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### **POP up Restaurant event**

Tickets are now on sale for the POP up restaurant taking place in the school hall on Monday 12 June at 7pm. Tickets are £30 per head and are available from the school office, La Cantina and The Orangery. The attached flyer details the 6 course taster menu from chefs Tim Golder and Richard Oberholster.

### **Resources for Nayamba**

At the final count we had just tipped over the £1000 mark. Due to the kind support from families in our school, we have been able to provide the children of Nayamba school with a reading scheme, ranging over 10 book band colours and with approximately 50 books in each colour. They currently learn to read by copying down what the teacher has written on the board. They will now be able to read using books and building in independent reading and guided reading time into every day. What an amazing achievement from our community. Thank you!

### **Census Day**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> May**

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

#### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

### **Exminster School Association (ESA) Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 May at 7.30pm at the Royal Oak. The main purpose of the meeting will be to organise the school summer fair which is taking place on Friday 21 July. All parents are welcome – the more support we can get in the organisation of the fair, the more money we can raise.

### **Raincoats**

Currently the weather isn't very summery. Please would all children bring a raincoat to school every day.

### **Fidget Spinners**

Fidget spinners are the latest craze in school. As with other toys, they can be used in the playground but **NOT** in the classrooms or dinner hall. Please could I remind parents that anything brought to school is at your/your child's own risk and staff cannot spend their time helping children search for lost spinners.

### **Film Night**

On Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> we will be showing the film 'Sing' in the school hall starting at 3.30pm. Tickets cost £3 and include juice and popcorn. Tickets can be purchased from outside the office at 8.30am and 3.30pm this Friday (19<sup>th</sup>). All proceeds will go towards the climbing wall.





### **Hayden's Special Heart Family Fun Day – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, The Swan's Nest, 11am-5pm**

7 year old Hayden, from this school, is raising funds for 'Families of Ocean Ward'. Full details can be found on the accompanying poster. Hayden's mum has allowed us to share with you why Hayden is raising money for this charity:

"The fun day is inspired by our amazing son Hayden who was diagnosed prenatally with a severe heart condition called pulmonary atresia which was associated with a large VSD (hole in the heart). This condition required a number of open heart surgeries in the first few weeks of Hayden's life, and it was discovered later that he had an underlying genetic disorder called 22q 11.2 deletion syndrome. This syndrome is defined by a small piece of missing chromosome which has resulted in Hayden's heart condition, as well as many other challenges.

Following significant developmental delays, speech and language issues, and a further open heart surgery when he was nearly 6 years old, Hayden was also diagnosed with mild scoliosis in his spine for which he now wears a brace. Despite these challenges, Hayden has developed into an intelligent, energetic and incredibly happy boy. He is larger than life and faces everything with determination and enthusiasm. He goes to Exminster Primary School, has a lovely group of friends and is a whizz on his scooter. His resilience to adversity and positive approach to life is inspirational, and he is loved by all that meet him.

Families of Ocean Ward have supported us throughout Hayden's open heart surgeries, which is why we want to take this opportunity to give back to them, while having some fun along the way!"

### **From Exminster Summer Playscheme**

We would like to thank everyone who came to support our quiz on Saturday evening. All who attended had a fantastic evening and congratulations must go to Miss Madge and her team for winning!

Please don't forget our afternoon of Midsummer Madness on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at The Deepway Centre to help raise funds for the Playscheme. Further details will follow nearer the time.

