

# Exminster

## Community Primary School



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### Sporting achievements

**High 5 Netball:** On Thursday 26 November, some children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a High 5 netball tournament. 19 different schools took part in the event and both our teams played exceptionally well. Both teams worked together, listened to each other and supported team players. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event and made new friends both in the teams that played and with other schools that were there.

Reported by Jessica, Year 6.

Siena: "We worked with people we don't usually work with."

Hassan: "We played together and showed a real team effort."

Jessica: "Everyone persevered and tried their best."

Issy: "I enjoyed working with Y5, not just Y6."

Joel: "We progressed. Not many of us knew how to play netball before and by the end we had learnt loads."

**DLP Swimming Gala:** On Wednesday, 12 of our children went to Dawlish for a swimming gala. They competed against 5 other schools and had to compete girls against girls, boys against boys, different strokes, 1 length per race. Everyone had 3 races each. They were coming second all the way through but managed to get to the top spot in the final round, scooping first place and silverware for our school. Max commented: "It was really fun and funny because Mr Mammola said it was the taking part that was important but he was really pleased that we won!"

**Netball tournament:** Our Year 5 children enjoyed a Netball tournament on Wednesday 2 December at South Dartmoor Academy. 7 primary schools were involved and played 2 matches each plus participating in 3 skills activities. Y8 and Y10 were the sport leaders and helped with the skills and organisation of the afternoon. It was a great opportunity to mix with other children from different schools, get to know one another and work as a team.

Jacob: "I liked that the college helped run the activities and it was great fun."

Reuben: "We got to mix with other schools. I learnt 1, 2 on the ground (with your feet) and then not to move. The people who ran the skills were helpful."

**Year 2 Grandparents' visit:** Thanks to all Year 2 grandparents who came into school to share the games they used to play, linking to the Year 2 topic on inventions. Grandparents brought toys, games and photos to share with the children and talked about what they used to play with. This had stemmed from the pupil voice where children had

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asked the question 'What were toys like in the past?'. The children loved exploring the 'antique(!)' toys, looking at the photos and talking about what surprised them, about the differences and similarities between the toys then and now – a really rich learning opportunity for them.

**Decorations wanted:** Our Christmas tree is in the process of going up. We would like to ask children to bring in one decoration and place it on the tree. This can be a spare one from home or one you have made yourselves.

**Family event:** There will be carols in the playground on Tuesday 15 December at 5pm. All families are welcome to attend. Children from KS2 are asked to attend to sing with their class. We look forward to seeing as many of you here as possible.

**Fundraising:** Friday 18 December we will be joining in with Text Santa 'Christmas Jumper' day in aid of Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support and Make-A-Wish @ UK. Please wear non-school uniform, wear a Christmas jumper if you would like to and bring a donation to your class.

**Thanks:** Our thanks go to Ross Pollard (Lola and Jacob's dad), from Vision Installs, for helping to develop our library space by taking out the sink and putting in a new worktop. This will improve our environment and is supporting our creation of inspirational spaces around school. We have many more ideas to develop the library and a way to go but every skill and contribution from our community goes a long way.

### Dates for the diary:

Date	Time	Event
Tues 15 Dec	2.15pm	Reception, Y1 and Y2 matinee
Tues 15 Dec	5pm	Carols in the playground
Wed 16 Dec	12pm	Rec, Y1, Y2 Christmas dinner
Wed 16 Dec	5.45pm	Reception, Y1 and Y2 performance
Thurs 17 Dec	afternoon	KS2 parties, bring party clothes to get changed into KS2 Christmas Lunch
Fri 18 Dec	All day	Rec, Y1, Y2 Cosy up for Christmas day
Fri 18 Dec	All day	Christmas jumper day for donations

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## Online safety

We would encourage all parents and carers to visit The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre at [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) who are an organisation that works across the UK tackling child sex abuse and providing advice for parents, young people and professionals.

Their website is packed with advice, help or the facility to report activity for parents and children from 5 to 17 years old. Keeping our children safe on the internet is extremely important and through their work using cartoons, activities and providing advice together we can all make a difference.

## 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!

## Chicken Pox

We would like to make parents aware that we have had a confirmed case of chicken pox reported at school. Please ensure that should your child contract chicken pox, that they fully recover and all spots are scabbed over before returning to school.

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