

### **School Summer Fair reminder**

This Friday is our school Summer Fair. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and your support is needed. We are asking for children to come in non-school uniform this Friday in exchange for a 'bottle' donation. 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.

The fair opens at 6pm come rain or shine; we hope to see you all there. Get your voting slips in for the gunging event - Mr Slingsby and Mr Preston love gunge!

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations go to Mr Wilsher and Jess who are expecting their first baby this year in November. Also our congratulations go to Mr Moore and Lynda who are expecting their second baby this year in December.

### **Rainbow Day**

Please remember that Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July is Rainbow Day. All children should know their colour but if you have any doubts please speak to your class teacher. During the day all the children will have the opportunity to visit the school allotment at Springfield. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suitable footwear - no sandals please.

### **Y2 and Y6 SATs**

We would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our children and their achievements this year. The aspect that we are most proud of is the *engagement* the children show every day in their learning. They are active learners who like to find out and explore, showing curiosity and questioning. They are highly *motivated* by their learning and show perseverance, being willing to have a go and being proud of their achievements. They have also demonstrated their amazing *thinking* skills, planning, making links and choosing ways to do things.

You will have heard much publicity around the SATs tests that are compulsory at the end of Y2 and Y6 this year. Here are a few frequently asked questions and answers around these tests:

### **Why do we have new national tests?**

The tests sat by primary school children this year are new because they are the first to test to the new national primary curriculum. This covers different materials from the old one and has been taught in schools only since 2014 for the current Year 2 and Year 6. Therefore a totally new set of tests has been developed to measure attainment in three subjects; maths, reading and spelling, grammar and punctuation. Writing is evaluated separately by teacher assessment. The tests are taken in Year 2 and Year 6, but only the tests taken by Year 6 are marked externally. This year, we were externally moderated for Year 2. This means that trained moderators from Devon came in to benchmark our judgements in reading, writing and maths. We were also involved in external moderation with another local school and an external advisor, to ensure our assessments are accurate, in writing in Year 2 and Year 6. In Year 2, teachers use the test to inform their judgement alongside the work in children's books, guided group notes and teacher knowledge of the children. In Year 6, test results are final outcomes but supported by separate teacher assessments. These are reported separately.

### **Are standards higher?**

The new primary curriculum was drawn up to be deliberately tougher than the old one. Therefore, the tests themselves are tougher than they have been in recent years. This was a conscious decision by ministers seeking to raise standards. They argued that the standards expected of pupils at the end of primary school had not been high enough.

### **How are the tests measured?**

Previously, attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 was measured in Levels – Level 4 being the expected standard for pupils in their final year of primary school. In the new tests, the expected standard is measured completely differently. The expected level is set at 100, but scores can range between 80 and 120.



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### **Are the results comparable?**

No. DfE officials describe it as a 'year zero'. The tests are measuring pupils' knowledge of a new curriculum – even if they have been studying it for only two years. Our current Year 2 have only been studying the new curriculum for one year as last year Year 2 were tested at the end of Key Stage 1 on the old curriculum. Our current Year 6 have only been studying the new curriculum for 2 years yet it is a 4 year curriculum.

### **Survive The Tech Summer Holidays - Online Safety Tips for Parents & Carers**

Basic eSafety advice from SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning) and UKSIC (UK Safer Internet Centre).

**Keep It Nice:** Remind your children that being kind online is up to everyone. If they do see something upsetting or abusive online, they should block and report it, and talk to you or another trusted adult about it.

**Gaming:** Do look out for the PEGI age ratings on the games your children want to play – they work in a similar way to age ratings for films and should be respected. Games also have PEGI labels – visual icons to indicate if the game contains violence, scary content and so on.

**Sharing Photos:** We all love sharing photos of days out, picnics or holidays by the pool. However it is worth thinking how you share these photos and with whom. Consider who you want to share what with and manage your lists of contacts. For example you can create a 'close friends and family' list of your Facebook contacts and share some pictures with a limited group of people, rather than everyone on your list of contacts – including colleagues, or mere acquaintances.

**Insurance:** Sometimes it can be really difficult to actually figure out the cost of a phone or tablet but even the most basic of smartphone can actually cost a small fortune. The cost is sometimes hidden behind a monthly contract and it's not until the phone is dropped on its screen or someone loses it that you suddenly find out just how much these phones and tablets really cost. Do check the insurance policy on your child's phone and consider whether it is worth having one or not.

**Lost and Found:** Take a look at your child's mobile phone and tablet. Most now come with an app that can allow you to locate it if your child misplaces them. However, as good as these apps are, they are not pin point accurate. They can give an indication of where the device last connected but that doesn't mean it is still there and the accuracy varies greatly between each device and each application.

One of the most important things these apps do though is give you the ability to lock the device and remotely wipe its data. You may have lost the phone but at least no one is looking through your photos, contacts or bank details.

