

# Exminster

Community Primary School



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Thank you for your attendance at our Parent-Teacher Interviews this week. It has been great to see so many of you in school. May I take this opportunity to remind you about our open door policy. There are no issues that are too small to address and we strive to ensure that our school is a safe, happy community where children engage as active learners, are motivated by their learning and challenge themselves with high aspirations.

We are in the process of changing and updating our school website. Policies are continually being updated over the course of the year and can be found in the 'About Us' tab under policies.

Our final day of this half term is **Thursday 22 October**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 3 November**. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable break.

## School Meals

Following a successful trial in Years 5 & 6, the entire school will be using ParentPay's Classroom Selection for the choosing of school meals. The main difference from the previous system, DinnerMonitor, is that main meal choices will be colour coded and the pupil needs to select the appropriate colour as follows:

Red: meat/fish,

Green: vegetarian option

Blue: cold meals such as wraps

Orange for filled jacket potatoes

Purple: plain jacket potatoes

A colour coded version of the menu will be available in each classroom and can also be found in the ParentZone/School Meals section of the school website. There are still plenty of menus in the school office if you have not yet received one.

Once a pupil has selected a school meal option their ParentPay account will be automatically debited, unless they are eligible for Free School Meals.

I would remind you all to ensure there are sufficient funds on your ParentPay account **BEFORE** a lunch is ordered.

## Secondary School Transfer Applications

We have been asked by Devon County Council to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that applications for secondary school places must be made by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) or can contact MyDevon Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1019 for a copy of the Step by Step booklet, which contains the application form. If you have any queries regarding this information please contact the Admissions Team on: [secondarieschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:secondarieschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk) or call 01392 383829 option 2.

## Parents' Forum

The first meeting of the new Parents' Forum, which took place this morning, was a great success. The subject discussed was 'anti-bullying' and there were many valuable suggestions to take forward.

The Parents' Forum is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to be engaged in discussions around the development of our school. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Mr Moore.

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## Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Meal-Time Assistant to work from 12 – 1 pm, 5 days per week, starting as soon as possible. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact either Miss Madge or the School Office.

## Review of Medical Procedures

All children in Years 1-6 have recently brought home a Medical Procedures Form. It is very important that these forms are completed and returned to the School Office as soon as possible. **NIL RETURNS ARE REQUIRED.**

## Disco

Don't forget the next School Association Disco will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The KS1 disco will be from 6-6.45pm and the KS2 disco will be 7-8pm.

## Children In Need

'Children in Need is Friday 13th November and we are asking the children to come in dressed as a Superhero for a small donation to charity. Children in Key Stage 1 are also welcome to bring in a favourite teddy bear for our very own Pudsey Picnic on the Friday afternoon.

Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to take part in a sponsored challenge in a bid to raise as much money as possible!'

## From St Martin's Church

St. Martin's Church popular **Quiz Night** will be taking place in **The Victory Hall** on Saturday 24th October from 7 pm to 10 pm. Tickets cost £5, to include supper. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be on sale. Bring a team of up to six or come on your own and make up a team. For tickets or more information please contact Gail on 01392 823273.

Come and meet Father Christmas at St. Martin's Church Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 7th November 2015 in the Victory Hall, Exminster - 10 am to 12 mid-day.** Admission is 50p, children free.

There will be coffee/tea and mince pies available, a Christmas Draw and stalls selling Christmas gifts, cakes & produce, crafts, jewellery, books, CD's and DVD's, toys and tombola.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Exminster Scouts Firework Extravaganza

HELP NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help run this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Exminster Scouts' Annual Firework Extravaganza.

This year's extravaganza will be taking place on Saturday 7th November. This is a very popular community event and to enable us to manage the growing number of visitors, we now need volunteers to help with running the BBQ and bar, marshalling, managing the gate and running children's games. You don't have to be involved with Scouts to help.

If you could spare ONE HOUR of your time between 4pm – 8pm to help with this fantastic event, please contact Pauline on 01392 824366 or email [pmaynard2000.pm@gmail.com](mailto:pmaynard2000.pm@gmail.com).

All volunteers will get to see the fireworks! Thank you for your support.

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