



North Molton Primary School

'Love learning, learn well'

Friday 8th November 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Good Afternoon, It has been great to see all the children back in school after our half term break - there is already some wonderful work in books and classes have quickly settled back into their routines.

Next week is national Anti-bullying week, a topic which we have already started to explore in our whole assembly this week and it fits extremely well with our value for the month of November which is Respect.

In our assembly, we explored the definition of bullying and thought about what actions to take if we were worried about bullying. We will continue to explore this important topic in our assembly on Monday and in classes next week. The theme for anti-bullying week 2024 is: Choose Respect. [Here is a link to the website for more information.](#)

I would also like to invite all children to wear **ODD SOCKS** on Tuesday 12th November as part of our anti-bullying week with normal school uniform. This is a symbolic and fun way to show and celebrate our uniqueness!

I hope you all enjoy the weekend.



School News

Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2025 Starters

Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 open on 15 November 2024 and close on 15 January 2025, this is for children born between 01 September 2020 and 31 August 2021. The date that all allocations of school places are announced in England is known as **'Offer day'**. For September 2025 primary school starters this will be on **16 April 2025**.

The link below will take you to the Devon County Council Apply for a Primary Place website.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Parking

Can we please politely remind parents and carers to park respectfully and responsibly around the village for drop off and pick up each day. We appreciate that it is tricky especially at the moment with the road works, but other road users and residents need to be able to go about their day and access their property as they wish.

Arrival at school

Some of the year 5 and 6 children walk them selves to school in the mornings and are arriving extremely early—we love how keen they are to be at school! However there is no member of staff outside until 8.35am so could children please not arrive until then. If children are on site unaccompanied before 8.30am then they will be brought into Breakfast club and this will be charged via MCAS.

School lunches

Monday 11 November—there will be a menu change. Option 1 will be Chicken breast served with mashed potato, peas and gravy.

There are ongoing oven issues at South Molton so unfortunately we still can not offer jacket potatoes next week.



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Events of the Week



Fireworks Night



Bonfire night is always an exciting time of year, bringing light to our dark skies. Owls and Kestrels came in on Wednesday morning and used different media to make firework pictures. In English,



using fire works as a stimulus, they collected words to use in our new unit of poetry. We will share them with you as they are completed.

Remembrance Day



The children made felt poppies in school as part of the Local learning community project, and these are now on display in South Molton. They are displayed in the Square and Pannier Market. We have the Poppy Appeal box here at school so if children would like to purchase anything they can bring



some money into school. Items range from 50p—£1.50.



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PTA News

Free cake morning!

Alternatively known as PTA Open morning!

Please come along and join the PTA for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits straight after school drop off on **Friday 15th November**.

Come and meet the current members of the PTA and find out how we have been spending money on your children over the past year and what we have planned for this term and the rest of the year.



We would love some more help with planning our events and fundraisers so please come and meet the friendly PTA.



Even if you are not able to help at any of our events, we would love to meet you. Come and grab a cup of tea and piece of cake or two and meet up with other parents.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Please see the PTA welcome letter attached to the email.



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Dates for the Diary

2024 - 2025



Date	Event
5 December	EY and KS1 Christmas Performance. Afternoon Performance, 2.15pm - 2.45pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
12 December	KS2 Christmas Performance . Afternoon Performance, 1.30pm - 3.00pm Evening Performance, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
23 Dec - 3 Jan	Christmas Holidays
6 January	Non Pupil Day
7 January	First Day of Spring Term
10, 12, 13 February	Parents Evening Meetings
17 - 21 February	February Half Term Break
24 February	Non Pupil Day
5 - 7 March	Yr 5/6 Residential Trip to London
6 March	World Book Day
31 March - 2 April	Whole School Art Exhibition
7 - 21 April	Easter Holidays
22 April	First Day of Summer Term
1 - 2 May	Falcons Residential to Pinkery Pond
5 May	Bank Holiday
26 - 30 May	May Half Term Holiday
26 June	Sports Day
2 - 3 July	Year 6 Transition Days to SMCC
4 July	Reserve Sports Day
7 - 8 July	Reception Parents Evenings
14 July	Non Pupil Day
15 July	Year 6 Leavers Trip TBC
18 July	Whole School Music Celebration
23 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 July	Last Day of Academic Year
24 July	Start of Summer Holidays



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News from the Village and Local Community

Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group:

Becky Parker is running a Baby and Toddler group in the Methodist Hall on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during term time. This is a free group with tea and coffee alongside activities and toys for the little ones. The poster is on our website in the newsletter section

Friday Club:

Friday Club meets tonight 7 pm at NM Sports Hall when Mr R Lewis and Mrs N Shaw will be providing an evening of games and dance!

There is still opportunity for anyone to return filled boxes to the Community Shop NM, Friday Club tonight, Methodist Church on Sat. morning or at the dedication of the boxes and bring & share tea at the Methodist Church Sunday @ 5 pm, where you would be most welcome. Many thanks to all those who've already participated in this scheme.

N.B. We have a fb group, 'North Molton Friday Club'. It would be helpful if parents/grandparents of Years 3-6 children, interested in Friday Club, could join for communication purposes.

Phonebox Library: The village has converted the disused telephone box into a community library. It's a lovely library for the children to visit, take a book and recycle the ones they are finished with. The village phone box library has a lovely selection of **children's books** as well.

The Saunders Good Samaritans Trust:

If anyone is struggling and needs any help please contact this local charity that is available to support residents in our local community. For more information please contact Rose Courtney (740382) who lives in the village.

Village News

PANTOMIME - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST @ THE QUEEN'S THEATRE, B'PLE - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

If anyone would like an evening at the Panto, there will be a coach leaving N.M. Square at 5.45 pm. The cost for the coach and panto' is £17pp. Please contact Rose Courtney, for more details/to book on 07944 243866 by Thursday 31st October at the latest.

(Reminder to Friday Club members and adults to return their forms with money by above date.)