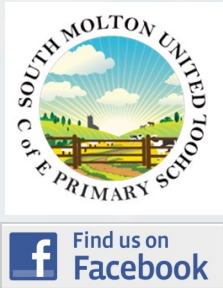


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Friday 7th October 2022

Hello from the Head

It has been another busy week in school. Yesterday, reception visited the South Molton museum and found out more about the local area. In school, there has been some super learning, with year four leading the way with their science work on digestion. They have been learning about the different parts of the digestive system and how our food is digested. They did an experiment to mimic the journey our food goes on through the digestive system and worked in groups to present their own explanations of the digestive system.

Yesterday, our year 6 prefects went to the South Molton Foodbank to see the Harvest Donations from the school. Thank you for the incredible generosity—as a school, we gave 172.5kg of donations. The volunteers at the foodbank were incredibly grateful for the donations and they will make a huge difference, so thank you.

On Tuesday, the North Devon Atlantic Classic Motorcycle Club presented the PTFA with a donation of £1000. A huge thank you to them for their generous donation.

We have PTFA discos scheduled for Thursday 3rd November and parent consultations scheduled for the week beginning Monday 7th November. Full details of these will follow shortly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Collective Worship

We have been continuing with the theme of justice this week and focusing on helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

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.
- SCHOOL PHOTOS—please order online or hand in to the office by Wednesday 12th October.

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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: Finley & Sophie

OAK: Florence

ASH: Finley & Lily

BEECH: Oscar

WILLOW: Jake

PINE: William & Ella

HOLLY: Joseph & Theo

ELM: Noah & Tiegan

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: **91.6**

Year Two: **86.9**

Year Three: Beech: **98.8** Willow: **97.4**

Year Four: **95**

Year Five: **88.7**

Year Six: **93.1**

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 Rockstars. 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. Attached to the email is the Maths Challenge for this week.



Wordy Week

Plot your point of view...

Small
Issue

**Plastic pollution: Litter is still
damaging some of the most protected
areas in the UK**

Big
Issue



BBC Newsround

Did you know...

...the Great Pacific Garbage Patch has a surface area of 1.6 million square kilometres.

"In my opinion..."
"I think.... because..."



We are very grateful to North Devon Atlantic Classic Motorcycle Club for donating £1000 to SMUPS PTFA.

Club member Andrew Maddox from NDA came with his scramble bike to present the cheque to Laura Gould, chair Of SMUPS PTFA.

Debbie Quick and Headteacher Mr O'Donnell were also present for the presentation with Head Boy Harry Lintin and Head Girl Taylah Crockford.

The money will be used toward paying for a theatre group Christmas performance in school for all the children to enjoy!

NDACMCC kindly donate money to charities every year using the money they raise from their motocross events. This year the committee selected Blood Bikes to receive £2k with ChemoHero, Berrynarbor village hall, Berrynarbor Primary School, North Molton Dementia Care Café, North Molton Primary School, South Molton Food Bank and SMUPS PTFA all receiving £1k.

