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### **PELT (Physical Education Learning Team)**

Many thanks to our PELT team who have been busy producing the first edition of the termly newsletter to let you see many of the events that children have taken part in. This has been written by the children. Please take the time to read it – so many events to celebrate.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

As you are aware Mrs Troy, our school crossing patrol officer, is leaving on Friday. DCC are actively recruiting a replacement so if you, or anyone you know, may be interested, the link for further information is: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/schools/school-crossing-patrols/>. There are currently crossing patrol vacancies across the county and DCC are therefore unable to provide temporary cover. Until such time as a replacement is found, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children cross safely.

### **Orchestra**

Chris Gould continues to run an orchestra every Monday evening from 4.45pm. It is open to schools within the Dawlish Learning Partnership. The orchestra has gradually grown and grown over the last 3 terms. If your child plays an instrument and is interested in joining this, please drop in to see me and we can give you some further details about it. It is an amazing opportunity for the children to come together, have the experience of playing together and practising and playing for an audience.

### **Exminster School Association (ESA)**

The ESA Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks to all who were able to attend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who donate their time and energy to support this. Over the last year, the ESA have part funded these events: Exeter Exotics visits, resources for our outside provision, visits to Paignton Zoo/Kent's Cavern/beach fossil hunting/Stover, visits in school from the Space lab, author day, Roman Day, Egyptian Day, they have funded stamps for letter writing and resources for craft and to support special days. They have also raised £4500 (another £3500 to go) for our traverse climbing wall project that we are hoping to raise the final funds for by the end of this academic year. The children benefit from the generosity of time, creativity and organisation of all of the volunteers involved. Thank you on behalf of the staff and children.

### **ESA cake stall**

This Friday is the ESA cake stall. Please can we ask all parents from across school to make it or bake it and buy or make cakes to sell at this Friday's cake stall. All monies raised will go directly to the traverse climbing wall pot.

**Date for diary** – next disco Friday 17 March – more information to follow nearer to the time

### **Eco Bags**

Time for a half term clear-out and raise money for the school! Eco Bags will come home with your children before half term. All the instructions of what you can and cannot put in the bags will come with them. The idea is that you have a clear out and donate to this scheme what you no longer need, bringing your bags to the outside classroom on Monday 27 February. The bags will be collected at 10.45am and weighed. Each kg then equates to funds raised for the school – the school gets £500 per tonne and everything is re-cycled. If you have more than one bag will hold you can use your own bin bag.

### **Breakfast Club**

Please do not park in the staff car park when dropping your children at Breakfast Club.

Breakfast Club would be grateful to receive any toy kitchen accessories, plastic food or spare wool you may have.

### **Tempest Photography**

Tempest will be in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February to take whole class photographs. These will be available for parents to purchase and make a lovely reminder of your child's time at the school. **Non-school age siblings are not invited on this occasion.**

