



Exminster Community Primary School

Newsletter Issue 15

Wednesday 10th January



Happy New Year to you all and welcome to Oscar who has joined us in Year 4.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Martin who had their baby boy, Rocco, in December. Both Rocco and Mrs Martin are doing very well.

Registering for Free School Meals could raise money for your child's school

Registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or other activities to support your child. Even though your child will receive free meals under the Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, registering could allow additional support for your child.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed in the form, see the link. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

The application portal can be accessed here: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

Contact Us

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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 23 January 7.30pm	ESA meeting, School Hall
Friday 9 January	Bubbles & Bingo 7.30pm
W/C Monday 12 February	Half Term
W/C Monday 12 March	Arts Week
Monday 19 March 4-7pm	Family Learning Conference
Thursday 22 March 4-7pm	Family Learning Conference
Wednesday 28 March	Last Day of Term

Census Day

Census day for the Spring term is on Thursday 18 January. It is an important day for the school in terms of this school meals as we have to collate the number of children who actually have a 'Universal Free School Meal' on that day and inform the local authority who, in turn, then apply for the funding that comes into school to enable us to provide this facility. It is for this reason that we are asking for your support to ensure that we maximise meal numbers on that day. As far as possible, we would like every child who is entitled to a 'Universal Free School Meal' (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) having a school lunch.

The menu on this day will be the Friday's menu.

Thursday 18 January

Fish Fingers with Chips
Homemade Vegetarian Nuggets
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans
Plain Jacket
Ham Wrap
Cheese Wrap
Fruit Biscuit

Friday 19 January

Pasta Bolognese
Vegetarian Noodle Stir Fry
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Plain Jacket
Ham Wrap
Cheese Wrap
Fresh Fruit Salad

Packed lunches and Snacks

Please remember that we operate a nut-free school as we have a number of children with severe allergies. This means that nuts, including peanut butter, are not permitted in snacks or packed lunches.

Stranger Awareness: We are aware that a 12 year old was approached by a stranger in the village last week. Finding the balance between your child being safe and independent is difficult. Please take an opportunity to remind your child about 'stranger awareness' to make your child aware of strangers and how to remain safe whilst out in the community. Attached is some guidance that you may find useful and this is the link to the website:

[http://www.gmp.police.uk/live/nhoodv3.nsf/WebAttachments/AB0C3C961290815C80257E4C0052D65F/\\$File/DFS%20-%20Stranger%20Awareness%20-%20Guide%20Book%20-%20Final%20Document%20-%2005-05-15.pdf](http://www.gmp.police.uk/live/nhoodv3.nsf/WebAttachments/AB0C3C961290815C80257E4C0052D65F/$File/DFS%20-%20Stranger%20Awareness%20-%20Guide%20Book%20-%20Final%20Document%20-%2005-05-15.pdf)

Class/Year group Reading café afternoons

This term, instead of inviting you to a class assembly, we are inviting you to a reading cafe session. These are timetabled below. It is an opportunity for you to come and discover new books, spending time sharing reading for pleasure with your child. The sessions will be for half an hour in the school hall. We ask that you make your way to the hall, there will be a signing in sheet in the hall. This is for the Spring term only. Most reading cafes are on a Tuesday afternoon but there are a few on a Thursday afternoon. We would welcome your feedback on these new sessions. Year 6 will not be doing one this term. If you are unable to make the café, your child will be paired up with other groups/pairs.

Reading café Afternoon, 3-3.30pm, invite to parents, highlighted sessions are a Thursday, all others are a Tuesday:

Class	1MS	1S	RW	RGL	RS	2C
Date	23 January	30 January	6 February	8 February	20 February	27 February
Class	2CM	3H	3F	Yr 4	5HJ	5NS
Date	6 March	13 March	15 March	20 March	22 March	27 March



Friday 9th February — 7.30pm
Exminster School Hall
 Enjoy an evening of fun, bingo and Prosecco!
 Win a bottle of bubbly for a line and a big game prize for a full house!
Tickets £5
 (includes a glass of Prosecco on arrival and a book of 8 Bingo games)
 Bubbly bar, snacks, extra bingo books and dabbers available on the night (cash only)
 All monies raised will go to Exminster School Association



The week beginning Monday 12th is our whole school arts week. If you are an artist, musician or dancer and would like to share your talents with the pupils during this week please contact Mrs Stapleton. On Friday 16th March 3.30-4.00pm we will be holding an Art Exhibition in the school hall to share the pupils' artwork.



Tickets go on sale later this week!

Exminster School Association AGM

Date for your diary, **Tuesday 23 January, 7.30pm, in the school hall**. We have to have 22 people at this meeting so please come along and show your support. Our thanks go to the members over the last couple of years who have organised many events that has meant our traverse climbing wall has now been installed. The children are thoroughly enjoying this additional feature to the playground.

St Martin's Church

Saturday 20th January is the ever popular quiz at the Victory Hall from 7pm until 10pm. Bring a team of up to six or come on your own and make a team. There will be a draw and a bar. Tickets are £5 to include supper. For further information please phone 01392 823273.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

IN THE EXMOUTH ACADEMIC LEARNING COMMUNITY

(Teachers, teaching assistants, professionals, parents, relatives, child-minders and other interested parties all very welcome)

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
Challenging behaviour (We can also look at attachment.)	Friday 12 th January	Children who overreact /are not maximising their potential. Understanding, sensing and changing disruptive behaviour. We will also look at resilience and shame.
Working Memory / Auditory Processing/ Executive Brain Functioning	Friday 19 th January	Recognising working memory failure. Games and activities to develop auditory memory. Attention, focus and concentration. Making short-term and long term plans. Extra input from former educational psychologist ☺
Sensory Integration 'Out-Of-Synch' Child ADHD	Friday 26 th January	We will look at children who are out-of-touch with their senses; often under- or over-sensitive to tastes/textures/etc Does your child rock on their chair or fiddle? Also covering how to cope with an ADHD diagnosis/whether to go for one
Is there an effective alternative to punishment?	Friday 2 nd February	How can I control the children without punishing/ rewarding them? Strategies to gain compliance by connection rather than coercion/ bribery.
Am I maximising the potential of my gifted and talented child? ☺	Friday 9 th February	'Gifted' refers to a child who has abilities in one or more academic subjects, such as English or maths. 'Talented' refers to a child who has skills in a practical area such as music, sport or art. Come and find out more!

☺ **NO CHARGE** – REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED! ☺ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE OTHER TOPICS ☺

To book a place or ask for further information, please call 01395-263397 ext2 and leave a message if no answer. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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