

Exminster

Community Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Exminster School Association

GET INVOLVED with Exminster School Association (ESA)! - We live in a great community and the school is right at the heart of that community. But we can always improve things and if everyone does just a little bit. I would like to encourage you to think about contributing in some way to help the ESA, and we need all sorts of help! The ESA is here to support the school and give our children the best that we can. Please do get involved, the more people that get involved, the more we can achieve. It doesn't mean you have to be available to help at every event. It doesn't mean you have to attend every single meeting. It doesn't mean that if you attend a meeting you will come away with loads of jobs to do, but it does mean that you will be helping our school community. Even if you have very little time to offer we would still like your involvement. Every person's contributions, however big or small, will make a difference. Our school needs you! As a parent of a child at Exminster Primary, you are automatically a member of the ESA and exceptionally welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. The next ESA meeting is Wednesday 30 September at 7.15pm in the school staffroom for a cheese and wine get together followed by an half hour meeting at 8pm. We would like to invite all parents to attend and support this event.

Community board contributions

Thank you for your 'Community Board' contributions so far about 'What Britain means to me'. Please send in more in order for us to create a varied and interesting display in our main entrance area. So far we have received photographs of people's significant places, words saying what is important and people's interests as collages. Keep them coming in.

School Dinners Census Day

Thursday 1 October 2015 is an important day for the school in terms of this school meals 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 take a school lunch.

On the menu will be:

- Meat – Fijian Chicken Pizza or Cheese and tomato pizza
- Vegetarian – Welsh Oggie (vegetable pasty)
- Jacket Potato with cheese
- Dessert – Eve's Pudding

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 1 October 2015 the more funding our school will get towards providing a catering facility.

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The **Rugby World Cup** is beginning shortly and the caterers will be celebrating this by organizing some competitions.

- there will be a rugby themed activity sheet which includes a 'design a logo for your rugby team' competition. The prize for this will be sports equipment vouchers for the winning school.
- As well as this there will be golden tickets (x5 per school – 1 winner per day) for the duration of the Rugby World Cup, where the prize is a mini rugby ball.

Payments for School Meals and Breakfast Club

I would like to remind you that you should ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's ParentPay account before they order a lunch or attend a Breakfast Club session. In future, a debt of more than £10 will trigger a phone call and your child may be refused entry to Breakfast Club until the debt is cleared and whilst we will not let a child go hungry, for lunch your child may only be offered a sandwich, drink and piece of fruit.

Summer Reading Challenge

We would like to congratulate the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Each of the children in the photograph read 6 books over the summer holidays and each received a certificate. Well done to all of them!



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Cake Stalls

Cake stall dates are below. For our new parents, we ask that you bring in cakes for a cake sale on the Friday listed below at the end of school. All monies raised go to your child's class in order to support memorable experiences, subsidise visits, support in school theme days etc. We ask for parent volunteers from the year group to help set up, sell and clear away afterwards.

Year 6	25 Sep 2015	Year 6	26 Feb 2016
Year 5	9 Oct 2015	Year 5	11 Mar 2016
Year 4	6 Nov 2015	Year 4	15 Apr 2016
Year 3	20 Nov 2015	Year 3	29 Apr 2016
Year 2	4 Dec 2015	Year 2	13 May 2016
Year 1	8 Jan 2016	Year 1	27 May 2016
Reception	22 Jan 2016	Reception	10 Jun 2016
ESA Cake Sale	5 Feb 2016	ESA Cake Sale	24 Jun 2016

Exminster Summer Playscheme

The Playscheme week in August proved really popular, with approximately 65/70 children coming to the Primary School and the Pre-School every day. We had plenty of entertainment planned and there were the usual bouncy castles, craft, activities etc. to keep them all entertained (even the staff!). It was really great to see all the kids enjoying themselves, especially as it took a lot of hard work by the Committee to get the Playscheme up and running this year, after it not being able to run last year.

LOST PROPERTY: We had a few items left behind: White towel, pink trainer (left foot, 10F), 2 water pistols and a few bits of underwear. Please claim them within 2 weeks.

We are busy finishing off all our paperwork, and have already organised our next fundraising event. This will be our ever popular QUIZ on SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start at the Victory Hall. Tickets are £5.00 (to include platter) and are available from either 'Coffee on the Corner' or myself. We will need to know in advance who is coming to sort out the food, so please buy a ticket by Wednesday 9th October. There will be the usual Raffle, Irish Bingo and a bar and the maximum number in a team is 6. Please do come along to support us, have a good evening and maybe learn something you didn't know before!!!

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