all make good progress. Through the school year your child's attainment and progress will be closely tracked to ensure that they are making good progress against national expectations. We do this through a combination of teacher assessments, tasks and tests. These assessments then inform planning for next steps in children's learning. Where a child is falling behind, interventions will be implemented to support their learning. We also provide interventions to enable children to extend their learning.

Currently at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 the children are expected to take part in statutory assessments (SATs) which assess their progress and attainment across the schools. The Year 6 tests are externally marked and are used in the government's league tables.

Transfer

Reception children start their transition in the Summer Term following the end of the Admissions process. We will write to you inviting you and your child to come into the school and meet the teachers and ask any questions. The children will then come in at other times to spend time at the school getting use to the school environment. The teachers will also visit pre-schools and schools during this term so your child has plenty of time to spend with their teacher before starting at school in September.

During their final year at the school Y6 children have visits from staff at the South Molton Community College and also have the opportunity to spend time visiting the college to familiarise themselves with the routines.

School Meals

Reception children will have their milk and fruit during the day and are entitled to their universal free school meals. KS 2 children have access to drinking water at all times and the school also runs a milk scheme for the older children. Please ask at the school office for details or go to our website.

School meals are cooked on site and the children eat in the main hall. We aim to continue the healthy theme by getting the children to cook with our kitchen manager and growing our own vegetables that will be used within the children's meals. We want the children to understand what they are eating and how the food gets from the growing process to the plate.

Menus are sent to parents and children may choose which option on a daily basis. The cost of a cooked meal is currently £2.30. Payment should be made in advance via our online payment system available from our website **press £ on the home page**. Or by cheque payable to DCC. Free meals are available to those in receipt of certain benefits. Applications can be made through the Devon Citizen Portal or telephone CYPs helpline on 0345 155 1019. It is important that you make a claim for free meals, if you think you are entitled, even if you don't want to take them. It brings in extra funding to the school. This also applies to reception children and if a reception child's application to get FSM is successful the school will purchase your child's first PE T-shirt.

Homework/Home School Agreement

We believe that homework is an important part of your child's education and we have a homework policy (available on our school website or from the school office), which sets out the expectations for homework in different year groups. The Home School Agreement is part of the consent booklet and should be read, signed and returned to the school.

School Uniform

School sweatshirts are available from:- Maritime Motifs, Southley Road, South Molton
Tel: 01769 572727. Priced at £10. Also available are Fleece Jackets £13.50, Cardigans £11.50, Black Shorts £4.50 and PE bag with initials £3.50.

GIRLS

Winter

School sweatshirt
White blouse/polo shirt
Grey/black skirt
Grey/black trousers
White/grey/black socks or tights
Black/**low-heel** shoes



Summer

As above or check gingham dress in green or red

BOYS

Winter

School sweatshirt
White shirt/polo shirt
Black/grey trousers
Black shoes and grey socks

Summer

As above or dark blue/black/grey **plain** shorts

We do not allow jeans or coloured trainers.

Ear rings – Governors have ruled that **ONLY** studs may be worn in pierced ears. All ear rings have to be removed for PE and swimming.

PE Kit

PE tops and Hoody sweatshirts can be purchased from the school office or preferably online through the school website. Samples are in school to check for correct sizes. Orders can then be placed online.

Tops are £7.00 and hoodies are £10.50 they are to be worn with Black shorts/trousers and trainers.

PE KIT IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS AND SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES.

The kit needs to all be named and kept in a PE bag also with your child's name on it

School book bags are also available from the school office priced £3.80



Parents and the School

We welcome parents into school to act as helpers (subject to relevant DBS checks) in the classroom on a regular basis but also to provide occasional support. For example - to help walk the children to the swimming pool or to help on a trip.

Parent Consultation Meetings

These are held during the year and again following the issue of annual reports, if required. Parents are, of course, encouraged to make an appointment to see the teacher or Head teacher if at any time during the year they wish to discuss any issues involving their child. Teachers will also inform parents of any achievements or concerns as and when they arise.

Newsletters

These are issued weekly and will be emailed. Paper copies will be available from the office on request. They are designed to keep parents informed about the children's achievements and activities, term dates and other items of interest. They are also available on the school's website and the school noticeboard by the road.

