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**Open Days:** We have had a very successful Open Day today with lots of prospective parents looking around the school. Our next Open Day is on Tuesday 21 November and if you would like to book into one of our time slots for this please pop into or contact the school office. It will be a chance to see a working school day, find out about the teaching and learning and ask any questions.

**Rainbow Day:** Our next Rainbow Day is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Our theme is 'All Different, All Equal' and the day will have an anti-bullying focus. The children need to come to school dressed in colours of the rainbow and will mix within their key stages during the day. Donations towards this and future Rainbow Days would be most welcome.

**Mental Health:** This term we have been talking a lot about mental health; what it is, small feelings, big feelings and things we can do to support our own mental health. The link below is a great link for parents, pupils and staff using language that children are able to access and understand:

<http://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/youre-never-too-young-to-talk-mental-health/talking-mental-health-animation-teacher-toolkit/>

**Easyfundraising:** We now have 103 people signed up and have raised a total amount of £290. Please aim to persuade one more person to sign up to this – it could be a work colleague, a family member, a neighbour etc. Every little will help support the school directly.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** This year we are once again taking part in the Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival. This event raises money for Action for Children and Bramble children's ward at the RD&E hospital. The trees are available to view at the Methodist Church on Friday 1st December 3pm-7pm, Saturday 2nd 10am-7pm and Sunday 3pm to 5/6pm. Exminster Primary School pupils will be visiting the festival on Monday 4th December.

**If you have an artificial tree that you would be willing to loan the school for this event or one that you could donate to us we would be most grateful.**

**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. Our lost property does gradually pile up and up during the term so please ensure every item is labelled. **Reminder:** jewellery, trainers and hoodies are **not** part of our school uniform. **'JoJo' Bows** (and other large hair bows) are becoming very popular but are also **not** part of school uniform and should not be worn to school.

**Parent Information Sessions:** This week's Parent Information Session at Withycombe Raleigh School is entitled 'Learning to Wait'. Information can be found on the attached flyer.

**Children in Need:** This year Exminster Primary will be going spotty for Children in Need. On Friday 17th November we will be having a non-uniform day in return for a donation. This year Pudsey is scouring the country for round £1 coins and we are hoping to help him. How many can we find and where is the strangest place you have found them? We look forward to seeing you, all spotty, on the day.

**Term Dates 2018-2019:** Term dates for 2018-2019 are now on the School website under 'Calendar'.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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| Wednesday 15 November | Rainbow Day                 | Thursday 16 November | 5NS Class Assembly |
| Thursday 16 November  | Year 3 Cake Stall           | Thursday 16 November | School Disco       |
| Tuesday 21 November   | Open Day for Reception 2018 | Thursday 23 November | 3H Class Assembly  |
| Thursday 30 November  | 5W Class Assembly           | Friday 1 December    | Year 2 Cake Stall  |





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### From Exminster School Association

**School Disco:** there will be a school disco on Friday 17 November 2017 in the School Hall. Entry is £2 and various drinks, sweets and glow sticks will be on sale with prices from 50p.

**Reception/KS1 – 6-6.45pm.** Please enter through the main school entrance. All children will need to be collected from outside the Reception classroom, please wait inside the coloured fence. **RECEPTION CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

**KS2 – 7-8pm.** Please enter through the main school entrance. Children need to be collected from the hall side exit (opposite the Hub).

**FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY** children will not be allowed to go home without an adult. All children will be signed in and out so please bear with us if this takes some time.

