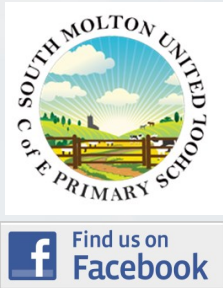


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Friday 30th September 2022

Hello from the Head

The highlight of this week has certainly been our Harvest Festival in the church yesterday. Our thanks to Michael and the team at the church for hosting us. Thank you to all the parents/carers that helped us walk to and from the church. It was wonderful to be in church as a whole school for the first time this year. Well done to all the year six children who read so well. A huge thank you for all the generous donations for our Harvest collection—it will make a real difference to families in need. This will go to South Molton Foodbank.

After the church, reception went on a trip around South Molton to find their front doors. Year one visited South Molton library and had a picnic lunch, before spending some time in the park. There were some tired legs, but they had a great day out and were a real credit to the school. Well done.

On Thursday 20th October at 2:30pm, we would like to invite parents/carers into school to be able to come and see their child's work and each class will have a bit of a workshop about how to help your child with their learning. More details will follow shortly.

School photos are on Monday 3rd October.

Have a lovely weekend.

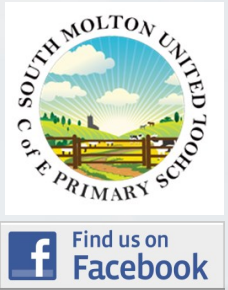
Collective Worship

Our theme for this half term is Justice. This week we have focused on doing what is right.

Things to Remember

- Please take extra care when crossing the roads around the school as there are lots of lorries and other heavy plant moving around the school to the new development near the school.
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE SCHOOL SITE AT THE MAIN PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES UNLESS YOU ARE A BLUE BADGE HOLDER.
 - Please only use the pedestrian path to walk to and from school as the driveway is for vehicles.
- Children in Key Stage 2 can bring a healthy snack to school for break time. No crisps or chocolate please.
- Children in Key Stage 2 should come to school in their P.E. kits on their class P.E. days. Children in Key Stage One should have their kits in school.

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CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Each week, we celebrate brilliant learning in our celebration assembly.

We give out certificates for Resilience, Resourcefulness,
Relationships, Risk and Reflectiveness as these are our
Building Learning Powers.

ACORNS: Maxi & Lottie

OAK: Ralph

ASH: Max T

BEECH: Isabelle & William

WILLOW: Mila

PINE: Archie & Cody T

HOLLY: Cobo & Jaycie

ELM: Amy

ATTENDANCE

This year, we will be having a real focus in school on maximising attendance at school. The last two years have been a real challenge, attendance wise with Covid-19 infections and rules around self isolation. Pre-pandemic the national average for school attendance was 96.1%, which equates to around 7 days off per year. Children should be in school unless they are too unwell to attend. Please note that term time holidays will only be authorised in the most exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised term time absences and holidays may lead to a fine. On the next page is a diagram showing attendance percentages and how many days off this equates to.

The attendance percentages for each class this week are

Year One: 94.3

Year Two: 98.6

Year Three: Beech: 99.2 Willow: 99.1

Year Four: 95.3

Year Five: 92.3

Year Six: 93.9

HOME LEARNING—Supporting your child's learning

The most important piece of home learning is for the children to be reading at home. Please support your child with their reading by hearing them read, reading with and to them and talking about what they have read.

For children in Reception and years 1 and 2, they should be reading for 10-15 minutes five times per week. Please record on Tapestry to say that you have read with them each week.

For children in Key Stage Two (years 3, 4, 5 and 6), they should be reading for between 15 and 30 minutes five times per week. They will be able to quiz on Accelerated Reader when they have completed their book. Please record on Tapestry to say that they have read each week.

Children in Key Stage Two should also be practicing their times tables using TT Rock-stars. They should be aiming to do around 10-15 minutes 5 times per week to get really fluent in their tables.

There will also be a half termly project based homework and we have our "Wordy Week" and "Maths Challenge" for all the family to do.

Below is this week's Wordy Week. This week it is all about being an expert about a subject—"Professor Know it All." Attached to the email is the Maths Challenge for this



Wordy Week

Professor Know it all...



Did you know that...
The greatest known fact is...
In addition...
It's not well known that...
To summarise...



Did you Know...

Wednesday 5th October is National Teachers'
Day!



Year 1 visiting the library, and the park after the harvest festival

