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Nayamba preparations

Many thanks for all the support towards the Nayamba Trust. My role out there is to set up independent and guided reading, teaching the teachers and demonstrating lessons. Due to the large amount of support, we have raised over £900 so far. Below is the first batch of books that have arrived – 169 books for £116. There is another batch arriving soon plus the final lot have just been ordered. These books will be sorted into the book band colours so they are progressive for the children to work their way through them. In Nayamba School, they currently teach reading through copying from the blackboard so with the phonics and reading input, we are hoping to develop the long term reading skills of children at the school.

Batch 1



Mrs Edwards is busy preparing the art programme that she will be supporting – individual collages and one whole school mural on the side of a building.

Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6 for their hard work and motivation leading up to the SATs that they have taken this week. They have shown such a positive and upbeat attitude towards them and we are very proud of how they have applied themselves – every single person. The hard work continues as always for Year 6 with the amount of things they have planned before their transfer to secondary education – no rest!

Save the date

On Monday 12 June, Tim Golder (La Cantina) and Richard Oberholster (The Orangery, Powderham) will be running a POP up restaurant in our school hall. There will be 6 delicious courses for £30 and a licensed bar will be on offer. All proceeds will go to support our school. Look out for the flyer coming soon – tickets can be bought from the school office, La Cantina and the Orangery next week. Buy your tickets quickly before they sell out as this is a whole community event, not just limited to our school community. There will be tables of 8 so if you want to sit with particular people, please buy your tickets together and let the office know.

Census Day

Thursday 18th May is an important day for the school in terms as we have to collate the number of children who have a 'Universal Free School Meal' on that day and inform the local authority who, in turn, then apply for the funding that comes into school to enable us to provide this facility.

It is for this reason we are asking for your support to ensure that we maximise meal numbers on that day. As far as possible, we would like every child who is entitled to a 'Universal Free School Meal' (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) to have a school lunch.

Your support on this day would be very much appreciated, in simple term the higher the number of children taking a meal that day, the more funding our school will get towards providing a catering facility.

We are therefore swapping the choices for Thursday and Friday and the menus will be as follows:

Thursday 18th May

Battered Fish with chips
Vegetarian Sausages
Jacket Potato and Beans/Plain Jacket
Ham/Cheese wrap
Homemade Oat Biscuit

Friday 19th May

Shepherd's Pie
Macaroni Cheese
Jacket Potato and Cheese/Plain Jacket
Ham/Cheese wrap
Fresh fruit salad





Film Night

On Friday May 26th we will be holding a film night in the school hall. It will be a great way to end the half term and full details can be found on the accompanying poster.

Multipurpose Consent Forms

If you have a child in Reception-Year 5 you need to complete a multipurpose consent form. We need a form for every child. Please complete them as soon as possible and return to the school office. We have received a few completed forms which have no pupil's name on them so if you think they could be yours please pop into the office.

Exminster School Association Meeting

The next Exminster School Association meeting will take place at The Royal Oak on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend – it would be lovely to see some new faces.

Meal Time Assistant Vacancies

Would you like to join our fantastic team of Meal Time Assistants? We currently have vacancies so if you are interested please come in and speak to the ladies in the office who can discuss the role and rates of pay.

School Crossing Patrol

There will no lollipop lady next Tuesday afternoon so please ensure you take care when crossing the road after school.

Last week there was a near miss outside school involving a bus and pupils cycling to school. Rather than cross the path of oncoming vehicles to turn right into school, it would be safer to get off your bicycles and push them across the road with the lollipop lady. Once again may I remind you that bikes and scooters are **not** to be ridden inside the school grounds at any time.

Exminster Summer Playscheme

The Playscheme have organised their usual QUIZ for this Saturday, 13th MAY at the VICTORY HALL, doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Entry is £5.00 per person (to include platter). There will be a licensed bar, nibbles, Irish Bingo and a raffle. Maximum of 6 people per team.

Tickets are available from 'Coffee on the Corner' or direct from Anne Snell (Tel no: 01392 832763). Please do come along and support us as all proceeds will go towards activities and entertainment for Summer Playscheme week which starts on Monday 14th August.

We are also holding an afternoon of Midsummer Madness on Saturday 24th June at The Deepway Centre to help raise funds for the Play scheme. Please see the accompanying poster for more details.

