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Welcome to Toby Rogers who has started in Year 2 this week.

Exminster School Association would like to thank everyone who came along to the disco last week. We have raised over £550, a brilliant amount, which will be put towards further improvements to the school's outdoor environment. The children have voted on the next project to support. This is going to be a traverse climbing wall along the wooden fencing where the current 'EPIC' graffiti is. We are in the process of pricing this up and planning events to raise money. If you work for a company that may be able to support this next project, please come and have a chat.

In the last 2 weeks we have had three near misses with the lives of three of our children. This has not been due to unpredictable movements from children but from dangerous parking, driving and reversing during the busy drop off and pick up times. There are two key congestion points around Townfield Drive – the turning circle at the end of Townfield and at the top of Hill Crest. Additionally drivers are using Deepway Court as a turning circle, which is private property and not only dangerous but prohibited. The turning circle is being used as a car park, people are parking irresponsibly, driving is too fast in a congested area where there are many families walking to school and therefore cars are becoming hazardous for our children. Due to children being small and at a lower level than a driver, many are not being seen by drivers. Despite repeated requests in the newsletter, the matter is not improving. The Deepway Centre has ample parking. Although it may be a little further to walk, it creates a much safer place and less congestion during a very busy time. Hillcrest is a private road. The only access allowed down this lane is for school staff and disabled (blue badge holders) users. Over the next couple of weeks, school staff may be around these areas, diverting any cars to the Deepway Carpark. **Please support us in our request to make our children's journey to and from school a safer one.**

Rainbow Day

This term's Rainbow Day will take place on Wednesday 18th November and the theme will be 'Let's make a noise about Bullying'. Children will mix within their key stages and work on age appropriate activities. Children in Reception can come to school in non-uniform and pupils in Years 1-6 will be given a separate letter telling them which of the four sports day colours we would like them to wear.

Donations towards the cost of the activities would be greatly appreciated and may be given to the class teachers.

Christingle

This year's Christingle service will take place at St Martins on Sunday 6th December at 4pm. Christingle gives us all an opportunity to support the Children's Society in their invaluable work with children experiencing poverty, bullying and family crisis. There are collecting boxes in the school office which you can take home and use to save money for the society and then take them along to the service. **Please do not collect money from house to house.** At the service you will receive a Christingle which includes a lighted candle. For safety, children must be accompanied by an adult and all long hair should be tied back.

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Entertainingly Different – Jack and the Beanstalk

We are still awaiting consent forms from 30% of the school so would be very grateful if these could be returned as soon as possible. Unless sufficient voluntary contributions of £1.30 are forthcoming, the performance may not take place.

Music Lessons

We have vacancies with a qualified teacher for any pupil wishing to learn the violin. If you are interested please collect a form from the School Office.

Children in Need Day 13.11.15

Children are invited to come in either non- school uniform or dressed as a Super Hero. Reception and Year 1 pupils are invited to bring a teddy bear from home to take part in a themed class activity.

Collections for Children in Need may be made in your child's classroom, not in the hall as in previous years.

Let's raise some teddy readies!!

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