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Welcome back to a very busy half term!

### **Date update**

Thanks to those who spotted our error on the list of dates – the missing KS1 sports day! The actual KS1 sports day will be held on Monday 20 June, approximately 9.30/10am, weather permitting.

### **Site 'spring clean'**

On Thursday 16 June, we are holding a site outdoor spring clean, weather dependent. We are asking for adult volunteers to help at any time between 4 and 7pm. Please bring a hard brush if you have one and speak to Mr Herring or Mr Moore on the night for a list of jobs.

### **Nayamba Heroes**

We now have 38 heroes registered to raise money which will mean a fantastic £1900+. There will soon be an update on our website about what children have done so far to raise money for Nayamba. Thank you to all the children who have registered by email so far. It is also fantastic that some children have also completed the challenge and handed in their monies to school. It is not too late to register by sending an email to [info@nayambaschool.org](mailto:info@nayambaschool.org). Here is a link to a new video that shows the various children who go to Nayamba School who will benefit from the new classroom: [https://vimeo.com/166194080?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm\\_campaign=29220](https://vimeo.com/166194080?utm_source=email&utm_medium=vimeo-cliptranscode-201504&utm_campaign=29220). Children have been very creative in their ideas for raising money: giving up screen time, organising sporting events, cake sales, sponsored walks, chopping off plaits (own!), beach clean, collecting small change, household chores and many more ways. Thank you for all the wonderful ideas and all the hard work in raising money. I am looking forward to my trip to Nayamba next week and coming back to talk to our children about the children at Nayamba school, their school and the differences and similarities.

### **Parish Council**

Exminster Parish Council has been undertaking a lot of work in the area in Townfield that leads into the rear entrance of our school. Council employees and Volunteers have spent many hours creating a more cared for area, including the creation of a Community Orchard, new plantings and hedge laying. These things of course take time to establish.

It has recently been noticed that a short cut has been established from the higher tarmac area, down the bank and through one of the newly laid hedges and onto the footpath. On leaving school, children are skidding down this short cut and onto the path.

Please encourage children to be mindful of the damage being done and how to look after this area.

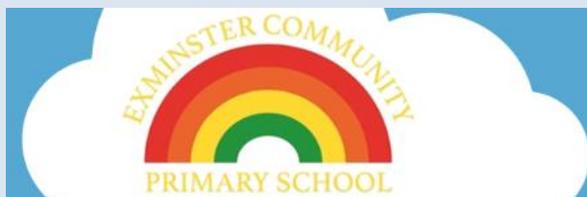
### **Dartmoor SSP Rounder Competition**

On Thursday 26th May, 13 teams and over 130 children took part in the Year 5/6 Rounders Competition at South Dartmoor. The teams were split into 4 groups where they played against each other. Our Year 6's played against Totnes St John and Bovey Tracey. Our Year 5's played against Stover and Decoy. Once all the group games were completed, the Year 6's took on Bradley Barton and the Year 5's took on Bovey Tracey. The Exminster children did extremely well and progressed with their fielding and tactical skills throughout the afternoon. The games were umpired and scored brilliantly by leaders from South Dartmoor. Well done to all the children involved and a big thank you to any parents or volunteers who helped with transport.

### **Beach Cricket Festival**

On Wednesday 25th May over 40 students from Dartington, Buckfastleigh, Exminster, Shaldon and Teignmouth took part in the second Year 3/4 Beach Cricket Festival at Goodrington Beach. Students rotated around different stations practising their batting, throwing, catching and teamwork skills. Students were then able to design their own sandcastles! A great afternoon for all involved with excellent support running the stations by the leaders from Newton Abbot College. Thank you to all of the parents who helped out with the events. We are very grateful for your continuous support.





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### **Usborne Sponsored Reading Event**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the sponsored reading event. Many children read some interesting things including signs, labels and cereal boxes!

Thank you for reading and raising money for new Usborne books for our school. So far we have raised over £300.00. This will be increased with the additional amount Usborne Books will put towards the total. If you still have money to bring in to school then please could you hand it in to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Musical Showcase 27th June 2016**

This year's musical showcase will take place on Monday 27th June, in a new format, from 6:15-6:45pm. This year, children will be performing in groups in classrooms and the hall continuously for the half an hour, allowing you to watch and listen to whichever instruments and groups you choose. Some instrumental teachers will be with their pupils and other groups will be accompanied by a teacher. We hope this new format will enable you to focus on what you really want to hear, give the children more opportunity to perform and be more time efficient for all.

If you are receiving music lessons, please talk to your teacher about pieces you can be practising ready to share on the night!

### **KS2 Choir**

KS2 Choir starts next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup>) from 3.30 – 4.15pm. If you are interested please speak to Mr Moore.

### **Reading books**

Please would you kindly look in your book shelves at home for any reading books which belong to school and return them to your child's class teacher? We really don't mind how many you have, we would just love them back so we can make sure we have enough books for the children and to work out what gaps we have in the stock. Also, if any of you borrowed books from the reading roundabout session with Nicola Cowling, please can they return them to 3BM classroom as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Rainbow Day**

As Rainbow Day is fast approaching we are looking to source buttons and fabric for an activity which all the children will have the opportunity to participate in. If you have any to donate to school please could you give them to Mrs Witcomb and Mrs Badcott in Year 3 or Mrs Miller in Reception. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Exminster Summer Playscheme**

It is with deep regret that the Playscheme quiz due to take place this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, has had to be cancelled. If you have bought tickets, please give me a ring for a refund. Thank you to those who were going to support it and we hope to do another quiz later on in the year.

Anne Snell Tel: 832763

### **From St Martin's Church**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June St Martin's Church are holding an Open Day from 10am to 5pm to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. There will be various displays and refreshments, including lunches.

For further information please contact 01392 823273

Additionally, there will also be celebrations in St Thomas Park starting with children's activities from 10.30-12.30, followed by a Community Funday from 12.30-4.00 (please bring a cake for a 'Bake Off' competition) and ending with a Garden Party from 4.00-6.30pm where there will be a 'Last Night of the Proms' with music provided by the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Concert Band.

