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Rainbow Cabin: over the half term and for the 4 weeks after half term, our Rainbow Cabin will be installed. This cabin, which is being funded by Devon County and will be our THRIVE base, will be located near the hub and the slope of the field. The main noisy work, deliveries and ground works will be done over the half term and the installation of the building, done in panels, will commence after this. We are very much looking forward to having this space installed.

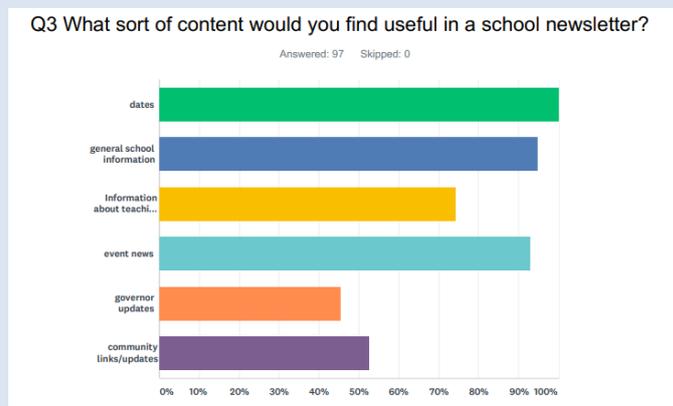
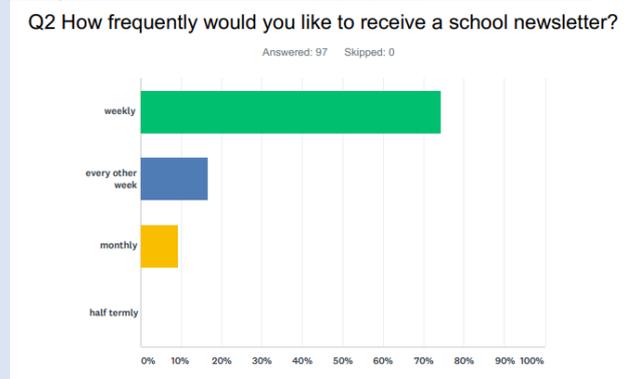
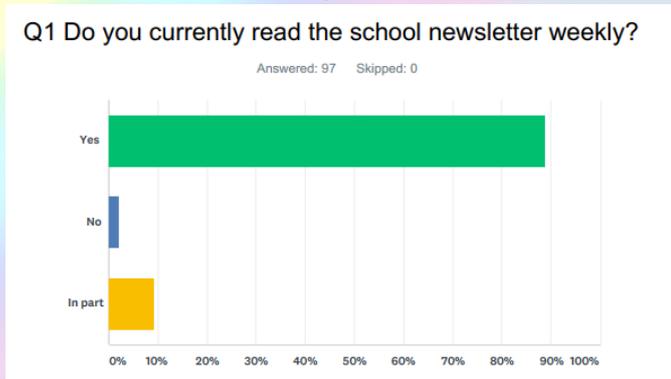
Maths buddy: We are looking for volunteers to come into school to support groups of children in playing maths games. The games are simple to play and focus on developing children's problem solving and reasoning alongside their fluency of basic number facts.

Children will come out of class in small groups of 2 or 3 and play the game with you for around 10-15 minutes. Mr Moore will meet with you prior to taking a group and go through some simple ways you can support the children with the games. These will be running in various year groups across the school. Any time you can give is valuable to the school. This could be a weekly or fortnightly slot for just an hour (maybe after drop off or before you pick-up) or a whole morning or afternoon.

Please let Mr Moore know if you would be interested or you know anyone in the community that might be.

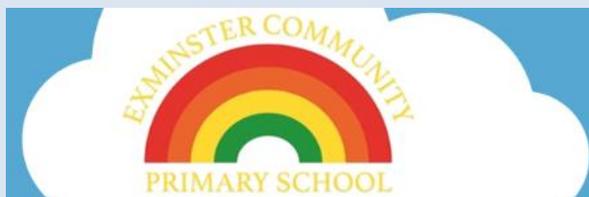
School Uniform: Watches including Fitbits are allowed to be worn in school but must be removed for P.E. lessons. Any wearable technology such as mobile phones and smart watches that have access to the Internet, can send and receive text messages and take photos are not allowed, as this is a safeguarding risk.

Newsletter: We had 97 responses to the school newsletter survey. Below are the results:



As a result, we will continue with the weekly newsletter with a change to the format. Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback.





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Class cake stalls: your child's year group has been allocated a date for a cake stall. (Please see Newsletter Issue 2) We ask that parents bring in cakes (bake or fake) to sell at the end of the day. We need parent volunteers from each class in order to run the stall. All monies raised go directly into your child's year group. It is spent on things such as: resources for creative activities, to subsidize visits, to get visitors into school or to supplement our GOAL resources. The more cakes, the more monies raised. The cake stall takes place on the front playground near the entrance steps if dry and in the entrance near the office if wet.

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.

