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### History Day

Our History Day on Friday was a fantastic learning experience. The children and staff looked amazing in their costumes. We had a special Remembrance assembly at 11am and a sharing assembly at the end of the day to celebrate all the learning that had taken place in every year group. A huge thank you goes to all the visitors who came in to school to enrich the experience for the children.

### Sporting success

On Wednesday 9th November 2016, children from seven schools across the Dawlish Learning Partnership took part in the annual DLP Swimming Gala, held at Dawlish Leisure Centre. Each school had a team of 12 children from years 4, 5 and 6. Firstly, the children had to compete in individual events, including breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl, later followed by three relays where they worked as a team swimming a length each whilst holding onto balls and floats. The races were all very close! The children all showed excellent sportsmanship and team spirit and were extremely loud when cheering on their classmates.

Congratulations to Kenton who took the top place with 56 points and were awarded the DLP Swimming Gala trophy to take back to school. Exminster were pleased to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to all of the children who took part and a big thank you to the Year 9 Dawlish Community College Sports Leaders and their PE teacher Mrs Dempsey for running the event.

### Community Project

Green Spaces volunteers are continuing to develop the community orchard near our Townfield entrance. At the weekend around 400 saplings, supplied by the Woodland Trust, were planted on two sides of the orchard to provide a natural hedge in due course. Each sapling has a cane with a protector around it. A gate is planned to be fitted in due course to fully enclose the site which has been open for years.

We will ensure children are aware of this area and emphasise the need to not walk on the bank so that we do not damage this project. We are looking forward to watching the orchard develop and our thanks go to the volunteers who are developing such areas of beauty around the village.

### Children in Need

This Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need Day. We will be having a non-uniform day in return for a donation to the charity. Please do join in!

### Christmas Lunches

A reminder that all Christmas Lunch order slips need to be returned by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We need a reply slip for **EVERY** child, whether or not they are having school dinners on the appropriate day.

### KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Christmas Production

Please remember to return your slip and make your payment by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are limited to a maximum of 2 tickets per family per show – no additional tickets will be offered. **Tickets will not be issued until we have received both payment and reply slip.** Admittance will only be permitted upon presentation of a ticket.

### Nits

Unfortunately we are currently experiencing an outbreak of nits in the school. Head lice are very common amongst primary school children and can easily be transferred by head to head contact. Prevention is the key and we therefore recommend that all long hair is tied back and you check your child's head on a weekly basis. Unfortunately head lice are becoming more resilient to chemicals and we have found the most effective treatment is to apply lots of conditioner and comb through thoroughly using a nit comb before rinsing out.





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### **Breakfast Club**

Regular users of Breakfast Club will have received a booking form for the Spring Term. If you wish to continue using Breakfast Club please complete and return the form by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you do not currently use Breakfast Club and are interested in learning more about it, please speak to Mrs Welch or Mrs Perry in the school office who will be happy to help and provide you with the necessary paperwork.

I would also remind you that if you need to cancel a Breakfast Club session you need to let us know by mid-day on the previous working day or you will be charged.

### **Exminster Christmas Tree Festival**

This year's Christmas Tree Festival will take place at The Methodist Church from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December inclusive. Exminster pupils will each be making a Christmas decoration to be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival. Pupils will visit Festival at the Methodist Church with their class on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December but feel free to visit, support and enjoy the festival as a family too.

### **Exminster School Association – School Disco**

The next School Disco will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The details are as follows:

#### **KS1 – 6 - 6.45pm**

Please enter through the main entrance. All children need to be collected from outside the Reception classroom.

**RECEPTION CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

#### **KS2 - 7-8pm**

Please enter through the main entrance. Children need to be collected from the hall exit to the side of the school. (Opposite the hub)

### **FOR YOUR CHILDS SAFETY**

Children will not be allowed to go home without an adult. All children will be signed in and out so please bear with us if this takes some time.

**Entry - £2.** Various drinks, sweets and global sticks will be on sale, prices from 50p.

### **To parents of children in Years 1 & 2 - KS1 Christmas Production Hampers**

Exminster School Association would like to put together Christmas hampers to raffle at the KS1 Christmas Productions.

We are asking for donations of Christmas chocolates, biscuits, sweets, mince pies and Christmas puddings.

Boxes will be outside the year 1 and 2 classrooms and in reception. Please donate so that we can make some really lovely prizes!

All money raised from the raffle will go towards the new climbing wall.

Thank you for your support!

### **ExAct Panto – Robin Hood**

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for this year's fabulous village panto! This year's panto, Robin Hood, will take place in the Victory Hall from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets, costing £6 for adults and £4 for children, will be available as follows:

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2-4pm

Partridges

Victory Hall