Friends of the School Association

A meeting will take place for parents to attend at the beginning of the school year to discuss fundraising ideas to raise money for items such as outdoor play equipment for the school. Please come along to this meeting if you feel you would like to help. Events this year include School Discos, Fayres, Bingo, Quiz nights and school tea towels. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents.

Schoolcomms / Payment advice

Our School Comms system enables us to text the first named contact we have for your child. We will use this on occasions such as: an after school club being cancelled, school closure, absence (if you have not left a message on the phone) etc.

Although contact sheets are updated annually, it is essential that you keep us informed of any changes to phone numbers throughout the year.

This system also allows parents to pay online for dinners and trips, ASC, Breakfast club and P.E. kit. A link on how to do this is on our website or call into the school office if you have any problems setting this up.

Absence/Illness

Parents are asked to notify the school if your child is unable to attend for any reason. In the case of sickness a phone call to the school on the first day of absence is required. Requests for absences must be made well in advance by obtaining an absence form from the school office or downloading one from the school's website. Only in exceptional circumstances will an absence be authorised as per new Government rules and the school's policy. The school is required to investigate unauthorised absences and report them to the Government.

If your child needs to be given medicine during the school day please obtain a consent form from the office. Staff are unable to administer medicine unless this form has been completed. Should your child be unwell during the school day we will contact you via the numbers you have given on your contact sheet in the given order.

Community/Church Links, Trips, Charity Events and Clubs

The School is a very important part of the community and we encourage our children to take part in community events, either through the school or outside of school. Listed below are some of the events the school is involved in throughout the year. These are a good way of encouraging children to gain confidence and develop a full range of their talents.

- Lantern Parade
- The school choir sings at the town's nursing homes and at coffee mornings.
- Harvest Festival and the Christmas Carol Service at the Church
- The Church Christmas Tree Festival
- South Molton Old English Fayre
- Non-school uniform days and cake sales to raise money for Charities

Trips are often arranged each term. These are sometimes linked to a specific topic that the school is undertaking. Recent trips include:-

- Year 6 residential trip to an activity centre and life skills trip
- Exeter Cathedral
- Years 3/4 Rock and Rapid Residential
- Finalist in the Jaguar art club competition
- Sporting events at other local schools including athletics, cricket, tag rugby and netball
- Music Festivals and music mix
- Exmoor Zoo
- RHS Rosemoor
- Young Voices

The school also has visitors into the school, again sometimes linked to a topic or to help with life skills. Examples are:-

- Fire and Lifeguard service
- Wild exotic animal experience

The school also runs lunchtime and after school clubs, these vary from term to term, currently we run football club, gardening club, flute club and 2 x choir clubs. There is also the opportunity for children to undertake music lessons. We currently offer drumming and flute as options and host SMART music on Thursdays.



We are a Church of England School – What does that mean?

We are a 'Community School with a Faith Foundation' – Children from families of Christian faith, other faiths or no faith are all welcome to attend our school and participate fully within it. The school aims to serve its community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith, and promotes Christian values through the experiences it offers to all of its pupils.



In our last inspection OFSTED stated that "Everyone is treated as an individual, and given equal opportunity to do their best. Provision for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is very strong, with pupils showing compassion for others and a strong sense of morality."

Does a Church of England School Provide the Full National Curriculum?

Yes - Church schools are bound by the law in this and many other respects, and are inspected by OFSTED to ensure they are doing so.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship is seen as part of the whole school curriculum. It is a act of worship at the beginning of each day, in which the whole school family participates. All staff are invited to lead collective worship and a half-termly theme is followed. A reflective atmosphere, which includes a prayer, is created and the collective worship lasts for 15 to 20 minutes. Parents, Governors and members of the church and the local community are invited to join us for all Collective Worship.



Will My Children Be Exposed to Narrow Religious Teaching in R.E.?

No – We aim to enable pupils to acquire an understanding of religion and the different ways in which it is lived and practised. To do this we will study Christianity as a main focus but will also study Islam, Hinduism and Judaism. We seek to enable pupils to reflect on their own beliefs, values and experiences in the light of their study and to develop a positive attitude towards other people, respecting their right to hold different religious beliefs and value systems from their own.

