

# Exminster

## Community Primary School



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### Potential

Each week, in our Tuesday whole school assembly, we are talking about our Rainbow Values. This week we had a focus on 'Potential' and what potential means to our children. I showed the children images of Austin's drawings and we talked about Austin's Butterfly and what potential Austin showed. Here is a link to the video clip if you want to find out more about this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqh1MRWZjms>

### Community – Choir on Tour!

Young Voices, Birmingham - 32 children from Key Stage Two took part in an educational visit to Birmingham on Friday to sing as part of a 6,000 strong children's choir at the Genting Arena. The children have worked exceptionally hard since September to learn all the songs and dance moves, and despite the long journey, late return and blood, sweat and tears, it was well worth it to see the excitement and joy that every child felt when they had achieved their goal of performing as part of the choir! They were joined by Laura Wright and Tom Billington and other performing artists. The children's behaviour was faultless and they were excellent ambassadors for Exminster Community Primary School. Well done to all the children and a huge thanks to the staff for their organisation, time and preparation for the visit.

### Ecokids Bags - Fundraising and a Spring clean!

Ecokids bags will be given out to every child this Thursday. Please fill the Ecokids bags with:

- Good quality, dry, clean clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags and accessories
- Soft toys
- Bed linen
- Costume jewellery
- Bric-a-brac
- Small portable electrical items

For every tonne of unwanted goods in these bags, school will receive £500. If every child's bag was filled with just 5.5kg, we would raise £1000! That's our collective target so let's raise the first £1000 for our traverse climbing wall. Collection date is next **Tuesday 26 January**, in the morning in the outdoor classroom. Please do not bring in your bags before this date.

### Sporting Success

**Futsal** - 19 boys from Year 4 and Year 5 took part in a futsal competition in Paignton on Thursday. It was their first time playing futsal, and all of the boys worked extremely hard in their teams, despite playing against some very tough opposition. There were 21 teams at the event, and out of the three teams from Exminster we managed a very respectable 4th place in one group, and 5th place in the other two groups. I would like to thank the boys for the enthusiasm they showed during the tournament, and also to parents who helped out with the transport to and from the event.

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### Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) – Thursday 21 January, School Census Day

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'Free School Meal' provided by the school as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meal Initiative.

Thursday 21 January 2016 is an important day for the school in terms of this initiative as we have to collate the number of children who actually have a 'Universal Free School Meal' on that day and inform the local authority who, in turn, then apply for the funding that comes into school to enable us to provide this facility.

It is for this reason that we are asking for your support to ensure that we maximise meal numbers on that day. As far as possible, we would like every child who is entitled to a 'Universal Free School Meal' (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) to have a school lunch.

On the menu will be:

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza **OR**
- Jacket Potato with either:  
Tuna & Sweetcorn or  
Cheese and Baked Beans
- Served with Potato Sticks, Sweetcorn and Carrot Batons
- Apple and Chocolate Crispy Cake **OR**
- Yeo Valley Organic Yogurt **OR**
- Fresh Fruit

So far on Census Days we have not met the 87% uptake target which may have a future implication on the funding we receive. Your support on this day would be very much appreciated. In simple terms, the higher the number of children taking a 'Universal Free School Meal' on Thursday 21 January 2016, the more funding our school will get towards providing a catering facility.

### Breakfast Club

I would like to remind you that the cut-off time for amendments to Breakfast Club attendance is 12 mid-day. Please do not bring your child into Breakfast Club unless you have a confirmed place as we may not be able to accommodate them. There must be sufficient funds on your ParentPay account to cover a session prior to attendance.

### From Exminster School Association

A date for your diary! The next school disco will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. More details will follow next week.

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