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Newsletter - Survey Monkey: the school newsletter is for you. We want it to be a useful, informative document in order to aid communication. Please take 2 minutes to answer 3 questions about the newsletter in order for us to make key changes to suit you: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P89LB9G>

Macmillan Coffee Morning: thank you for all your kind donations of cakes and money donations if you were able to attend. We made a total of £361.39. Many thanks go to Mrs Godbeer and Mrs Gibson for organising the event and to the children who helped to serve.

Exminster School Association (ESA) meeting: the next meeting is on Wednesday 11 October at 7pm in the school hall. It would be great to welcome as many of you as possible to support the meeting and the ongoing work of the ESA.

Family Learning Conferences (FLC): we look forward to seeing you all next week (and the following week for RGL) for the chance to talk about your child in school. If you have not yet had the chance to book an appointment, please pop in and see the class teacher, email the office or give us a call.

Christmas Cards: Please ensure all Christmas cards are returned to school by Friday 6th October. If you wish to place an order you must keep a note of the unique code on the reverse of the artwork. All the artwork will be sent to APFS on Friday to be scanned and parents will be able to order online from 16th – 30th October.

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

Secondary School Transfer Applications

We have been asked by Devon County Council to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that applications for secondary school places must be made by 31st October. Parents can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or can contact My Devon Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. If you have any queries regarding this information please email the Admissions Team on: secondarieschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk If you do not apply by 31st October you may miss out on a place at your local school.

Parent Information Sessions: Please see the attached flyer giving details of this week's session at Withycombe Raleigh School entitled 'How to Talk So Kids Will Listen'.





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St Martin's Church

St Martin's will be holding their annual Festival of Harvest Flowers on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October. There will be harvest themed flower displays, a toy corner, coffee, tea and lunches and on Saturday there will be the ever popular Tower visits. Admission is free but donations are invited for St Martin's Church.

There will also be a concert by St David's Singers in St Martin's Church on Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm. Tickets for the concert cost £7 and can be ordered by contacting Gail on 823273 or on the door.

