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Many thanks to our Parent Forum who have spent time reviewing our Anti-bullying policy. This week we have had a focus on Anti-bullying especially on Rainbow day. All children in school are naming a school adult that they feel comfortable talking to if there is anything bothering them. At the end of rainbow day, your child will come home with a leaflet about our Anti-bullying policy in school. Have a look below at what has been going on during Rainbow day:



Reception

Children have been listening to stories about friendships and superheroes (Supertato) and talking about the issues that characters experienced. They have made their own superhero potato whose mission is to help others. They are learning a song about friendship and doing activities, encouraging new friendships. In the afternoon session, children are mixed with Years 1 and 2 to make a new friendship and learn some new names.



Year 1/2

Children are involved in an e-safety session, talking about when to use computers, where they use computers and what they do on them. The emphasis is on being supervised and adults checking what they are doing if they are online. They are also looking at friendships, what makes a good friend and writing notes to their friends, sharing and how to solve problems if sharing is not happening. Diversity is also an activity – celebrating how we are all diverse and how we embrace this.



Year 3/4

Children are involved with an e-safety session, safe use of usernames and passwords. They are reading through sample blogs and talking about what is safe or unsafe about those and practising writing their own blogs. They are also role playing and creating freeze frames of bullying scenarios and changing these scenarios using problem solving. They are writing poetry and creating a dance based on these situations, talking about friendships and making friendship bracelets.



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Year 5/6

One session is a focus on Childline and bullying, how to seek help and an art activity around this. Another session focuses on e-safety where children will be learning about staying safe online and creating a presentation for Years 3 and 4 about how to stay safe online. One session is being led by a group of Year 6 children with a focus on trust, confidence and team work. The children have planned the session themselves and are leading games around these themes.



Thanks to Mrs Coville for coordinating this event and creating another highly focused and engaging day. It has been great to see children talking openly and fully engaged in a wide range of activities centred around Anti-bullying.

Parent View gives you the chance to say what you think about our school. This survey is completed online and requires an email address to set up and complete. Please take the time to complete the 12 questions. If you have any constructive comments, positive or negative, that would help to improve our school, we are always interested in listening to these – pop in to chat to myself or Mr Moore. Your feedback is important to us. Every March we conduct our own paper based questionnaire but we would be interested in your feedback from the online survey part way through the year. Use this link to fill in the online survey: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Many thanks to Ian Beer, who has served as a governor for over 2 years. Ian has had a particular strength in health and safety. Ian has recently resigned due to work commitments and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the time, dedication and challenge he has offered as part of our governing body. As a result of Ian's resignation, an opening has been created for a new parent governor. Do you:

- Currently have a child or children in our school
- Have an open and enquiring mind
- Show a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- Work well with others
- Have an interest in education generally and our school in particular
- Have a desire to play a part in improving our school
- Have the time per term to attend meetings, training courses and visit school to talk staff, pupils and parents

Yes, then you could be the very person to become a parent governor. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and interests as possible. In return we can offer:

- An insight into the wider perspective of the school through long-term planning
- A chance to develop skills in strategic leadership
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school developments
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school
- The pleasure of seeing children learning

Please see the paperwork that has come home with this letter and return by 4th December.

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Christmas Lunches

Please remember to return your child's Christmas lunch slip by Friday 27th November. A slip is required for each child whether they are having a school dinner or not. Payment for the Christmas lunch will be debited from your ParentPay account on the day your child has their lunch. There is no separate ParentPay payment item for this so please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's account to cover the cost of the lunch.

Exminster Pre-School

There are just 2 weeks to go until Exminster Pre-school's famous Santa Tour! Taking place on Friday 4th December, the tour will start at the Stowey Arms at 4.30pm, stopping at Coffee on the Corner for mulled wine and mince pies at 5pm, then on to the Royal Oak for the grand finale. We're excited to announce that Santa will be travelling in sleek and stylish fashion this year, so make sure you don't miss what promises to be a fun evening!

This will be followed by the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 5th December, from 2-4pm at Victory Hall. Children will have the chance to visit Santa in his Grotto, make Christmas crafts and take part in festive games. There will also be a tombola, toy and book sale, face painting and raffle – refreshments will be available. Admission is 50p per Adult/ £1 per Family. This is our main fundraising event of the year and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on the day.

We are putting out a plea for donations, in particular for the tombola, jazzy jar stall, wine, water, and teddy bears – if you would like to donate any items, there will be a collection box in the school reception area. Alternatively, if you can help on the day, either setting up or manning stalls during the Bazaar, please do let Pre-school know. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these fantastic village events.

KS2 Carol Service

As there is no KS2 Christmas Production this Year, we will be holding a Key Stage 2 Carol Service on **Tuesday 15th December at 5pm** (weather permitting). This will be an outdoor community event and we would like as many children, families and friends as possible to join us on the school playground. As it will be dark by 5pm, please bring torches to the service. If it is raining on the 15th, we have a reserve date of Thursday 17th December at 5pm.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Book Buddies

We are very lucky to have a committed team of Book Buddies who volunteer with us in school, on a regular basis. They give up either an afternoon or a morning each week to listen to children read. They also take the time to talk to children about the books they enjoy reading. The children look forward to being 'the next one on the list' when their class Book Buddy is in school.

Could you be our next Book Buddy? We are always looking for more adults to listen to children read and help them to continue to develop their enjoyment of books. If you think this could be you please leave a message at the school office for Mrs Dawn Fuller and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

Thank you again to our present team of lovely Book Buddies, who have given us so much support already this term: **Mrs Morgan, Mrs Pitts, Mrs Coath, Mrs Lane, Mrs Nuttall, Mr Peacock, Mrs Snell, Mrs Churchward, Mrs White and Mrs Sykes.**

Dawn Fuller

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