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Parental Surveys

You should receive an email via Parent Pay with a direct link to your child's year group survey. This link will take you to a questionnaire about your child at school. We would appreciate your feedback in this survey to help us to shape the future of our school.

Community Library

We are very excited to announce the opening of our community library. Mrs Webster has kindly volunteered to open the library from **Friday 22nd April**. The library will be **open from 3:30 until 3:45 every Friday** and it will be located **outside Mrs Coville's classroom in the corridor**. We have bought a selection of books through which you are welcome to come and browse or you can borrow a book and return it the following Friday. It has been really fun resourcing this project and we have bought a selection of books which we think many families would enjoy sharing. We have texts which address areas that families have asked support with including: bereavement, divorce, anger, anxiety and others which were recommended to us as bedtime stories.

We hope to expand the library and would love feedback on any texts that are borrowed but also if you visit the library looking for a text to support your family and we don't have it, please let us know. This feedback will help us to create a community library wish list and will inform future purchases.

It is really important that we look after the texts so we can all enjoy them. We have set up a book register which Mrs Webster and I will track when people borrow or return a book. Everybody is very welcome to borrow a book but please make sure we have written it in the register.

We look forward to seeing you at the community library on Friday.

Child Abuse Prevention UK (CAPSUK)

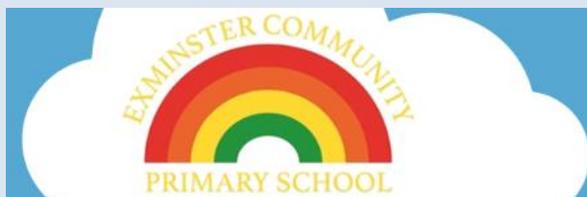
Over the next 2 weeks we have the CAPS team in school. The parent workshop was well attended and we hope it gave a clear overview of the workshops that children are involved with. There are 3 workshops that focus on keeping children strong, safe and free in situations such as bullying, stranger danger, internet safety and risk from familiar adults. If you have any questions about these workshops, please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Radio

Over the past few months the children have been excited about being a part of the school radio team. Mrs MacDonald and Mr Herring held an interview day where potential broadcasters were invited to interview for a place on the Radio Team. At this early stage we have progressed to having an enthusiastic team of interviewers who are eagerly interviewing potential radio stars. We plan to post a radio piece every week and have no shortage of volunteers who wish to take part. Eventually we also plan to host a Live Broadcast on the radio. If your child has any talent that they would like to record for the radio then please encourage them to speak to the Year 6 Radio Team. There is a sign-up sheet on the door of Room 11. Here is the link to visit the radio site where you can listen to our current recordings: <http://www.myliveschool.org/accounts/view/exminster-primary-school>

We would like to draw your attention to two new sections that were added to the school website at the beginning of this term. Under the 'Parents' tab you will see a tab entitled 'Maths Zone' which has four areas called 'Journey Through..' The Addition and Multiplication areas are complete and give you an overview, through videos, of the stages the children will be taught as they progress through their learning. We hope you will find these guides useful in explaining the progression of stages that are taught to the children at Exminster Community Primary School to ensure they have a secure understanding. The guide is written into stages, which do not directly correlate with a particular year group. The children will be moved onto the next stage when they have a secure understanding of the one that they are on. This ensures that children have conceptual understanding and not just procedural; they need to understand why they doing things and how that gets the correct answer. You will find a video to go with each stage to clearly explain the methods we teach. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come in and talk to your child's class teacher. We would be interested in your feedback as to whether they are useful.





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We would like to give you advance notice of two workshops that we will be putting on later in the term to introduce children and parents to a range of games that could be played at home which support the development of maths.

The maths games evening will take place on Thursday 26th May. Key Stage One children and their adult(s) are invited into the school hall straight afterschool - 15:45 - 16:30. Key Stage Two children are then invited with their adult(s) into the school hall between 18:00 and 19:00. We are more than happy for siblings of Key Stage One children to join us during the first session.

This is a great opportunity for children and their adult(s) to enjoy exploring maths together. Please let a member of the school office team know if you will be attending by popping in or emailing admin@exminsterschool.co.uk.

Sustrans Active Travel Week Results

Thank you to everybody who made a huge effort to travel more actively to school during our annual Active Travel Week. The results are in and we are delighted to say that Exminster successfully defended their title and were the most active travellers during the week! Sustrans have given us lots of prizes which will be making an appearance around school very soon. These include equipment, such as diablos and juggling sets, which the children will be able to use during play times. They have also provided us with several JD Bug scooters which the children will also be able to use. Thank you once again for your support with this.

Boys Dance Project – South Dartmoor Community College

We are pleased to inform you that following the great success of the Spring Term BDP 2016, the Summer Term BDP 2016 will be starting on Wednesday 4th May at South Dartmoor Community College from 4:15-5:15pm in the Main Hall. All ages and abilities are very welcome. We love to see old and new faces so please don't be shy!

The Summer BDP 2016 will consist of a weekly workshop over a 6 week period and will conclude with a performance at the South Dartmoor Community College Summer Dance Gala on Thursday 23rd June. This really is a great opportunity for primary students to work collaboratively with South Dartmoor students who have a passion for dance and who wish to experience the process of creating, rehearsing and performing dance. Thank you in advance for your support.

Exminster Summer Playscheme Family Fun Night!

Exminster Summer Playscheme is up and running again after a break in 2014 and enjoyed a successful event in 2015. This year's Playscheme is to be confirmed, but will hopefully be the week commencing August 15th. We always need to raise funds in order to keep the cost to parents to a minimum and the fun and staffing to a maximum!

Our next fundraising event will be a family fun night and beetle drive on April 29th at the Victory Hall (6-8pm). Look out for posters for more details. If you've never been to a beetle drive, do come along and give it a try. It's fast, furious fun for all the family (everyone who can count the spots on a dice can join in!). There'll be hot dogs for supper, sweets, treats and a licenced bar. We'll have Irish Bingo, a raffle and other fun and games to keep you well entertained. There will be plenty of prizes of various sizes and it's a great chance to socialise with the whole family.

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We will also be running a quiz night on June 10th. Please come along and support these great events so that we can help keep costs down and run another successful Playscheme for your children to enjoy. **Please remember that Playscheme is run independently of the school.** Tickets are available from Coffee on the Corner, and queries to Anne Snell on 832763. If you can volunteer an hour of your time on the day to help, please also contact Anne as above.

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