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I hope you have seen our giant Advent Calendar outside the School Office. 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. 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/>

**Sports News:** On Wednesday 22nd November, 6 children from KS2 took part in a festival at Dawlish Leisure Centre. They participated in a variety of games, using beach balls, hoops, etc. and mixed with other schools. All the children enjoyed themselves and received a certificate for taking part.

On Tuesday 28th November, 11 children from Year 2 represented the school at an Aesthetics Festival (dance and gymnastics) at South Dartmoor Community College. As well as doing gymnastics and some yoga, all 5 schools that took part learnt a dance routine and performed it to everybody at the end. This was the highlight of the morning for them all! Everybody received a certificate for their participation.

**Easyfundraising:** We now have 110 people signed up and have raised £368.58. This is the busiest online shopping time of the year so please remember to use the Easyfundraising website each time you shop as this will generate lots of donations for the school!

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

**Christingle:** This year's Christingle Service will take place in St Martin's Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4pm where the school choir will, once again, be performing. Christingle is an opportunity to support The Children's Society in their invaluable work with the children of families in crisis. This year each child in the school will receive a collecting box for small family donations which can either be taken to the Christingle Service or returned to school by the end of term. Please remember that you should not collect house to house. If you would to attend the Christingle Service, all children should be accompanied by an adult and, as lighted candles will be involved, all long hair should be tied back.

#### Dates for your Diary:

Friday 1 December	Year 2 Cake Stall	Sunday 3 December	Christingle Service
Tuesday 5 December	Reception Nativity	Thursday 7 December	3F Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 December	Yr 1&2 Christmas Production	Wednesday 13 December	Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinners
Wednesday 13 December	Yr 1&2 Christmas Production	Thursday 14 December	KS2 Christmas Dinners
Friday 15 December	Last Day of Term		





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## SOUTH DEVON AUTISM FORUM

We would like to welcome all parents to a new informal evening for parents to meet and get to know one another, offer support and chat

### WHEN

First Tuesday of the month, 7pm onwards  
Dates for 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July,  
1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup>  
December.

### WHERE

Hannah's Bistro  
Seale Hayne  
Howton lane  
Newton Abbot  
Devon TQ 12 6NQ

### IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

positivelyautistic@gmail.com

Are you a parent of a child with ASC?

Would you like to meet with other parents?

We are a newly developing autism forum to develop support for parents, links for professionals and opportunities to share and gain information.

You are welcome to join us!

### From Exminster Pre-School

It's just over one week to go until Exminster Pre-school's famous Santa Tour! Taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the tour will start at the Stowey Arms at 4.30pm, stopping at Coffee on the Corner for mulled wine and mince pies at 5pm, then on to the Royal Oak for the grand finale - this is a pre-school fundraiser so please remember to bring some pennies! This will be followed by the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, from 2-4pm at Victory Hall. Children will have the chance to visit Santa in his Grotto, make Christmas crafts and take part in lots of fun festive games. There will also be a tombola, toy and book stall, face painting and raffle; refreshments will be available. Admission 50p per Adult/ £1 per Family. This is our community pre-school's main fundraising event of the year and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on the day!

EXMINSTER PRE-SCHOOL HOSTS  
*The*  
**SANTA TOUR**  
FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
4.30PM

**SAME ROUTE AS LAST YEAR!**

STARTING AT THE STOWEY ARMS	STOPPING OFF AT COFFEE ON THE CORNER AT 5PM FOR REFRESHMENTS	GRAND FINALE AT THE ROYAL OAK
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**CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR**  
SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
AT THE VICTORY HALL EXMINSTER  
2PM-4PM

COME AND JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!  
INCLUDES: SANTA'S GROTTTO, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA'S, TOY AND BOOK STALL,  
FACE PAINTING, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!  
Admission 50p per Adult/ £1 per family

**St Martin's Church:** On Saturday 9th December, the church is holding a Crib Festival from 10am to 5pm. Come and see the beautiful church displaying the splendour of the Nativity! Light refreshments will be served all day.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Exminster Beavers

2nd Exminster Beavers expects to have a small number of places available from January 2018 for girls or boys who have their 6th birthday between September and December 2017.

Beavers meet weekly during term time on Mondays from 6 -7pm at the Deepway Centre. They take part in a wide range of activities including games, crafts, singing, visits and good turns, along with plenty of outdoor activities.

To find out more, please contact Josie Walledge at [exminsterscouts@yahoo.com](mailto:exminsterscouts@yahoo.com) or phone 07790 908394.

