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Parent Governor

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please remember that the nomination form should be returned to the school office no later than Friday 11th November. If an election is necessary all candidates will be contacted on Monday 14th November. Candidates will be asked to provide brief statements (not exceeding 200 words) about themselves, and a passport sized photograph. If you require further information please call in at the school office.

Taster menu

Many thanks to Mrs Goode and Mrs Bond for preparing 5 of our new recipes for children and adults to try on Thursday evening. Sausage casserole, turkey curry, sweet and sour chicken, chilli con carne and sweet potato curry were tried by many. It was great to see children trying new foods and going back for more! We are looking forward to the new menu starting at the beginning of the Spring term. We will send out a new menu towards the end of the Autumn term.

Sports news

On Thursday 13th October 2016 all of Year 6 went to a DSSP Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival at South Dartmoor. The children had to make friends quickly as they were split into smaller groups and put alongside pupils from other schools. The children worked alongside their new teammates in a series of tag rugby activities and games. Well done to everyone who took part.

Dates reminder

School is closed from Friday 21 October (inclusive) until Monday 31 October (inclusive). We look forward to seeing the children in school on Tuesday 1 November for the second half of the Autumn term.

Christmas Card Orders

As I write, the Arts Projects for Schools website is still not accepting orders. I understand that their new server is being tested today and we hope to receive an update later this afternoon. We will advise you of our new extended order deadline as soon as we hear anything but, as tomorrow is our last working day, please also keep checking the APFS order website. We have used APFS without any problems for more than 13 years and have always received an excellent service but following these issues we are actively seeking a new company to work with next year. We are very sorry but we cannot accept any further artwork – if you have not yet returned your artwork to school and you wish to place an order, you should now liaise direct with the company.

Remembrance Day, 11th November

On Remembrance Day children in Years 1 – 6 will be taking part in a World War 2 themed day where the children get to experience a school day back in the 1940's. Children will need a typical costume of a child in the 1940's.

The school meal menu for that day will be changed as follows:

Beef pie and vegetables followed by bread pudding and custard. (Friday's fish and chips option will be switched to Thursday 10th November.)

On Friday 11th November we will be accepting donations to the charity Help for Heroes if you wish to make a contribution.

We are also looking for any grandparents or people in our community who would like to come in and speak to children on Remembrance Day, 11th November, about their experiences during the war, or their parents' experiences? Also, if you have any memorabilia from that time that you could share with the children, we would be very interested to hear from you. WW2 gas masks are not allowed in school as they contain asbestos and therefore pose a serious health risk.

If you know of anyone who would be willing to share their experiences, please speak to Mrs Martin in 1M.





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Secondary School Transfer Applications

We have been asked by Devon County Council to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that applications for secondary school places must be made by 31st October. Parents can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or can contact MyDevon Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019 for a copy of the Step by Step booklet, which contains the application form. If you have any queries regarding this information please email the Admissions Team on: secondaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk

Flu Immunisations - Years 1, 2 & 3 only

If your child is in Years 1, 2 or 3 and missed the flu immunisation which took place in school, you can contact the Boots Flu Team on 07596 591261 or email them at devonchildrensflu@boots.co.uk

Exminster School Association – Second hand uniform

Exminster School Association has now opened a second hand school uniform shop and would be grateful for any good quality items you no longer require. Please can you bring your items, bagged up, to the main office. The items will then be washed and hung on the new clothes rail which has appeared just inside the main entrance. An honesty box will be placed with the clothes rail with a suggested donation price of 50p per item. Thank you.

Premier Sports Clubs

Afterschool Premier Sports clubs will return after half term. Please book your child's place by using the link below, or follow the link on the club page of the school's website. The following clubs will be on offer:

Football

Friday's after school.
Starting 4th November.

Gymnastics

Thursday's after school.
Starting 3rd November.

<http://www.premier-education.com/for-families/search-for-activities-near-you/venue/exminster-community-primary/id/3280>

From St Martin's Church

On Saturday 29th October we will be holding our ever-popular Quiz Night in The Victory Hall from 7-10pm. There will also be a draw and wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale. Tickets, to include supper, cost £5 per person and can be purchased from Gail on 823273 or Anne on 832763.