Sports News: On Thursday 12th October, 11 children from Year 2 took part in a KS1 Football Tournament at Stover School. We entered 3 teams and each team played 4 matches. Exminster won all their matches (apart from one - which was a draw as they were playing each other!) All the children played really well as a team, taking in turns at being the goalkeeper. Overall, 1 of our teams came 1st in their group and the other teams came 1st and 2nd in theirs! The children were all extremely proud and very excited following their wins and were supported by a lot of very proud parents! We would like to thank the parents for their help in transporting children to the event – without your support our attendance at these events would not be possible.

Christmas Cards: Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we need to ask for ALL Christmas card artwork to be returned to school by 3.30pm on Thursday. It appears that Arts Projects for Schools have not correctly scanned all the artwork sent to them and they need to repeat the process. The new dates when you will be able to order cards online are 2-16 November and cards will be delivered to school by 25th November. We apologise for the inconvenience and have raised our concerns with APFS.

Children in Need: We will be holding a non-school uniform day on **Friday 17th November** in aid of Children in Need. The national theme this year is 'Spotacular' and in return for a donation to the charity children can come to school wearing anything spotty!

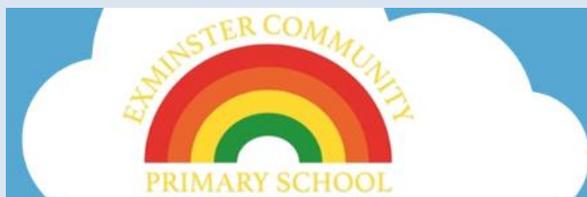
Parent Information Sessions: This week's session at Withycombe Raleigh School is 'Thrive'. All behaviour is communication, and THRIVE enables us to see where the child is communicating in unhelpful ways and how to help them deal with the stress they feel. In this way, they can express themselves more appropriately and their emotional needs are more likely to be met. This will benefit them in every way and particularly in order for them to progress educationally. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Throughout the Autumn courses are being organized by the **Behaviour Intervention Support Network** to help parents with their child's specific social and emotional needs. Please click on the following link for further information. <http://www.bis-net.org.uk/services-autism-challenging-behaviour/parent-training-spring-2017-programme/>

Forthcoming events for your information:

Thursday 19 th October	RW Class Assembly	Friday 20 th October	Half term – School Closed
Week 23 rd October	Half Term	Monday 30 th October	Back to school
Thursday 2 nd November	RS Class Assembly	Friday 3 rd November	Year 4 Cake Stall
Thursday 9 th November	Open Day for Reception 2018	Thursday 9 th November	2C Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 th November	Rainbow Day	Thursday 16 th November	5NS Class Assembly
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day	Friday 17 th November	Year 3 Cake Stall
Friday 17 th November	School Disco		





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Community Events

Exminster Panto: This year's production by ExAct is called **'High Noon at Creaky Bottom'** with performances from Wednesday 22nd – Saturday 25th November. There will be 2 performances on Saturday. This is one of the most popular events on the village calendar and has been going for nearly 30 years. This involves a huge input of time and effort from performers, directors, backstage crew, musicians and front of house staff who all come from, or have close ties to, the village. Tickets will be on sale at the following locations:

Saturday 4.11.17	Partridges	9.00am – 12.00noon
Sunday 5.11.17	Victory Hall	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.11.17	Exminster School	8.50am – 9.05am
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Nayamba School: The Nayamba Trust is excited to announce the start of a brand new project called Monthly Bags. Shocking statistics released by the United Nations Education Agency show that one in 10 girls in Africa regularly misses school because of her period. The major obstacle for these girls is a lack of sanitary towels - they are far too expensive for families to afford. At Nayamba School in Zambia, girls miss approximately 6 weeks of school in the course of a year because they have to stay at home during their period. This is why we have set up the Monthly Bags Project. Each Nayamba School Monthly Bag comprises of a hand-made, drawstring fabric bag, containing a washable feminine hygiene kit. As soon as a female pupil needs one, we aim to be able to provide her with a monthly bag of her own and, if possible, one for her mother, sisters and aunties too! We would love volunteers in our own local community of Exminster, Exeter and the surrounding areas to help with this project. Each monthly bag will be made with love! We will run workshops and produce instruction booklets in order to train all our volunteers in how to manufacture, by hand, the monthly bags. In addition, we hope to have some of the bag contents (such as the wash cloths, moon cups, and soap) donated to us by corporations. Do you have basic machine sewing skills and access to a sewing machine? Or, are you willing to do some cutting out and ironing? Are you willing to give a little of your time, on a regular basis, to help the 163 female pupils at Nayamba School? In just 3 years of use, our monthly bags will give back to these pupils 180 days worth of education, health, safety and dignity. Your help really can make a LIFE-CHANGING DIFFERENCE to our girls. If you would like to become one of our wonderful, kind and hugely generous Monthly Bags Volunteers, please contact us using one of the methods below:

Telephone Gleny Brookes on 07702 112322

Email projects@nayambaschool.org

Join or message our **Facebook Group** called **Monthly Bags**

