

Exminster

Community Primary School



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This year, our School Council have changed their name to the 'School Learning Team'. Children have been voted in by their classmates. In the first week, children discussed their vision for the year as a School Learning Team.

'School Learning Team' Vision and Values:

We have thought about what we want to achieve as the School Learning Team this year. We want to:

- increase our **community** contribution
- develop our **learning environments**; and
- develop **learning support strategies** across the school

Every meeting will be addressing aspects of our vision alongside our school values of Enjoyment, Potential, Inclusion and Community.

'Exminster Community Primary School is the **EPIC** centre of learning'.

We will do this by constantly gathering the ideas and views of our peers, listening carefully to what pupils are saying, working with adults in school and taking action together.

After last week's meeting, children returned to their classes to gather their peers' ideas about 'what's working well' (www) in their learning and what would be 'even better if' (ebi). We will use this as a starting point for our discussions as a group and think about actions to take. Minutes are taken at each meeting and then circulated to every class to help the children feedback to their peers and promote discussions. The School Learning Team will report to parents through this newsletter about any recent developments.

Harvest Celebration – Tuesday 6th October

Reverend John Williams, from St Martin's will join us on Tuesday 6th October at 9am, to lead our Harvest Celebration Assembly. This year we will be supporting St Petrock's, Exeter who provide food for the Homeless. Donations of tinned and dry packet goods will be gratefully received. These can be brought in and left in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

Absence

All requests for absence from school, other than for emergency medical appointments, must be applied for using the Absence Request Form available from the school office. This includes absence for music and dance exams **and visits to other schools**.

Children arriving late

If you are dropping off your child after registration, **please ensure you bring them to the school office where you must sign them in**. The children will then be escorted to their classroom. Please do not drop children off at the gates on their own.

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Nuts

The school has a significant number of children with severe food allergies and we therefore operate as a nut-free school. Whilst we accept there may be traces of nuts in many foods we do ask parents to ensure that children do not bring items in for snacks or lunches that contain any type of nuts. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Tempest Photography

The Tempest Photography orders need to be returned to the School Office by Friday morning at the very latest. If your order is any later than that, you will need to liaise direct with Tempest.

School Dinner Menu with effect from 2nd November

The catering suppliers were handing out new school menus at the front gate this morning. If you did not receive a copy, please call in at the school office. A copy of the menu will be placed on the website by half term.

Singing Lessons

We are now able to offer singing lessons on Friday afternoons during school time. The singing teacher's name is Chris Harknett. The prices are as follows:

Paired lessons - 40 minutes at £10 per pupil per session.
Individual lessons - 20 minute lessons for £14 per session and 30 minute lessons for £18 per session.

If you are interested please complete the form which can be obtained from the school office or if you require further information please speak to Mrs Macdonald.

Exminster Summer Playscheme

Just to remind you, our next fundraising event is our QUIZ on SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 7pm 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. Please either buy your ticket or let me know by Friday 9th October if you are able to attend. 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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Dog Safety Awareness

Devon and Cornwall Police are asking all primary schools to share information concerning dog safety and we are therefore attaching that information to this email.

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