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We would like to congratulate Mr Wilsher and Jess on the birth of their son early yesterday morning. Baby Wilsher-Rule weighed 6lbs 15oz but has no name as yet. Congratulations Jim and Jess!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Taverner and The Mears Group for visiting us recently to talk about road safety and for providing us with high visibility jackets for Reception children. Whilst on site they also very kindly unblocked the drains in order to allow the rainwater to soak away from the playground and cleared the walkways to remove the leaves and potential slipping hazards. We really appreciate their help.

### **KS2 Carol Service**

As there is no KS2 Christmas Production this year, we will be holding a Key Stage 2 Carol Service on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm (weather permitting). This will be an outdoor community event and we would like as many children, families and friends as possible to join us on the school playground. As it will be dark by 5pm, please bring torches to the service and make sure you wrap up warm!

If anyone has any outdoor lights that we could borrow to help us to light up the playground, please speak to Mr Moore or Mr Herring. We look forward to welcoming you!

### **Illness**

May I remind you that if your child will be off school due to illness you must phone the school office by 9am. There is an answering machine ready to take your messages.

### **School Disco**

Many thanks for all the organisation of the Exminster School Association for the recent school disco. Over £500 was made which will go towards the transverse climbing wall.

### **Dates reminder:**

Below is a list of dates for events happening leading up until we break up:

Date	Year groups	Event
Tuesday 6 December, 2.20pm	Reception	Christmas assembly
Tuesday 13 December 2.30pm	Y1, Y2	KS1 Matinee performance
Wednesday 14 December 6.00pm	Y1, Y2	KS1 Evening performance
Wednesday 14 December	KS2	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 December	KS2	Christmas Party – more details to follow
Thursday 15 December	KS1	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 December	KS1	Christmas Party – more details to follow
Friday 16 December	ALL	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Friday 16 December	ALL	Last day of term

### **Safeguarding children:**

Please look at the link attached. We will not be showing this video in school but thought it would be a useful link for you to show your child as and when you feel the time is right for them. There will also be a link to this on our 'Keeping children safe' link to our website. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch\\_WMjd6gq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch_WMjd6gq)

### **Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of term, is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. In return for a small donation to the charity children can wear something bright and cheerful to school.

### **Reception Nursery Rhyme Nativity**

The Reception Nursery Rhyme Nativity will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Parents are invited in at 2.20pm and mince pies and hot drinks will be on sale along with raffle tickets. The performance is due to start 2.45pm. Tickets are not required. Children cannot be collected until the end of the school day.





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### **KS1 Christmas Production**

KS1 production tickets were sent home on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you have not received your tickets it is because we have not received your payment, your reply slip – or both! Please come in and speak to Mrs Welch.

Some parents did not take up their full allocation of tickets so there are a small number of tickets still available for both performances. If you would like additional tickets please email Mrs Welch on [admin@exminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@exminsterschool.co.uk) indicating the performance and number of tickets required and make a payment on ParentPay under the new payment option of 'Additional Christmas Production Tickets'. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis to those parents who have emailed **AND** paid. We are not able to acknowledge individual emails. Additional tickets will be issued by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

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!

### **DSSP Year 4 Tag Rugby Champions**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 8 children from Year 4 took part in the DSS Partnership finals. In the group stages they won against Decoy 5-4 and Dunsford 7-4. They drew against South Brent 2-2 and TCS 3-3. The team had done just enough to qualify top of the pool and play Bovey Tracey in the final. There was both fantastic attack and defence on display from Team Exminster and it was a nail-biting final that had the crowd gripped. Exminster's final try was ruled to have been knocked forwards leaving the score tied at 3-3. Exminster shared the Gold medals and finished as joint Partnership champions.

Well done to all the children involved who showed great determination and progression of their skills throughout the morning.

### **Year 4 Appeal for Exeter Food Bank**

Did you know there are people in the Exeter area who don't have a lot of money to buy food? Year 4 is collecting for Exeter Food Bank and we would like you to help by bringing in as much food as you can from the list below. Our whole school community is involved and anything you can spare will feed someone in our local area.

Items on the priority list include:

Milk - UHT 1l semi-skimmed	Noodle / pasta snacks	Toiletries
Fruit juice - 1l long-life	Rice pudding - tins	Cereals - (small boxes)
Coffee - instant	Tinned fruit	Tea bags
Sugar - granulated	Biscuits	Fish – tins
Meat – tins	Squash	Vegetables – tins
Jams and spreads		Pasta sauces

Collection boxes can be found in the entrance to the Office, Year 3/4 area, the Hub and Reception/KS1 classes. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any fresh food or alcohol. Please make sure all donations are in date and where possible, with a long sell by date.

### **From Exminster Pre-School**

Don't forget this FRIDAY, the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, is Exminster Pre-school's famous Santa Tour, starting at the Stowey Arms at 4.30pm, stopping at Coffee on the Corner at 5pm, then on to the Royal Oak for the grand finale from around 5.30pm. This is a pre-school fundraiser so please remember to bring some pennies!

Christmas Bazaar, from 2-4pm at The Victory Hall. Lots of fun for all the family including Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, festive games, tombola, toy and book sale, face painting, raffle and lots more! Admission 50p per Adult/ £1 per Family. This is our main fundraising event of the year and we look forward to welcoming you all on the day!

On SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be hosting the

