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There is much debate about the crossing that parents are choosing to use in order to access the Townfield gate entrance. Given recent incidents, Jon Croft, our local policeman, is counting the amount of people using this route in order to support evidence needed for putting in a crossing here. This has been refused earlier in the year, but given recent incidents, Alan Connett is supporting this campaign again. It will not solve the need to cross the road again though. There has been much talk/debate about the closure of this school entrance. The impact of closing this gate could result in pushing problems to other entrances in terms of traffic and footfall. Jon Croft is supporting us with the collection of information, it is being debated at a governor and senior leadership level and we will keep you informed of these outcomes.

Friday 8 July will be a **non-uniform day** in exchange for a bottle donation for our school summer fair. This can be soft drinks, bubble bath, sauces, wine etc. Please bring this in on the Friday morning and place it in your year group's donation box outside the classrooms.

You will recently have received a letter about our assemblies for Rec, Y1 and Y2 and Years 3-6 to reiterate the important message of the NSPCC PANTS campaign. The assemblies will take place on Mon 4 July. Follow this link to find out more: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

I was privileged to visit Nayamba School last week along with a group of 9 other ladies. Our purpose for the visit was to model lessons to include teaching strategies such as differentiation, behaviour management, group work and the use of pupil talk – all focusing on reading and writing. The week started with a story telling session from us, then ended with the children doing their own story telling. Driving into the school (in the back of a caged truck!) it was breath-taking to see the new classrooms and teacher's blocks that are nearly complete. One of the most emotional moments was the welcome we got and the gratitude that the school as a whole feels for the Exminster community's involvement in fundraising. This week, the children will be finding out all about the visit and seeing what their fundraising has helped to support. A few parents have expressed an interest in hearing about the visit - do get in touch with me if you are interested and I will arrange a coffee morning. If there are any children who would still like to get involved with the Heroes' project, it's not too late; the deadline is the end of this term.



Daily food programme



New classrooms



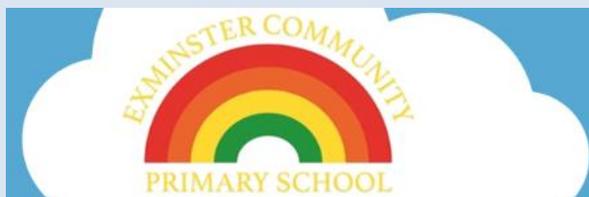
The Lion Hunt

Sports Days

Unfortunately we had to cancel the KS1 Sports Day on Monday. We will try again on Monday 27th June at 9.40. If it is wet again that day we will take children on to the field on a day when the weather is fine. As this will be a last minute arrangement unfortunately parents will not be able to attend.

KS2 Sports Day will take place this Friday, 24th June, at St Martins starting at approx. 9.40am. If the weather is wet then a message will go up onto the school website by 8:00am. The reserve date for KS2 will be Friday 1st July 2016. The children will need to come into school in their PE kit with the correct coloured t-shirt. They will also need a labelled water bottle, sun hat and sun cream. The children will be staying in their PE kit for the whole of the day so there is no need to bring in any school uniform. Please drop your child off to school at normal time. Lunch will run as normal on the day of the event. The KS2 children will be walked over to St. Martin's playing field as soon as registers have been completed and hope to arrive by 9:25am. Parents will be allowed to take their place in the viewing area from 9:30am. The Westbank café will be open on Friday morning for take-away hot drinks and cakes for parents and they also serve light lunches.





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Musical Showcase

This Monday is the musical showcase. Children who are performing will need to arrive at 6pm so they can set up with their teacher in one of the year 3 or 4 classrooms or if a drummer, then in the hall. The school band will perform in the foyer, led by Mr Moore. Please ensure they bring everything they need and their teachers will be ready to meet them from 6pm.

The showcase will start at 6:15 and as the audience, you can visit which ever rooms you choose. In each room there will be a busker style collection to raise funds for school music - please give generously!

We look forward to sharing the amazing musical talents of Exminster with you!

KS2 Production Tickets

Tickets for the production will start coming home on Thursday. Please remember that tickets are issued on a first come, first served basis. Tickets cannot be issued until we have received your reply slip **AND** payment via ParentPay.

Sports News

On Monday 13th June 2016, 16 Year 5 and Year 6 children from Exminster Primary School took part in the DSSP Year 5/6 Quadkids Athletics. The children experienced four events; 75m sprint, 600 metre run, standing long jump and vortex throw, plus an extra speed bounce activity. All the children were fantastic at promoting the schools' values and after the 75m sprint (our final event) the children shook hands with their opponents and congratulated them on their performances. Exminster's final standing after the five events was 11th out of 14, a brilliant achievement. Well done to all the children who participated and represented the school.

On Wednesday 15th June, Exminster took part in the Year 5/6 Super 6's golf competition at Stover School. Teams of 6 were split into pairs that then went around 7 holes taking it in turn playing shots, trying to complete each hole in as few shots as possible. The teams were looked after by leaders from Newton Abbot College who not only kept score but also helped the players throughout their round. Although the weather wasn't kind, all the children really enjoyed their round and improved throughout.

Once all the teams had completed their 7 holes, Stover Golf Club Pro and Dartmoor SSP Golf Coach Mike Cayliss delivered the results, with Exminster picking up the Silver medals and only narrowly missing out on Gold by 3 shots. Well done to everybody who took part!

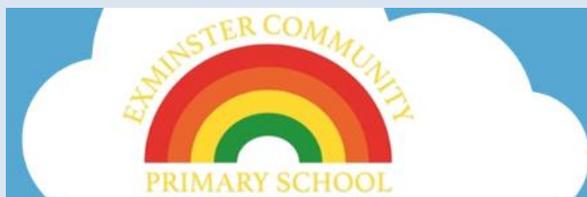
On Thursday 9th June we had four teams competing in the DSSP Year 3/4 Mini Tennis Red tournament. The spirit in which the children played the games was admirable; congratulating each other afterwards and shaking hands. The level of ability improved greatly throughout the tournament too. Out of 110 children and 28 teams we came a respectable 18th, 22nd, 25th and 26th. Well done to all the children who took part.

Annual Parents v Teachers Football and Netball Matches

Arrangements are underway for the annual football and netball matches. The football match will take place at St Martins on Thursday 21st July with kick off at 6pm. Exminster School Association will be organising a barbecue and refreshments. If you are interested in being part of the Parents' team, please speak to Becky Mason.

The netball match will take place on the Deepway basketball court on Thursday 14th July at 6pm. Again, if you are interested in taking part on the Parents' team, please speak to Becky Mason.





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Torquay Boys' Grammar School

TBGS will be holding their open day on Thursday 7th July. Tours of the school will take place at 9.30am and from 4.30 – 5.30pm. If you have any questions please email: enquiries@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk

From Exminster School Association

Instead of selling cakes for the sale at 3.30pm on Friday 24th June, ESA will be selling ice pops!

From Exminster Pre-School

After many, many years with Exminster Pre-School we sadly have to say goodbye to Val Milsom and Jaki Brown who are both retiring at the end of term. They have both been at Exminster Pre-School for a very long time and we will be sad to lose them. If any past parents would like to make a donation to their leaving presents please put any donations into a sealed envelope labelled Exminster Pre-School and hand them into the school office before Monday 4th July. They will be presented with their gifts at the Pre-School Teddy Bears picnic on Wednesday 20th July and everyone is welcome to join us.

