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Welcome

Welcome to Grace (Y6), Daneal (Y4), Sophie (Y1) and George (Rec) who joined us last week.

Staffing

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Phillips, who is leaving us at Easter. We have enjoyed having Jack as part of our PE teaching team and part of our LSA team and we wish him luck for the future. Jack will still remain on our bank staff and hopefully be joining us for residentials now and then.

Mr Wilsher will be leaving Exminster, after starting his teaching career with us 5 year ago, at the end of the summer term. Jim is relocating to Cornwall with his partner and new baby to be closer to family. We are very sad to say goodbye to Jim and thank him for the team work, the relationships both with children and staff and the curriculum development that he has been part of.

We will be welcoming a new member of staff, Louise Snelgrove, in September, who will be teaching one of our Reception classes. We interviewed Louise last week and she is a strong teacher with a great deal of energy. We are looking forward to her induction into our school.

Breakfast Club

If you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club next term please ensure you have completed and returned a booking form. In order to maintain the strict adult:children ratios we must know how many children to expect each day and cannot accept children who have not been pre-booked.

Please remember that with effect from 1 April the cost of each Breakfast Club session will rise to £3.75.

School Meals

There will be a change to the menu on the first day of next term. The choices for Wednesday 19th April will be:

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Cheese & Ham Pizza
Vegetarian Sausage Wrap

Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Plain Jacket Potato
Ham Wrap
Cheese Wrap
Fruit Crumble & Custard

Memory Café

Last Friday the school choir were invited to sing at the Memory cafe which takes place every third Friday of the month. The choir sang a medley of songs with the folk songs being particularly popular. After singing the children went and spoke to those who visited the cafe. The children shared their experiences of being in the choir and their learning at Exminster. We will be sharing more experiences with the memory cafe and also the Westbank over the coming months.





Flute Lessons

Are you in Year 4 or 5 and live close to school? Would you like free flute lessons in the Summer Term, with free flute rental too! Lessons would be on a Monday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm and a commitment to School Orchestra at 4.45pm.

If you are interested, please inform a member of the School Office staff.

Townfield gate

After consideration of the two reports written by Devon Safety Audit team, one before the closure and one after the closure, the gate will remain closed on a permanent basis.

Exminster School Association Disco

The disco on Friday made over £900 which is the best ever amount. Thank you for the School Association for the organisation, without whom, events like this would not happen. The climbing wall tally is building up.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Don't forget that this Friday, 24th March is Red Nose Day. All children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas on Friday 24th March in return for a small donation to the charity.

Science Week

Last week was National Science Week across the country. The theme for this year's British Science Week was "Change", encouraging young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It is also a chance for young people to consider the changes they can adopt to have a positive impact on the future.

It started off with a school assembly about how all the children could contribute in a scientific manner. We looked at Penguin Watch and how the behaviour of these amazing creatures can show that our climate is changing. The children then contributed to gathering data about populations. If children want to continue to contribute to this at home they can by going to www.penguinwatch.org.

In school, Reception spent the whole week investigating the world around them using Science Week as a place to start their investigations. The rest of the school used the Friday to explore science investigations. The children had a brilliant day.

To add to the excitement around science in school, a science club is starting after the Easter Holidays, which is fully booked. For those who missed out, another club will run after the Summer Half Term, letters will go out soon about this.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Over recent years, with your help, we have been able to supplement our sporting and cookery equipment, which helps the children learn to eat well and how to keep fit and healthy.

There is a voucher collection box outside the School Office. Please support the school's collection and spread the word to your friends and family.

Annual Parish Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend this year's Annual Parish Meeting for Exminster, which will be held at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 28 March. The evening will start from 7.15pm with cheese and wine, tea/coffee. The meeting itself will commence at 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is very much a community meeting. It is the opportunity for the Parish Council to report to residents on what has been accomplished in the preceding year and an ideal opportunity for all to come

Exeter University Sports Facilities - Easter Children's Sport

During the Easter holidays children take advantage of the facilities on offer at Exeter University by joining their Tennis, Cricket and Intensive Swimming sessions. The tennis sessions take place at Exeter Tennis Centre and the cricket at Devon Cricket Centre both based at the Sports Park on the Streatham Campus. The Intensive week-long swimming lessons take place in the indoor pool at St Luke's Sports Centre. The holiday programmes are usually very popular so advance booking is advisable.





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along and share plans and visions for the coming year.

At this year's meeting we are looking forward to a talk from Richard Pike on the Nayamba School Project, something that has been supported by our Community for many years.

The full programme can be found online at www.exeter.ac.uk/sport/children/holidays to book please contact the Sports Park on 01392 724452 or St Luke's Sports Centre on 01392 724940

Summer Term Tennis Coaching

The University of Exeter Tennis Centre offers coaching for all ages and abilities throughout the year. Courses and weekly pay-as-you-play sessions are organised for term-times. The Summer Term Programme starts on Tuesday 28 April, but you can join at any time throughout the term and pay a pro-rata price. Find the full programme online at www.exeter.ac.uk/sport/exetertenniscentre or call the Sports Park on 01392 724452.

