

# Exminster

## Community Primary School



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### Year 4 Community Request – Food donations

As part of their RE, Year 4 have come together as a community to help people in this area. Organisers Billy, Scarlet, Ellie and Alex say “Our aim is to support Exeter Foodbank who provide donated food to people who don't have enough. Please help us by donating what you can from this list: noodle/pasta snacks, tinned foods such as meat, fruit and vegetable, pasta/curry sauce packets, cereals, jams and biscuits etc with a long sell-by date.” All donations need to be placed in the boxes provided either under the Community Board outside the school office, in the Hub or in KS1 near the reading books by Friday 4 March.

### 8.55am

We operate an open door policy to ensure that we can have regular conversations with families to get to know your children and to ensure any issues can be resolved quickly. We are finding that classrooms are still very busy with families at 8.55am once the bell has gone. If you wish to catch the class teacher before school, please do so before 8.55am. As soon as the bell has gone, we would like to establish a calm, settled environment so that the children can start their learning. This will mean that the class teacher will need to be taking the register so will be unable to deal with any queries at this time. It is important that we start the day to maximise their learning time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

### School Reports

This year, we have changed the time of year for school reports for Years 1-6. These will be going out at the end of the Spring term. This is to inform you of your child's developments part way through the year and to ensure that targets are set to work on in the Summer term. There will be a parents' evening in the latter part of the Summer term to look at the end of year developments.

Reception parents' evenings will be Monday 14 March and Thursday 17 March, with reports at the end of the academic year to report on the outcomes at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage. There will be a separate letter to book appointments for this after half term.

### Interested in a future in teaching?

Devon Primary SCITT are hosting a free event for anyone interested in becoming a Primary School Teacher. There will be a variety of providers from this area ready to talk to you about what they offer and the different ways into teaching. Members of our staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about the application process and the benefits of the Devon Primary SCITT. Drop in to find out more....

- Date: 9th March 2016
- Time: 4.30 – 7.30pm
- Location: Devon Primary SCITT, Tollards Training Centre, WESC Foundation, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 6HA

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### Arts Week

We are having an Arts Week from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils will learn new skills and processes, create their own works of art, work collaboratively with their peers, have the opportunity to work with an artist and have lots of fun! To celebrate pupils' work we will be holding a **Key Stage One art exhibition** in the school hall **3.30pm-4.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** and a **Key Stage Two art exhibition 3.30pm-4.30pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**.

It would be great to see as many people as possible supporting the pupils and this event, so do come along for a browse. Pupils' artwork will be available to buy for a suggested donation at both exhibitions. Look out for our bidding raffle in the main school entrance on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, tickets will be available to buy and there are a variety of exciting prizes that you can bid on in the hope of winning, including a signed Exeter Chiefs rugby shirt, tickets to the Eden project and Woodlands and many more! You could even win one of Mrs Whalley's deliciously famous cakes!

If you would like to be a part of our arts week by offering support in the classroom, sharing a skill or talent or donating a raffle prize or even just donating your old newspaper (we're going to need a lot of newspaper!) please speak to Mrs Stapleton or your child's class teacher.

### Thank you New Leaf

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Mrs Conway at New Leaf for the very kind donation of primroses. Some will be used by Year 3 as part of their science work and the remainder will be planted in the flowerbeds around the school and will certainly brighten up our outside space.

### Rainbow Day

Thursday 11 February is our Spring Rainbow Day which will be based on the themes of 'Medication' in the morning and 'Different ways of Learning' in the afternoon. During the morning the children will carry out age appropriate drugs education activities ranging from 'what is medicine' in our Foundation and Key Stage One Classes, to 'what is a drug' in KS2. Your child may wish to discuss this with you when they get home. During the afternoon the children will carry out activities exploring different ways of learning in mixed aged groups.

All children may wear non-uniform and will take a slip home this week asking the children to wear their allocated sports day colour. Voluntary contributions towards this and future Rainbow Days may be made in the Hall before school.

### Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids is back! Sainsbury's are offering Active Kids vouchers for every £5 spent in their stores from 27 January to 3 May. These vouchers help us to purchase sports equipment that is used during play-times and PE lessons. If you get hold of any vouchers, please bring them into school! The more vouchers we get, the more equipment we can purchase. Our collection box is located by the School Office. Thank you for all of your support in advance.

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## Fundraiser for Nayamba School

<b>Saturday</b> 27th Feb	<b>Exminster</b> Victory Hall	<b>Film Night</b> Licensed Bar Disco   Dancing Over 18s only
<b>Tickets £5</b> include a drink & nibbles	Available from: Coffee on the Corner Michaels 02927419636 Steve 02944094730	Sponsored by: 

## School Disco Friday 5 February

We hope you're all looking forward to the disco on Friday 5th February!

KS1 disco 6-6.45pm

KS2 disco 7-8pm

In the interests of the children's safety and in case of a fire we have made a few changes to the way children will come into the disco and how they will leave so please read the following information carefully.

For both discos please enter through the main entrance at the side of the school.

When you arrive at the disco we will be signing the children in so please bear with us, this might take a bit of getting used to! Any adults helping or staying at the disco with children will also be asked to sign in on arrival.

Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.

**BOTH KS1 and KS2** children are to be collected by parents from the Foundation Stage outdoor classroom. Please wait inside the fenced area and a member of staff or parent helper will see the children out.

In the event of a fire we will follow the same procedure as school.

Please make sure children who wish to buy drinks, snacks or glow sticks come to the disco with some change.

Here is a list of what's on offer!

- Drinks - 50p
- Crisps and sweets from 10p
- Glow sticks - 50p / £1
- Finger torches - £1
- Tattoos - 50p

We look forward to seeing you there!

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