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Community Primary School



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This week, all our classes have visited the Christmas tree festival at the Methodist Church. All children were involved in making a decoration and we have decorated 2 trees and 2 garlands with these. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the trees and it gave us some inspiration and ideas for next year's tree!

Our Year 2 children are busy holding their Design and Technology week this week. Thanks to all the parents who have donated their time to support the activities. Children have been learning about inventions and then designing and making their own creations in response to their research using their joining and cutting skills. We have been really impressed with their imaginative and thoughtful creations. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and expertise!



Last Friday afternoon, the hall was echoing to the sound of laughing, cheering, clapping and singing. We were entertained by the ever exuberant Entertainingly Different duo of Rob Pudner and Dexter Newman. They retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk through a combination of storytelling, slapstick, song, dance and at times general silliness. Members of staff willingly improvised some of the characters which the children loved! This is Mr Slingsby, "enjoying" his role of Daisy the cow.

On Wednesday 2nd December 2015, children from Exminster took part in the annual Dawlish Learning Partnership Swimming Gala, held at Dawlish Leisure Centre. There was a boy and a girl selected from each class in Years 4, 5 and 6. Four schools took part which included Gatehouse, Cockwood and Kenton.

Firstly, the children had to compete in individual events, including breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl. This was later followed by three relays where they worked as a team swimming a length each whilst holding onto balls and floats. The races were all very close!

The children all showed excellent sportsmanship and team spirit and were extremely loud when cheering on their schoolmates. The competition was very close, with different schools leading at different stages throughout the competition. Exminster were announced as the winners and the children all gave a huge cheer as they lifted their trophy! Kenton finished in 2nd, Gatehouse 3rd and Cockwood 4th. Well done to all of the children who took part and a big thank you to all of the parents who helped with transport to the event.



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A reminder that on our last day of term, Friday 18 December, we are supporting Text Santa Christmas jumper day. Please bring a donation into your classroom to support the charities involved – Save the Children, Macmillan Cancer Support and Make a Wish.

Sarah Whalley
Headteacher

School Admission Arrangements and Education Travel Arrangements

The annual consultation on admission arrangements will be open from 1 December 2015 – 31 January 2016. All parents are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council. To view the proposals and to make comments on them, please visit www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

Reading for Enjoyment Meeting - KS1

We are planning a Reading for Enjoyment Meeting for KS1 parents on Wednesday 24th February from 5-6pm. Further details will follow nearer the time but please put the date in your diary.

Lost and Found

Last week a scooter was found by the tree in the front playground. If your child has lost one please call in at the office.

Dog mess

Unfortunately dog mess was found just inside the front gate on Tuesday morning. I would like to remind you all that dogs are not allowed inside the school grounds at any time.

From Nicholas Hobbs (a former pupil)

On Friday 18th December we are holding a charity Christmas stall in the playground at 3.30pm (or school hall if wet). Items for sale include cakes, fudge, playdoh and lots of other treats. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

All money raised will go to Breast Cancer Care and the Home Farm Trust.

We really thank you for your support.

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