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Summer fair: thank you to the school association and the time of the members to organize the summer fair this year. Even though the weather was against us, it was a great event and fantastic to bring parents, children, governors, ex-students, staff and community members together. A thank you also to Mr Scott for being the willing gunged staff member this year – always a great sport. As soon as we have a final figure for the amount that was raised, we will let you know.

Prime energy drinks- some children have been bringing these in recently or refilling Prime bottles and bringing in water in them. Please can you reinforce that this is not an acceptable drink for school or an after school sports session and to avoid any confusion, please do not bring in refilled Prime bottles.

Teacher strike days: Following the recent updates from the NEU teaching union, with the information we have at this moment, all classes will be open on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. Teachers are entitled to decide to strike on the day so please be prepared for changes on those actual days.

Rainbow day: On **Tuesday 11th July**, we will be celebrating our summer Rainbow Day. The children are welcome to come to school in **non-uniform** of their choice – the brighter the better!

We will be exploring the theme of 'One Place, Many Stories': the children will be considering their sense of place in our school and community, sharing activities across year groups.

Civic award: When children are in Y6, they get the opportunity to be involved with the Torbay and Devon Civic award. This is a 6 month project where children are involved and evidence their involvement in different areas. Mrs Nowell introduced our school to the Torbay and Devon Civic award several years ago now. The children started the award in October and have been working hard on it over this year. There are several sections to complete: Fundraising for a chosen charity, Being an active citizen in the school community, Being an active citizen in the local community, Pursuing an active hobby, Pursuing a non-active hobby, Adventure training and a pledge to the planet. Throughout the award, the children have shown their commitment, developed confidence, started new skills and made an impact to the communities of which they are part of. It is an amazing achievement. Here are just a few of the activities the children have been involved in:

- ❖ Gaining a Devon Wildlife Trust bat buddy bronze award
- ❖ Enjoying new hobbies such as arts and crafts, hockey, tennis, cross country, dance, bike riding, netball, golf, fitness, horse riding, photography, football, colouring, knitting, reading
- ❖ Running sponsored events to raise money for a chosen charity
- ❖ Raising money through making and selling products
- ❖ Learning a new language: Ukrainian, Spanish
- ❖ Running clubs in school for other year groups – colouring, Scratch coding, dance
- ❖ Helping at the Environment fair, brownies, guides, looking after animals for others, running a stall at the environment fair

Tuesday 4 July 2023

This week:

Dates for the future:

Tues 11 July – Rainbow Day, wear bright non-uniform

Wed 12 July – Transition Day –see details on page 3-4

Fri 14 July – Year 5 Cake Stall

Fri 21 July – ESA Cake Stall – last day of term

Wed 6 Sept – Back to school

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- ❖ Being a mental health ambassador in school, being a librarian, being part of the Eco team and School Learning team
- ❖ Doing many jobs and roles around school to support the smooth running of school eg. School Learning Team, refereeing, Rainbow buddy support, being part of the Eco team, being a school librarian
- ❖ Attending residential and being engaged in adventurous activity
- ❖ Supporting the organisation of the food bank collections in school, helping at the Christingle service
- ❖ Doing beach cleans, litter picking, switching off sockets, reducing the amount of plastic being bought, eating vegetarian meals, using reusable lids, turning off lights, making present bags with old material rather than using wrapping paper

Our thanks go to Mrs Nowell and Mrs Gibson for supporting the children and a huge well done to the children for what they have achieved in completing this and the journey they have been on with it. We are all very proud of them. Well done to Ewan, Ashton, Will, Freddie S, Grace G, Amber, Declan, Tululah, Erin J, Matilda, Maddie, Grace K, Tilley, Lillie W and Jessica who have received the special award this year. They have been assessed by Mrs Kate Bukowski from Dawlish College and Mr Chris Davies, one of our school governors. They have had a special breakfast with me to celebrate and talk about this award. We look forward to beginning the Civic Award journey once again with our new Year 6 cohort in September, our current Year 6 children will be giving them more detail about it over the last 3 weeks of term. The children this year have highly recommended completing the award. Here are the reasons why:

- Worth it for the breakfast!
- Get to know other people from doing clubs
- You feel good about yourself after a pledge to the planet
- Had a lot of fun doing it for the planet and the breakfast
- It is really fun trying a new hobby and now I really like it and want to carry it on
- It is a fun experience and you get to help out with things you don't normally do, a good opportunity to try other stuff
- It is a good experience to get involve with
- It is fun, you get to do new things
- It is a fun experience, you get to learn new skills
- It is a good way to expand your horizons
- It makes you feel really proud
- When the assessors come in you feel scared and anxious but they are really nice and you get to have a practise at an interview

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ESA School Lotto: The winner for the last school lotto of the year is Laura Doucas. Number 17! We will send your cheque home via your child's class teacher

Reports to parents: our school office will be staggering sending out the children's individual reports over a few days as this process takes some time. We will be sending these to the email addresses we have registered for you on School Gateway. If your details have recently changed, please update the office this week. These are the dates for each year group reports:

- Monday 10 July: Reception and Year 1
- Tuesday 11 July: Years 2,3 and 4
- Wednesday 12 July: Years 5 and 6

