



The EPICentre of Learning

Bubbles and Bingo: Many thanks for supporting this fundraising event which was enjoyed by many! A huge thank you goes to the team of parents who got together to organize this and helped run this on the night (Emily, Danni, Julia, Holly, Emma and Emma). A big thank you to Ed too, for being the fantastic bingo caller. We are in the process of calculating the final profit but it looks to be around £1300. We are exceptionally grateful to parents who come together to lead and organize events. If you would be interested in getting more involved in our Exminster School Association (ESA) please do email esa@exminsterschool.co.uk or come along to our next meeting on **Wednesday 1 March** at 7pm in the Royal Oak. It is a great way to get involved, give something back to the local community and meet new people.

Planned strike action by NEU union: the next strike date is scheduled for Thursday 2 March. Ahead of each strike day, we will be respectfully asking staff of their plans in order to inform a decision about our school, although, as before, staff do not have to inform us and are entitled to change their decision on the day. Please be aware that we have different teachers working on different days of the week and although we remained open for the 1 February strike day, we will reassess this for the next date. We will update you with further information when we have it but would recommend that you put a plan in place in case we have to close or close certain classes. Cover can only be provided in classes where a teacher is striking if it is part of someone's normal role.

World Book Day - change of date to Friday 3 March: as we are uncertain at this stage whether we will be able to remain open, partially open or closed on Thursday 2 March (next NEU strike day), we have moved our World Book dressing up day to the next day, Friday 3 March. This way we can ensure that all children will be able to enjoy the day together.

Comic Relief, Friday 17 March: We will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. This year Comic Relief have set up JustGiving pages for organizations so that money can be donated directly to these and gift aid (25%) can be applied. Our school Comic Relief fundraising page can be found here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-exminster-community-primary-school>

School Photos - Photographers will be coming into school on Tues 28 February and Wed 1 March to take the children's photographs. Children who have PE on a Tuesday or Wednesday should come to school in their PE bottoms with their school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan. While we will endeavour to ensure

Tuesday 7 February 2023

The week ahead:

Fri 10 Feb – Yr4 Cake Stall-
5JN & 5D maths workshop
9am

HALF TERM 13-17 Feb

Dates for the future:

Mon 20 Feb – back to school
– menu change to pizza

Fri 24 Feb – Yr3 Cake Stall –
Yr4 maths workshop 9am

Tues 28 Feb – School Photos

Wed 1 Mar – School Photos

Fri 3 Mar – World Book Day-
Yr1 Cake Stall - Yr3 maths
workshop 9am

Fri 10 Mar – Yr2 Cake Stall –
Yr2 maths workshop 9am

Fri 17 Mar – RED NOSE DAY-
non uniform in exchange for
a donation - Yr1 maths
workshop 9am -Movie night
after school

Fri 24 Mar – Rec Cake Stall –
Rec maths workshop 9am

Mon 27 Feb – FLCs

Thurs 30 Mar - FLCs

Fri 31 Mar – Yr6 Cake Stall

Fri 28 Apr – Bags4Schools
collection

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every child looks their best we cannot take responsibility for hair styling. We are unable to offer photographs of preschool age sibling family groups.

Future Date - Family Learning Conferences – This term's Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) are Monday 27 March (face to face meetings) and Thursday 30 March (Online Zoom meetings). There will be a letter coming out after half term giving you details on how to book these meetings. Meetings are allocated on a first come, first served basis and once a time slot has been booked this time will no longer be available.

ESA Lottery Winner – The winner for this month is Frankie Collins! Number 8. Congratulations! We will send your cheque home later this week via your child's class teacher.

Reminder of Epic clubs price increase - Due to the increase in energy prices, staffing costs and consumables we are going to be raising our prices by 25p per session at both Early Epic and Epic Eve. The price increase will come into effect when paying for sessions from Monday 6 March onwards. Our new pricing structure will allow us to continue to provide the excellent level of care that your children currently receive.

New Session Cost from Monday 6 March

Early Epic = £4.00 per session

Epic Eve child 1 until 6pm = £9.00 per session

Epic Eve additional child/ren until 6pm = £7.25 per session

Epic Eve child 1 until 5pm = £7.50 per session

Epic Eve additional child/ren until 5pm = £6.75 per session

Please be advised that the booking lines for sessions in April and May for both Early Epic and Epic Eve will be open on Monday 6 March at 3pm. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are more than happy to help in any way we can.

Online Safety – Please see the attached

Change of Menu – Mon 20 Feb – On the first day back after half term the lunch menu will be Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Cheese and Ham Pizza or Jacket with Cheese or Beans.

Exminster Messy Church



12 February 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 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.

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If you would like to join us our next Messy Church is this Sunday 12 February 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

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