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Nayamba support

A huge thank you to the community of Exminster Community Primary School. You have raised an amazing £386.45 from the non-uniform day. You have also raised over £120 from *Bob-a-job* so far. To this, we can add the £146 that Mrs Whalley raised from having her cake sale at home in the holidays. Our total so far is £652.45 and still people are raising more. Every single penny of this money will be spent on buying books and resources to fill our suitcases and leave at Nayamba school. Thank you!

Grant funding – your help is needed – TESCO Bags of Help Scheme

We have a chance of getting up to £5000 from TESCO for our Traverse Climbing wall project (see attached poster of information). Our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during May and June 2017. What happens next? Our project, along with the other two successful projects in our region, will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take during May and June we will be notified by the end of July 2017 confirming the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £5,000, the second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000. Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project:

Exeter Vale	EX2 7EZ	Exminster Express	EX6 8DB	Heavitree Express	EX1 2RN
Exwick Express	EX4 2DQ	Barnstaple Express	EX32 8PG	Barnstaple Taw View	EX31 2AS
Barnstaple High Street Express	EX31 1EZ				

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please vote for us and spread the word

Playground Rules

The school playground is very busy both before and after school. For this reason it has become necessary to stop the playing of ball games in the playground at these times. We would also remind you that, for safety reasons, the riding of bikes and scooters in the playground is not allowed at any time.

School Library Books

Please could you and your children kindly look at home for any books which are school library or reading books and return them to school as soon as possible. As you can appreciate, every book costs between £6.00 - £8.00 each and our library and book boxes are looking sparse in some areas. If you find any books, please could you or your child bring them to me in Year One - I won't mind how many there are, I will be just pleased to have some back and then new books and not duplicates can be reordered for the children.

Thank you in advance, Mrs Miller.

Change to School Dinner Menu

There will be an amended menu on Tuesday 2 May. The choices will be as follows:

Sausage and Pasta Bake
Savoury Rice
Jacket Potato and Cheese or Plain Jacket
Ham or Cheese Wrap
Fresh Fruit Salad

We are also delighted to advise you that our kitchen has again received a 5* Food Hygiene Rating. Congratulations to Mrs Goode, Mrs Bond and Miss Langdon!





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School Crossing Patrol

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Adonna Jones as our new lollipop lady. Mrs Jones is looking forward to getting to know all the children. May we remind you that cars must not stop on the zig-zag lines to drop off children.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sunday 2 May is the last day that Sainsbury's will be issuing Active Kids Vouchers. Please collect as many as you can over the weekend and bring them into school as soon as possible. Last year we collected 12121 vouchers and we would love to beat that number this year.

Dates for this term - please see calendar on the school website for timings.

Friday 28 April	Year 3 Cake Stall	Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 8 May	Reception Visit – Pennywell Farm	Monday 8 May	Year 4 Visit – Ocombe Farm
Wednesday 10 May	Year 5 Visit – The Eden Project	Friday 26 May	Year 1 Cake Stall
Week Commencing Monday 29 th May – Half Term – School Closed			
Friday 9 June	Reception Cake Stall	Monday 19 June	Foundation and KS1 Sports Morning
Friday 23 June	KS2 Sports Morning	Friday 23 June	ESA Cake Stall
Monday 26 June	Foundation and KS1 Sports Morning (reserve date in case of bad weather)	Tuesday 27 June	KS2 Matinee Performance
Tuesday 27 June	Starting School Meeting for September 2017 Intake	Wednesday 28 June	KS2 Evening Performance
Friday 30 June	KS2 Sports Morning (reserve day in case of bad weather)	Monday 3 July	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 July	Parents' Evening	Week of 10 July	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 12 July	Summer Rainbow Day	Tuesday 18 July	New Classes Day
Tuesday 18 July	Parents Meet New Teachers	Friday 21 July	School Summer Fair
Tuesday 25 July	Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 25 July	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 6 September	First day of Term		

Year 3/4 Football Competition

On Friday 21st April 2017, 7 boys from Year 3 and 4 took part in a 7-a-side Football Competition at Forches Cross. We had qualified for the Trophy competition by winning our qualifying group, and the lads kept on their fantastic record of doing very well.

From six games we won three times, drew twice and lost one, scoring ten goals and conceding only two. With their highly rated coach (Mr Wilsher) on the touchline, the boys were outplaying the opposition in most games, but a loss came when Mr Wilsher had to referee a game elsewhere and the boys kicked off without the tactical genius coaching them from the side. Fortunately, Mr Wilsher returned for the next game and normal service was restored.

This loss was to prove costly though, as a draw against the eventual winners put Exminster into second position. Finishing strongly with a 4-0 win, Exminster rounded off the competition in style. All the boys showed great quality on the ball, off the ball, and in their sportsmanship towards the opposition.

Congratulations to all the players on your fantastic second spot finish, and thanks to all the parents who helped out.





DLP Boccia Event

On Friday 21st April 2017, Ratcliffe School hosted the third annual Boccia Tournament to be held within the Dawlish Learning Partnership. Children from schools across the Partnership came together to play Boccia in a friendly competition. Boccia is an inclusive seated bowling game and involves two teams playing against each other to bowl their balls as close to the 'jack' as possible.

The event proved to be a very positive experience for all teams involved and all pupils seemed to enjoy the calm, relaxed atmosphere associated with the game, with the 'knock out' competition adding some excitement to proceedings. In total, 8 teams took part representing Ratcliffe, Cockwood, Westcliff, Kenn, Starcross, Kenton, & Exminster Primary Schools. The team from Exminster successfully showed their skills in teamwork, cooperation and tactics but were eventually pipped at the post by Kenn who won for the 2nd year in a row. Well done to all four children who attended.



South West Youth Games 2017 – Teignbridge Teams

Please find attached the Teignbridge Trial posters and information regarding the South West Youth Games (formally known as the Devon Youth Games). Team Teignbridge are looking for any pupils (School year 4 – 13) to represent Teignbridge at the South West Youth Games 2017 on Sunday 9 July in Okehampton (Transport provided). All they need to do is register their interest on the website <https://www.southwestyouthgames.co.uk/index.php?page=teignbridge>) and attend a trial in their chosen sport. Most sports will have eligibility e.g. under county standard please check the details on the website prior to attending a trial.

If they are selected you will be provided with all the information about the Youth Games. Over 200 other children will attend the South West Youth Games 2017 in Okehampton on Sunday 9 July where there will be an Opening ceremony/Closing Ceremony and a range of events, activities and competitions.

Please see the attachments for more details on this.