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We are amazed that our Reception children are settling in so well, learning the routine and expectations at school and really letting us get to know them. It is like they have been in school for half a term already. They are wonderfully engaged and we are really enjoying them being part of our school.

**Assemblies:** Below is a list of our class assemblies. You are invited into school on the morning of your child's class assembly. Please make your way to the hall. Assemblies start at approximately 9am and show what the children have been learning. There is an opportunity after to have a tea/coffee with your child's class teacher. You are welcome to take photos or videos to capture these moments but please ensure that no photos or videos are published online or on any social media sites.

**Assembly dates:**

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	3M
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception	<b>Tuesday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> November	5N
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	6JS (Replacement for the 5SN summer term assembly)	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	5V
<b>Tuesday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2CS	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	1M
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	2B	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	1MS

**Flu vaccinations:** parents of children in Years 1, 2 or 3 will have received information about a national flu vaccination programme. If you want your child to be included in the programme, please return the consent form by Friday 23 September. The vaccinations will take place this term, but we have not yet been given the date for this.

**Cake stalls:** below is a list of dates for future cake stalls. We ask for parents and children of that year group to bake or buy cakes that we can sell at the end of the school day on the given date. All monies raised go directly to that Year group who use it to support memorable experiences, special days in school or educational visits. We need parents of that year group to help set up at the end of the day and sell the cakes.

Year group	Date		
Year 6	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2016	Year 6	February 24 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Year 5	October 7 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Year 5	March 10 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Year 4	November 4 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Year 4	March 24 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Year 3	November 18 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Year 3	April 28 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Year 2	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	Year 2	May 12 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Year 1	January 13 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Year 1	May 26 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Reception	January 27 <sup>th</sup> 2017	Reception	June 9 <sup>th</sup> 2017
ESA	February 10 <sup>th</sup> 2017	ESA	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2017

**Exminster School Association would like to invite you to a Shopaholics Fashion Show.**

Clothes, handbags, scarves and accessories from a range of high street and online retailers will be modelled by our staff with discounts of 40-70%. All clothes are available to try on and buy on the night. With sizes from 6-22 there'll be something for everyone.

Tickets will be on sale in the school office from Monday 19th September. Please come along on Wednesday 5th October, we'd love to see you there! Tickets are limited so buy early, feel free to invite friends, neighbours, family members. Tickets are £5 per person and the fun starts at 7pm!

I do hope you will be able to support the school in this exciting event.





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### **Tempest Photography**

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for the annual photographs.

Tempest will be in school from 8.30am onwards to take photos of families with children under school age. Please line up in the hall to take your turn. All children of school age must go to classes at 8.55am to register and may return afterwards if they still need to be photographed with their pre-school age siblings.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure children look their best, we cannot take responsibility for the hair styling and appearance of each individual child.

### **Parent Forum**

Last year we had our first Parent Forum sessions where we looked at the school's Anti-bullying Policy that we were reviewing. We found this very useful to get the view of parents, especially on how we communicated this to the parent body. We would like to continue this into the new school year. The first meeting will be looking at the school's Positive Behaviour Policy and how this is communicated with the parent body.

If you have not been involved in the parent forum and would like to, please let the office know. Mr Moore will then contact you with more information.

### **Tour of Britain Cycling Challenge**

On Friday 11th September, 4 children from Exminster School took part in the Tour of Britain Cycling Challenge. They braved the cold and rainy weather at Haytor and cycled the final hill climb of the stage. The children did extremely well. They were fantastic representatives for the school and finished in 4th overall. They were then treated to seeing the Tour riders cycle up the road and watched them cross the finish line. Well done to all who were involved and thank you to the adults who helped out.

### **DLP Dads' 5-a-side Football Tournament**

On Saturday 17th September Dawlish Community College will be hosting a 5-a-side football tournament held at Dawlish Astro Turf for dads from schools in the Dawlish Learning Partnership. The event is being funded by Active Devon and is free to enter. They are hoping to kick things off at 11am with matches spread throughout the early afternoon. There will also be free refreshments available afterwards for participants. Obviously families and supporters are welcome to come along and cheer on the teams! Torquay United Football in the Community will be coordinating the tournament and also providing football taster sessions for children on the day.

They are happy to accommodate as many teams as are interested, but ask that squads are no larger than 8 where possible. The aim of the day is to have fun and to enjoy playing football, there is no requirement for any footballing ability or skill. If you are interested please get in contact with other dads from the school and once you have organised a squad of at least five please contact Lewis Harben at: [lewis.harben@cockwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:lewis.harben@cockwoodschool.co.uk)

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 30th Sept we will be supporting Macmillan by holding a coffee morning in school at 9am. This will not only benefit Macmillan but will give parents a chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a good cause. We are hoping to hold the event in the outside classroom, weather permitting but in the event of rain it will be in the staffroom/hall depending on numbers. Please could you 'Bake or Fake' a cake/cakes to share.

We are asking the children to come to school in non-uniform on the day in exchange for cakes or a small donation. Within their RE and circle time sessions the children will get the opportunity to talk about charities and what Macmillan do to support people in our communities. Please keep an eye on our RE/community board situated opposite the music room where the children's work within these sessions will be displayed and with more information about the day.

Finally, after school on the day we will be holding a cake sale with any of the remaining cakes. So please, please help us to raise as much money as possible for this amazing charity.





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### Cross Country Event at Stover School

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, KS2 children will have the opportunity to compete in a Cross Country event at Stover School. The children have been given a letter to complete by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** if they are interested in going. If your child has not received a letter and you think they may be interested in attending then please see Mr Mammola for a letter before Friday.

### Premier Sports After-school Clubs

At the moment, Premier Sports are unable to provide clubs for this half term. After half term they will be providing a Football club and a Gymnastics club, similar to the ones that ran last year. There will be more details about these closer to the time.

