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Reading Roundabout: This week, Y4 and Y5 have enjoyed 'Reading Roundabout' with Nicola Cowling from our Schools Library Service. She commented on how there was a real pleasure for books and reading with all the children she worked with. Nicola brings a range of genres of books, all brand new, and children spend time looking at the ones they are interested in across the range of genres. They then pick the top books and she has left us with 200 new books to go into our library from the children's choices. Nicola has also put together suggested book titles for different age groups. In case you are looking at any Christmas presents, we thought we would pass the information on to you. – **Years 3 to 6 (please see reading lists attached).**

School Disco: There will be a school disco on Friday 17 November 2017 in the School Hall. All children will be signed in and out so please bear with us as we register them on entry and exit. Entry is £2 and various drinks, sweets and glow sticks will be on sale with prices from 50p.

Reception/KS1 – 6-6.45pm. Please enter through the main school entrance. All children will need to be collected from outside the Reception classroom, please wait inside the coloured fence.
RECEPTION CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

KS2 – 7-8pm. Please enter through the main school entrance. Children need to be collected from the hall side exit (opposite the Hub).

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY children will not be allowed to go home without an adult. All children will be signed in and out so please bear with us if this takes some time.

Open Days: Our next Open Day is on Tuesday 21 November and if you would like to book into one of our time slots for this please pop into or contact the school office. It will be a chance to see a working school day, find out about the teaching and learning and ask any questions.

On Monday 20th November some of our Year 6 children would like to launch a reverse advent calendar. The idea behind the calendar is to give rather than receive as we lead up to the festive period. The children have chosen to continue their support of the Exeter Food Bank. We are asking, if possible, that you could look in your cupboards and find a spare tin, packet of pasta etc and donate 1 item per day or every other day. Watch out for our giant advent calendar which will be going up in the school reception area over the next couple of days. Will you be the first to open the door and place your tin inside on our first day? Our final day will be Thursday 14th of December. Please remember that any food donated must be unopened and in date. The Food Bank is unable to take any products containing alcohol. For a full list of the food needed please visit the Food Bank web site: <https://exeter.foodbank.org.uk/>

Parking: We always advise parents that for the safety of our children and to maintain good relations with our neighbours that, if they drive to school, they should park at the Deepway Centre or appropriately in the surrounding area.

Sports News: On Thursday 9th November, 7 children from Year 4 took part in a High 5 Netball Tournament at Stover School. They had to play against 5 other schools and the competition was very high. All the children rotated positions in each match and overall we came 4th out of 6 schools. The children had great fun and were very pleased with the result.

On Tuesday 14th November, 8 children from Year 5 represented the school at a Badminton Tournament at Newton Abbot College. They were in 2 teams and they had to play on their own against other children from various schools. Although some of the children hadn't played much before, they all managed to win some points. One team managed to make it to the final, against Bradley Barton school, and came 2nd, winning silver medals for the team which was great. All children received a certificate for their participation and they were really proud of their achievement.





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Children in Need: This year Exminster Primary will be going spotty for Children in Need. On Friday 17th November we will be having a non-uniform day in return for a donation. This year Pudsey is scouring the country for round £1 coins and we are hoping to help him. How many can we find and where is the strangest place you have found them? We look forward to seeing you, all spotty, on the day.

Parent Information Session: Please see the attached flyer for details of this week's session at Withycombe Raleigh School.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 16th November	Year 3 Cake Stall	Friday 17 November	School Disco
Tuesday 21 November	Open Day for Reception 2018	Thursday 23 November	3H Class Assembly
Thursday 30 November	5W Class Assembly	Friday 1 December	Year 2 Cake Stall

