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### **Congratulations**

Many congratulations go to Mrs and Mr Badcott who are expecting a baby later this year. Mrs Badcott will be starting her maternity leave in the Autumn term 2017.

### **Crossing Patrol**

The deadline for applications for the Crossing Patrol role is 4 March. Please contact county if you are interested in this role on 01392 383000. Whenever possible, Mrs Munslow is kindly acting as a marshall at the crossing. Please take extra care and attention when crossing in this place. We are phoning county for regular updates and pressing them on this as a matter of urgency.

### **World Book Day/Rainbow Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

It is World Book Day on Thursday and we are linking it with this term's Rainbow Day. This year we are going to have a 'Dress Up and Guess Who' character themed event. The children can come into school wearing themed costumes for World Book Day linked to their favourite characters. If they would like to bring in the book in which their character is featured, then please write your child's name clearly inside.

If your child does not want to dress up, children do not need to wear school uniform on the day. Look out for the £1.00 World Book Day voucher that will come home with your child on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and can be used towards the purchase of a book from bookshops, Tesco or Sainsbury's.

### **Sports News**

On Thursday 23rd February 2017, Exminster took part in a DLP Cross Country competition at Dawlish Leisure Centre. 20 children donned their running shoes and braved storm Doris! As usual, the competition was fierce but Exminster managed to get 3 children into the top 10 runners across Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Huge congratulations go to Thomas who won his Year 3/4 race and Layla who was the first Year 5/6 girl to cross the finishing line, but everybody involved showed the Exminster spirit of not giving up and digging deep when it mattered.

Children were scored if they came in the first 10, and with 3 children out of 20 possible places across the DLP schools we were in with a great chance of winning. Unfortunately, we were pipped at the post by Cockwood who had a higher number of finishers in the 20 available scoring positions. This won't dampen our spirits though as we are qualifiers for the Devon winter School Games Cross Country Event where we will again have the opportunity to showcase our amazing talents. Well done everyone, and a big thank you to parents and staff who helped out with transport and organisation.



### **DSSP Year 5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament**

On Wednesday 22nd February 2017, 16 children from Year 6 took part in a DSSP High 5 Netball Tournament at Stover School. The children really enjoyed the experience and played exceptionally well, displaying great team skills. We are very proud of them all. A big thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the children.





## Year 2

Year 2 have produced amazing home learning projects over the last week. They are taking the opportunity to share them with Year 3 this week. There is such a wide range of models, posters, fact files, booklets, drawings and pictures. Thank you for all the hard work and teaching other people information about your topic.

## Eco-bags

Our thanks go to Steve Dixon for organising the Eco-bags. A huge thank you for all the bags that you donated. It raised £175 for the school which will go towards the traverse climbing wall.

## Pub Quiz

Last Sunday was the pub quiz at the Royal Oak. Thanks to all those who were able to support and our thanks to the Royal Oak for supporting us with this event. They raised a total of £113 for the school which again will be put towards the traverse climbing wall – just under £300 raised in less than a week!

## Parental Support

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to email Mel Stride and Alan Connatt. I had a 15 minutes phone call with Mel Stride on Friday ahead of his meeting with Nick Gibb. Mel was made aware of the impact that budget cuts would have on our school and similar sized schools in his constituency. Out of his 46 schools, Mel stated that the majority would benefit from the new funding formula (these are all small schools). If he calculated how many children were affected in total, it would amount to at least 60% of children being negatively affected.

## Dinner choices

For our younger children, parents sometimes make the dinner selection for their child in the mornings. At times whilst collecting the dinner, children are then deciding they want something different. All of our dinners are cooked to order so children need to stick to the choices they have made in the morning. If supporting your child with their dinner choice, please ensure they know that this is the dinner they will need to collect and that changes cannot be made once they have been submitted to the kitchen.

## Breakfast Club

With effect from 1 April 2017 the cost of a Breakfast Club session will rise to £3.75. Please remember to return your Summer term booking forms by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## School Travel Survey

Please remember to complete the School Travel Survey questionnaire, which will be open until Friday 3rd March. The website is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P7ZRMBF>

## Parking

Please can I remind you again that parents should not be driving down Hillcrest to the back gate unless this has been specifically arranged with the school and parents should not park in the school car park at any time. In addition, we have received a number of complaints from residents concerning the driving and parking in the Hillcrest/Townfield area, particularly at the junction of the lane down to the school. We have been advised of parents parking in 'residents only' spaces and using private driveways for turning. There is a large car park at Deepway only a few hundred yards from the school and for the safety of all pedestrians, including children, and to maintain good relations with our neighbours, I would urge you all to park at Deepway.

## Random Acts of Kindness

Last week children learned about Lent in RE and looked at the life of Mother Teresa. On Monday every class received a letter from 'Lent' asking them to help out by doing Acts of Kindness over the next 5 weeks. Each year group will have two challenges per week and those doing an Act of Kindness will be able to fill in a 'kind heart' which will be displayed somewhere in the school. 'Lent' is also asking parents/carers who notice their child being 'Kind' at home to join in and complete a 'Heart' with the name and saying what they did. 'Hearts' can be found in the classrooms or near the Community Board outside the staffroom. Thank you for helping support our 'Random Acts of Kindness' campaign.





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### Exminster School Association

The next school disco will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Entry is £2 and various drinks, sweets and glow sticks will be on sale with prices from 50p.

**Reception/KS1 – 6-6.45pm.** Please enter through the main school entrance. All children will need to be collected from outside the Reception classroom, please wait inside the coloured fence. **RECEPTION CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

**KS2 – 7-8pm.** Please enter through the main school entrance. Children need to be collected from the hall side exit (opposite the Hub).

**FOR YOUR CHILD'S 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.

### Exminster Summer Playscheme

Just to let you know we have organised a great evening for all the family on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, at the Victory Hall, 6pm until 9pm. There will be live music (Danceatronic), disco, games raffle, tattoos, face painting and glow sticks. There will also be food (hot dogs, crisps, sweets), soft drinks available to buy and a licensed bar. Tickets are only £1 each and are available to buy in advance from a committee member, outside the school office area, Wednesdays and Fridays of this week and next week. You will also be able to turn up anytime from 6pm on the evening of the event. It should be a fun evening for all! For any other information, contact Anne Snell (Committee member) Tel 01392 832763.

**EXMINSTER PRIMARY**  
**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH**  
**KS1 6pm – 6.45pm**  
**KS2 7pm-8pm**  
**Entrance Fee £2.00**

**REFRESHMENTS**  
**GLO-STICKS AND TATTOOS**  
**FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT**

**KS1 TO BE COLLECTED FROM RECEPTION CLASSROOMS**  
**KS2 TO BE COLLECTED FROM SIDE OF HALL**

**EXMINSTER**  
**PLAYSCHEME**  
**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**SATURDAY 11TH MARCH**  
**6PM-9PM > VICTORY HALL**

- LIVE MUSIC**  
For all ages from local band **'Danceatronic'**
- FAMILY DISCO**
- GAMES**  
Suitable for all ages
- FOOD & LICENSED BAR**  
Hot Dogs • Soft Drinks • Crisps • Sweets
- RAFFLE • TATTOOS**  
**FACE PAINTING • GLOW STICKS**

**TICKETS £1 EACH**

**TICKETS IN ADVANCE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS OUTSIDE SCHOOL OFFICE AREA AT 3.30PM ON WEDNESDAYS 1ST & 8TH MARCH AND FRIDAYS 3RD & 10TH MARCH. ENTRY ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR.**

**See us on facebook at 'Playscheme Family Fun Night'**

**FAMILY MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN NIGHT!**

