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Welcome

Welcome to our new Reception children and to their families. Welcome also to Georgie (Year 1), Bella and Saoirse (Year 2), Declan (Year 4) and Summer and Amber (Year 6). Welcome back to all our children and families. We hope that you have had an enjoyable break and ready for the new term ahead.

We would like to warmly welcome new members of staff, Mrs Crouch (Year 4) and Miss Collis (Year 2) who will be working with us for the majority of this year. Also welcome to Miss Conibear (Year 2) who is joining our staff team.

Our congratulations go to Miss Bevan who got married over the holidays and is now known as Mrs Bevan.

Curriculum

Our Reception children have settled really well into their first week of school. They are purposefully involved in their independent learning time and are getting into the swing of their daily routine.

Year 3 started their school term dressed as the Egyptians. Their costumes looked amazing and they had a great day learning about the artefacts, learning about what the pictures told them about that time and practising and demonstrating the gruesome process of mummification!

Year 1 enjoyed Exeter Exotics coming into school with a range of their interesting animals. They were introduced to Delilah the tarantula, Beebee the skunk, Razor the bearded dragon, a corn snake and a young lively racoon! This links to Year 1's focus on 'Deadly 60'.

Next week we are having an author focus week in our classes. The children will have opportunities to explore the writing of different authors, including Roald Dahl. We will be celebrating Dahl's centenary on **Friday 16 September**. We are asking children of all year groups to come dressed up as any character from a Roald Dahl book to celebrate his books and amazing characters.

We are excited about this new term and look forward to working with you and your children. Please do remember that we have an open door policy and encourage you to catch us if there any concerns. If we cannot see you at the time, we will make an appointment at the earliest opportunity.

Key Dates this term:

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Fri 16 Sep	Dressing up as a Roald Dahl character to celebrate Roald Dahl day	All day	School
Mon 19 Sep	'Into the Net' theatre workshop for Years 4-6 about internet safety	Approx. 10am	School hall
Wed 8 Oct	Exminster School Association (ESA) fundraiser for parents – Shopaholic (further details to follow)	7pm	School hall
Mon 10 Oct	Parent-teacher evening, by appointment (booking letter to be sent out prior to event)	4-7pm	Classrooms
Thurs 13 Oct	Parent-teacher evening, by appointment (booking letter to be sent out prior to event)	4-7pm	Classrooms
Fri 21 Oct-Mon 31 Oct (incl)	Half term Please note: Friday 21 Oct and Mon 31 Oct school is closed – these dates are part of our half term		
Wed 16 Nov	RAINBOW DAY (further details to come)	All day	School
Tues 6 Dec	Reception children's Christmas Assembly	3pm	School hall
Tues 13 Dec	KS1 Matinee Performance (Yr 1 & Yr 2 only)	afternoon	School hall
Wed 14 Dec	KS1 Evening performance (Yr 1 & Yr 2 only)	Approx. 6pm (tbc)	School hall
Monday 19 Dec – Tues 3 Jan (incl)	Holiday Please note: school is closed for staff training on Tues 3 Jan. First day back for children is Wed 4 Jan		

Snacks reminder

Please can children be sent in with fruit or vegetables **only** as a break time snack. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 do help themselves to the government funded snack scheme which is fresh fruit or vegetables available daily. If you want to send them in with a specific fruit or veg snack, please clearly label it. Children in KS2 (Years 3-6) do not receive the fresh fruit and veg. They can bring in a snack ensuring it is only fruit or vegetables.





Nayamba fundraising events

Do you know your 1990 Romanee-Contir from your 1951 Penfolds? Neither do I but I do like wine! If you do too then you will love this evening. On Friday 23rd September at 7pm in Exminster Victory Hall we will be led by the wonderful Iain Smith and his team (from Magdalen Road Wines) through 6 different wines, each one being described in three different ways. Can you spot the truth or do you detect fruity undertones in them all? Either way, much fun is guaranteed and alongside these refreshments you will also enjoy a wonderful 3 course dinner. The tickets are an absolute bargain at £20 each or £35 for a pair and there will be plenty of extra wine to buy during the evening to drink straight away or take home and enjoy at a later date. Space is very limited so to secure your ticket email simon.marshall3@gmail.com or libby.marshall77@gmail.com or text 07704 172798 to reserve your space and for ways to pay.

Rugby event this Sunday 11 September. 'Raucous Rugby Run', 5k run for any age with a few surprise rugby challenges. £10 entry per person, £30 per family. See flyer attached for further information. All monies raised will go to support the 100% Nayamba project: <http://nayambaschool.org/>

Access procedures

For your children's security all our entrances are locked during the school day. The Townfield gate remains locked until 3.20pm. If you need to access the school during the day, the following procedures apply:

Front Gate: This gate can only be opened by the school office and does not have an intercom. Please ring the buzzer to the left of the gate and when you hear a change in the tone please push the gate. Please ensure you close the gate behind you – do not leave it to shut itself.

Rear Gate: This gate has an intercom. Please ring the buzzer and identify yourself to the office staff. They will then buzz you in. Please ensure you close the gate behind you.

If we do not recognize you, a member of staff will come out to the gate. It is very important that you do not hold the gate open for other visitors as for everyone's safety we need to be able to monitor who has access to the school. The only exception to this would be when we have asked you to queue outside the school gates.

For Reception Parents

All Reception parents will have received login details for ParentPay. ParentPay is not only the method we use for paying for Breakfast Club, school meals and school trips etc. it is also our primary communication method. All newsletters are issued through this system and if you have not registered you will miss out on vital information. From next week Reception will not be issuing paper copies of newsletters. Please ensure you logon to www.parentpay.com using the details provided. If you have any queries concerning this please speak to one of the ladies in the school office.

School Meals

A copy of the up to date menu can be found on the school's website by clicking the 'Parents' tab followed by 'School Meals'.

Bikes and scooters

We are always pleased to see children riding their bikes and scooters to school. However at the beginning and end of each day the school playground is very busy and for this reason bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the school grounds. If you wish to leave bikes and scooters at school during the day they must be stored in the bike store at the rear of the school and are left at your own risk.

From Exminster Summer Play scheme

We hope that everyone who attended the Exminster Summer Play scheme during August had a memorable time. The weather was very good to us for most of the week and it was well attended. We do have some items of LOST PROPERTY that were left behind:

- Lacoste bright blue hoodie size 8
- navy and white striped Next hoodie 4-5 years
- Beanie stripey cat
- 2 odd socks
- small tupperware container with a green lid

If they are yours please contact me. Thank you for all your support and look out for details of future fundraising events.

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