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Reception Nativity: Our Reception children put on a wonderful Nativity performance yesterday afternoon. We would like to thank the parents for their support in providing the costumes and for coming to watch, Exminster School Association for providing the refreshments and the Reception team for their hard work in putting the performance together. Lastly we would like to thank the children for making everyone so proud.

School Uniform: Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your children are dressed appropriately for school in full school uniform, suitable shoes and a warm coat. Black shoes should be worn to school: jewellery, trainers and hoodies are **not** part of our school uniform.

School Christmas Lunches: This year the School's Christmas lunches will be served on Wednesday 13 December for Foundation/Key Stage One and on Thursday 14 December for Key Stage Two. Please read the following information:

Foundation/Key Stage 1 – Wednesday 13 December: Christmas lunches for all Foundation/KS1 children will be free under the Universal Free School Meals initiative. The only menu options available on this day will be Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Roast. If your child would prefer a packed lunch this **must** be brought from home but all children will eat in the hall with their classmates as usual on their Christmas Lunch date. On Thursday 15 December, as the kitchen will be providing Christmas dinners for KS2, Reception/KS1 can choose from either; Macaroni Cheese & Ham Bake or Jacket potato and beans.

Key Stage Two – Thursday 14 December: There will be no cooked lunches for Key Stage Two on Wednesday 13 December; all children will need a packed lunch on this day to eat in their class. If your child is eligible for FSM and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, please speak to the School Office. Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 14 December. Lunches for KS2 will cost £2.30 and must be paid for via ParentPay. Please ensure there are sufficient funds on your ParentPay account to cover this. If your child chooses to bring a packed lunch they will eat in the hall with their classmates as usual on their Christmas Lunch date.

Christmas Jumper Day: On Friday 15th, the last day of term, children from Year 1 – Year 6 are welcome to come to school in a Christmas Jumper in return for a small donation to Save the Children. Reception children are holding their own event.

Cozy up for Christmas: - In place of Christmas Jumper Day, Reception children will be holding a Cozy up for Christmas Day when they can come to school in their pyjamas! Again, donations for Save the Children are very welcome. Full details are in the weekly Reception newsletter.

Sports News: On Friday 1st December, 53 children from KS2 took part in a Cross Country Competition at Dawlish Leisure Centre. It was a lovely sunny morning but very cold. 7 schools took part in 4 separate races. The girls and boys in Years 3 and 4 ran separately and came 1st overall with a large Cross Country Team Winners certificate and a trophy. Then Years 5 and 6 girls ran followed by the boys. They all did very well, with Thomas Brown finishing 1st in his race and receiving a medal. All those who participated received a certificate. Congratulations to everyone who took part and thank you to the proud parents who came to support.

Exeter Food Bank: There is still time to donate to Exeter Food Bank by filling up our giant advent calendar. The idea behind the calendar is to give rather than receive as we lead up to the festive period. 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/>

Bikes & Scooters: Please remember that bikes and scooters must not be used within the school grounds – including the slope at the front of the school.





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Parent Information Session: Please see the attached flyer concerning this week's session at Withycombe Raleigh.

Tennis Camp: Please see the attached flyer concerning Christmas Camp at Bovey Tracey Lawn Tennis Club.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 7 December	3F Class Assembly	Tuesday 12 December	Yr 1&2 Christmas Production - Matinee
Wednesday 13 December	Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinners	Wednesday 13 December	Yr 1&2 Christmas Production - Evening
Thursday 14 December	KS2 Christmas Dinners	Friday 15 December	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4 January	First Day of Spring Term		