Church Connections

We have a strong connection with our local parish church and is where we hold our different services throughout the year which include Christmas, Harvest, Easter and End of Year services. The Rev. Michael Grandey is a regular visitor into our school and leads Collective Worship for us every three weeks. We also welcome the minister from the Methodist and the Baptist Church within South Molton to lead Collective Worship once a month. Once a week the church team perform "Open The Book". This is when they act out stories from the Bible, which the children really enjoy.



The school is also involved with many community events and groups as mentioned earlier in this booklet.

Further Questions?

If you have any further questions which are not answered here then please do get in contact and we will do our best to answer them for you.

Other Useful Information

Special Education Needs and Disabilities

South Molton United Church of England Primary School together with Devon County Council are committed to ensuring that all children and young people have a good start in life. Some children and young people have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and these needs mean that a child may require additional support at certain times during their life. We have a dedicated SENCO, Mrs Natalie Oatway, who works two days a week. She liaises with parents, class teachers and outside agencies to support children identified with SEN.

Our school aims to be as supportive and as inclusive as possible, with the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities being met within the school setting wherever possible. We have a committed and dedicated team to ensure good quality teaching within our school for all our pupils. Class teachers liaise closely with the SENCO and other agencies to provide the best support for identified needs. Please see our school website for full information and the Local Offer.

Health

School nurses are registered nurses who are part of the public health nursing team and regularly visit the school. They are supported in this work by Community Health Workers who are also part of the Public Health Nursing Team.

They promote the health and wellbeing of children and families, both at home and in school, and can give specific support and health advice to young people and their families. Usually they can offer direct advice and support, but sometimes they may refer you to other people with specialist knowledge who can help.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact them if they have any health concerns about their son or daughter please speak to the school office for telephone numbers.

How to make a complaint related to the National Curriculum

In the first instance, information should be addressed to the Head Teacher who will deal with the concern. If a satisfactory solution is not reached the Head Teacher will provide you with the necessary papers to send a complaint to the appropriate body and inform you of the process available to you. Our complaints policy is available on our website.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

This school has a Safeguarding policy. The designated Safeguarding persons to whom you should take any concerns are Kevin O'Donnell and Tringa Gould. We have two further designated Safeguarding Officers: Yvonne Markou, Debbie Leach and Milly Gale. Any concerns reported will be followed up in line with the Local Authority and school policy. The named governor for Safeguarding is Jackie Mead. All staff and volunteers at the school have to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Arrangements for seeing documents and policies relating to the school and its curriculum

Many other policies and important documents are available on the schools website or via the school office. Please have a look and also we draw your attention to the Data Protection/GDPR Privacy Notice document which is also in our consent booklet.

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Children's Work

This term Holly Class have been learning about the culture and geographical features of Australia and exploring the artwork of the indigenous people.

The class collected natural objects and experimented with the dot technique to produce artwork in the style of the Aboriginal people.

They also created pastel pictures inspired by the ancient Wandjina cave paintings found in Western Australia and produced collaborative paintings after exploring the hand stencil cave paintings of Eastern Australia.



Year 1 experimented with mark making using paint and were encouraged to use technical vocabulary to describe the variety of marks they had made. They also explored how to change and describe the consistency of paint and discovered how to alter the hue.



The children from Elm Class explored the clay making process and created coil pots using the slip and score technique. They were glazed and then fired in the school's kiln.



Year 5 created papercuttings in the style of the ancient Notan art form from Japan. They had to consider light and dark and positive and negative shapes to create their artwork.



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Please see our website for more information and photos. Our new website contains a wealth of information related to the school and is updated regularly.
www.smups.devon.sch.uk



Please do contact the School Office if you would like a visit to our school or require any other information about our school.

Our School Governors are also happy to answer any questions you may have. They can be contacted on the school number.

Mr John Cundill is our Chair of Governors

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School Website

Our school website at:-

www.smups.devon.sch.uk

gives you much more additional information about our school, including

Newsletters

School Policies

The Governing Body details

Class information

SEN information

Whole school pictures and press releases

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