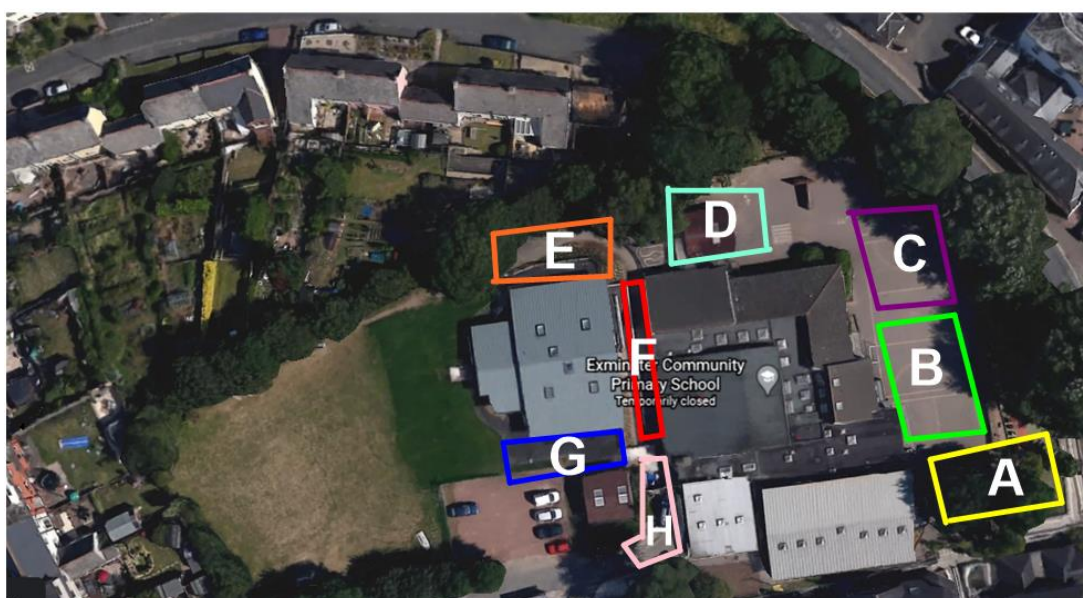
Transition arrangements: on Wednesday 12 July, it is our transition morning/day in school. The current Rec-Y5 children will be dropped off at their new classrooms, see the drop off zones below for the different classrooms. Our current Y6 children will be registering and dismissed from the hall. The current Rec and current Year 1 will return to their current classrooms after lunchtime so will be picked up from their current places as they are doing a morning transition only.

Current class	New class	Teachers	Classroom for transition day	Drop off Zone for new classroom
RGM (Miss Greenslade and Mrs Macdonald)	1AM	Mrs Miller Ms Angel	1AM's current classroom	D
RP (Miss Perry)	1BM	Mrs Barr Mrs Miller	1AB's current classroom	C
1AM (Mrs Miller, Ms Angel)	2T	Mrs Thompson	2G's current classroom	B
1AB (Mrs Barr, Ms Angel)	2CH	Mrs Coville Mrs Hyde	2CM's current classroom	B
2G (Mrs Chandler/Mr Godfrey)	3CN	Mrs Chandler Mrs Nowell	3D's current classroom	B
2CH (Mrs Coville, Mrs Hyde)	3P	Miss Pavitt	3P's current classroom	B

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3P (Miss Pavitt)	4Sc	Mr Scott	4S's current classroom	A
3D (Miss Davies)	4Se	Miss Seviour	4A's current classroom	A
4S (Mr Scott)	5JN	Mrs Norris Mrs Jones	Room 11, 5A's current room	H
4A (Miss Alderson)	5D	Mr Doe	Yellow room, Hub	G
5D (Mr Doe)	6NS	Mrs Sydenham Mrs Nowell	Orange room, Hub	E
5A (Miss Allen)	6A	Miss Allen	Green room, Hub	E
5JN (Mrs Jones, Mrs Norris)	6BH	Mrs Badcott Mr Herring	Blue room, Hub	G



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Teacher for the day: Our next 'Teacher for the Day' event will be on Thursday 20 July. Tickets are on sale now via School Gateway to enter a draw to be in with a chance at being their class' teacher for the day. Children can have as many goes as their parents wish to pay for! Each £1 entry will buy them a ticket for the electronic draw. The draw will take place on Wednesday 19 June and the winners will be notified that afternoon. The closing time for buying tickets via Gateway will be 10am Wednesday 19 July.

Bikeability: The Devon County Council Bikeability team are running courses over the summer holidays if your child is interested in getting their Level 1 or Level 2 qualification

https://www.cyclepass.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR3E5cUIDJbvYIJD33dqAdTeQXIrASwW4Dqoa6Qa87WBk76sbTQZuOj29Hkaem_AQxn-hZXwc_AAXnaVvQSrfiB3hhDaYfkE5uj9-6MrrIs8787vfTzOcf1R-2i9HtMzMl

Climate Club: In Climate Club, Year 5 have done some great work finding out about the impacts of climate change on the world's ecosystems. From land to ocean and from tropics to poles the climate is affecting our world and our wildlife. In the next few weeks we'll be seeing all the great ways we have available to help fix this and look after our planet.



Exminster Messy Church

9 July at 3:30pm to 5:30pm

At Exminster Methodist Church



We are a friendly group who meet once a month and are always pleased to welcome new families. We share a bible story, crafts and fun activities. We always have a delicious meal such as lasagne, pizza, soup, jacket potatoes with cheese or baked beans and ice cream or cake. Some sessions are messier than others!!

We ask that all young people are accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to join us our next Messy Church is this Sunday 9 July at the Methodist Church. There is no charge but any donations are most welcome. Further details can be obtained by emailing Anne at ab@lovelygarden.plus.com