



I would like to thank Exminster School Association (ESA) for all their hard work over the last year. A special thank you must go to Kathryn Jose as chair, Ruth Dixon as secretary and Emma Williams as treasurer. The staff and children have really appreciated the work and the monies raised. There are many other parents who have contributed a great deal of time and energy to the ESA. Thank you all. Thanks to all the parents who contributed to the ESA by attending meetings, supporting the organisation of the event or attending the event.

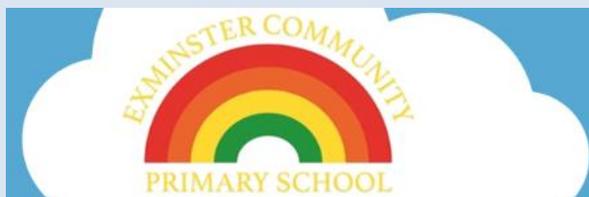
The ESA currently support our creative curriculum on a termly basis as well as raising money for larger projects. The creative curriculum provides £2.50 per child per term to support the curriculum. All cake stall profits and creative curriculum money go directly to the children's class and are generally used to support memorable and creative experiences. Examples of these have been inviting in story tellers and other in school activities such as Exeter Exotics, museum visitors and creative craft days. Monies are also used to subsidise educational visits out of school.

GET INVOLVED! - We live in a great community and the school is right at the heart of that community. But we can always improve things and if everyone does just a little bit then we all get the benefit and the ESA becomes even better. I would like to encourage you to think about contributing in some way to help the ESA, and we need all sorts of help! For ESA fairs we always need volunteers to help set up and people willing to do some baking. We need people willing to take on and run a stand and we always need people to come up with good ideas for money raising. If there's something that you feel you can offer, don't be shy. The ESA is here to support the school and give our children the best that we can. Please do get involved, the more people that get involved, the more we can achieve. It doesn't mean you have to be available to help at every event. It doesn't mean you have to attend every single meeting. It doesn't mean that if you attend a meeting you will come away with loads of jobs to do, but it does mean that you will be helping our school community. Even if you have very little time to offer we would still like your involvement. Every person's contributions, however big or small, will make a difference. Our school needs you! Our school also needs a chairperson to head up our school association.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11 October 2017, 7.00pm, School Hall (with chocolates and wine!)

'Flu Vaccinations

We have been advised that the 'flu vaccinations for Reception – Year 4 (inclusive) will take place in school on Wednesday 22nd November. Please would all parents remember to return their paper work by this Friday.



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Tempest Photography – Change of Arrangements

Tempest Photography will be visiting the school on Friday 22nd September for the annual photographs.

There has been a change to the arrangements previously advised. As Breakfast Club use the hall until 8.50am, there will be no access to the School Hall until 9.15am when Tempest are ready to start. Families with children under school age will be photographed first although pupils must go to their classes to be registered at 8.55am as usual.

Whilst we endeavour to ensure children look their best, we cannot take responsibility for the hair styling and appearance of each individual child.

School Census Day

This is on Thursday 5 October and is an important day for the school. On this day, data is collected from the school which is used to calculate our funding for the next financial year. As well as recording the number of children on roll, currently 390, it also records our uptake of Universal Free School Meals on that particular day. This then informs our funding to run the kitchen for the next year. We do not make any money from the kitchen and school does need to use its own funds in order to run it however we do get some grant funding that supports this.

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 Infant Free School Meal' (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) to have a school lunch. The menu for Thursday 5th and Friday 6th will be changed as follows:

<u>Thursday 5th October</u>	<u>Friday 6th October</u>
Battered fish with chips	Chicken Casserole
Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Stuffed Vegetarian Tortillas
Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Plain Jacket Potato	Plain Jacket Potato
Packed Lunch with Ham Wrap	Packed Lunch with Ham Wrap
Packed Lunch with Cheese Wrap	Packed Lunch with Cheese Wrap
Peas, Baked Beans	Sweetcorn, green beans
Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad

Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds at any time. Also, please do not leave unattended dogs tied up at the school gates as there have been instances where dogs have jumped up at children.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year we will once again be supporting the fantastic work done by Macmillan Cancer Support by holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. Coffee and cakes will be available in the School Hall at 9am and all parents and carers are very welcome to join us. It will also be a non-uniform day for the children in return for a donation of cakes to sell at the coffee morning. Please see the posters around the school for more information.

Parent Information Sessions

Please find attached a flyer for this week's parent information session at Withycombe Raleigh Primary School.

Exeter Consortium Training Events

Exeter Consortium has organised a Train to Teach 'Get Into Teaching' event for prospective Early Years, Primary and Secondary teachers which will take place on 11 October, 2017, 4.00pm to 7.00pm at West Exe School. If you are interested you can book a place by following the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-to-teach-tickets-37873984106?aff=es2>

The event is hosted by Exeter Consortium and South West Teacher Training, and Teaching School Alliances from the South West have been invited to provide prospective teachers with the information they need to pursue their career. For more information please contact us on 01392 927171.