**ICE:** ICE stands for In Case (of) Emergency. You create a contact in your child's phone called ICE and have the number as someone who an emergency service worker - doctor, first aider, etc - can contact. Should your child become ill or injured blue light services are trained to look for an ICE contact if they find a mobile phone.

**In App Purchases:** Now is a great time to check your parental settings both on your phone and your child's devices. You can set a block on your child's phone to prevent them from downloading any apps which have in app purchases.

**It's Good To Talk:** Parents are often reluctant to talk to their children about technology, because they feel that their children know more than they do. And that may well be true! However, although they may know how to use apps, tablets, consoles and other high tech gadgets what they often lack is life experience and the ability to think about their actions and consequences. So, most importantly this summer, talk to your children about what they enjoy doing online, get involved in what they are doing, play games with them, ask them what that funny-looking app is on their screen so you understand what they are using. You don't have to be a computer genius to impart practical safety advice.

We hope these tips are helpful and offer some practical advice. Enjoy a safe digital summer! Useful Links:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) <http://swgfl.org.uk/> <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns, you should contact 0345 155 1071 to reach MASH (The Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub).





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## Sports News

### DLP KS1 Athletics Competition

On Monday 4th July, five schools from across the Dawlish Learning Partnership gathered together at St Luke's Science and Sports College in Exeter for the annual DLP Key Stage 1 Athletics Competition.

Each school sent along a team of two girls and two boys from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to take part in a variety of activities. After starting with a 'Monsters Inc' themed warm up, everyone was ready to compete in a number of events including a standing long jump, bean bag sprint, shot put & relay race. The morning finished with a fun 400m fun run around the track.

All the children cheered for their fellow team mates and showed some fantastic sports skills during all the events. Each child who took part from Exminster, Kenn, Kenton and Westcliff and Cockwood Primary Schools received a certificate and medals were presented to the top performing boy and girl in each year group and bronze and silver medals were awarded to the second and third placed schools. Team Exminster did fantastically well and were rewarded with the Bronze medals. A special mention must go to Kade who achieved the 'Top Boy' award for his year group.

Many thanks to St Luke's College staff and student leaders for hosting the day and to all the parents and carers who helped with transport and came along to support their children and school. Well done to all the children who took part and represented their school!

### DLP KS2 Athletics Competition

On Tuesday 5th July, six schools from across the Dawlish Learning Partnership gathered at St Luke's Science and Sports College in Exeter for the annual DLP Key Stage 2 Athletics tournament. Each school sent along a team of two girls and two boys from each year group in Years 3, 4 & 5 to take part.

The children competed in a number of activities including sprinting, long jump, speed bounce, skipping, vortex howler and target practice and a relay race, with all the children showing some fantastic skills as well as good sportsmanship.

Well done to all the Exminster children who took part. A special mention must go to the four Year 4 children who opted for the challenge of competing in the Year 5 age group. They showed great motivation and resilience throughout their events. A huge congratulations to Scarlett-Mae, who despite being a Year 4, won the best girl in the Year 5 age group!

Many thanks to St Luke's College staff and student leaders for hosting the day and for coming in on their day off, due to a teachers' strike, to ensure this event still went ahead. Thanks also to all the parents and carers who helped with transport and came along to support their children.





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### More Sports News from Becky Mason – Governor

I had a top day out managing the Teignbridge cricket team at the Devon Youth Games, with 4 Exminster pupils in the squad of 10. (Joel, Josh, Jessica & Charlie). We stormed it.....unbeaten in all 4 games to win Gold! All 4 players were fantastic showing great sportsmanship as well as great skills. It was lovely to see parents supporting too.

Also congratulations to Jasmine, who was in the A team squad for mini red tennis team for Teignbridge, who also won a well-deserved Gold. A brilliant achievement, her parents were beaming!



### School Uniform – Uniform Easy

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July is the last date for ordering school uniform from Uniform Easy to ensure delivery by the beginning of the new school year. Simply visit [www.uniformeasy.com/#school-search](http://www.uniformeasy.com/#school-search) and find Exminster Community Primary School.

Don't forget Thomas Moore on Fore Street, Exeter also stock our school uniform.

### Rainbow Day Cake Stall - Children's Hospice.

As part of their Civic Award, Callie, Erica, Eva, Anna and Ella in Year 6 are running a Rainbow Day cake stall on Wednesday 13th July, after Rainbow Day. The final section of their Civic Award involves a group project to raise money for their chosen charity. The girls are going to help organise and run a baking activity all day with Mrs Nowell and Mr Herring.

All of the money raised will be towards a very important cause - Children's Hospice which cares and supports very poorly children and their families. Again, this is another act of brilliant citizenship and contribution to their community. Please support the girls by coming along to our 'Rainbow Cake Stall' next Wednesday or if you would like to donate any cakes yourself, please take them to the staff room on Rainbow Day. Thank you.

