



The EPI Centre of Learning

Message from Westbank: Join us for a Warm Welcome this Winter at The Community Hub, Healthy Living Centre, Farm House Rise, Exminster, EX6 8AT. When? Monday 10am - 8pm, Tuesday to Friday 10am - 4pm from 4th November 2024. It is a warm space, complimentary warm food & drinks, the opportunity to socialise, as well as receive support and advice on keeping warm, eating healthily and staying well this winter. For more information call 01392 824752 or email communityservices@westbank.org.uk.

Free event for parents, reading for pleasure: Ilsham English Hub would like to invite you on Tuesday 19th November 2-3pm to attend a free session to support your child's reading journey at home. This will be run on zoom. During this free hour-long session, Professor Teresa Cremin and Kelly Ashley from The Open University Reading for Pleasure Team will share ideas for encouraging reading at home as families support the reading journey. The session will involve practical tips on using local library services and fun ways to promote reading. Please click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/b5PCNqNd4S> or use the QR code on the poster (attached) to sign up.

Exminster Fireworks: We hope both parents/carers and children are looking forward to tonight's annual village fireworks, held at Deepway. This is Exminster Scout group's biggest fundraiser and has proved an extremely popular community event. Please note gates open at 5:30pm and tickets are now only available to buy on the gate. For more details of what to expect on the night, please see the attached poster. Many thanks, Exminster Scouts Fireworks Committee

Christmas Hampers: We are delighted to be working with Westbank this year who are kindly donating a limited number of Christmas hampers to families in our community. These will contain a mixture of fresh and dried foods that families can enjoy over the Christmas period. The hampers will be packed and delivered directly to homes by Westbank volunteers on 20 December. If you feel that your family are in need and would benefit from one of these Christmas hampers, please complete the Google Form <https://forms.gle/FkibmgQCHV18Nngv8> School will contact you once the hamper numbers have been confirmed. Best wishes, Sarah Whalley and Hannah Parker

Westbank Food Foundation Course: Please be advised that we currently have *a number of spaces remaining* on our next *Food Foundation Course* taking place in our beautiful *Community Cookery School* here at Westbank Community Health and Care in Exminster. The 6-week course is FREE to attend and commences on Wednesday 13th November 2024 from 10am – 12:30pm. The course is suitable for families with young children, young people aged 14 - 18, individuals with caring responsibilities, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, or those affected by the cost-of-

Friday 8 Nov 2024

Future Dates:

Fri 8 Nov – Deadline to order photos

Thurs 14 Nov – 9am Yr 5 Reading workshop

Fri 15 Nov – **Non uniform** in exchange for a donation to Nayamba

Mon 18 Nov – Rainbow Day -**wear bright colours**

Thurs 21 Nov – 9am Yr 4 Reading workshop

Fri 22 Nov – **Non -uniform** in exchange for a Christmas raffle item

-School Disco! -payment item on School Gateway

Mon 25 Nov – Epic bookings open for Spring term 3pm

Thurs 28 Nov – 9am Yr3 Reading workshop

Thurs 5 Dec – 9am Yr2 Reading workshop

Wed 18 Dec – Carols in the Yard-info to follow

CHRISTMAS HOLS – 23 Dec to 6 Jan

Tues 7 Jan – First day of Spring term

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living challenges. Referrals can be made via our website using the link below: <https://www.westbank.org.uk/forms/community-cookery-school-self-referral-form>

DISCO! - The school disco is back on Friday 22nd November! A payment Item is now live on School Gateway. The last one was so successful thanks to all the volunteers. If you could spare some time for one or multiple of the disco slots, please contact Toni Hatton on 07841 680614

Reception 3.30-4.10pm

Y1/2 4.25-5.10pm

Y3/4 5.25-6.10pm

Y5/6 6.25 - 7.15pm

Congratulations to our football team: it was fantastic for our team to go out in their kit to their first league match of the season. Thanks to Exminster Garage for the generous sponsorship of the kit. The team played Rydon Primary School. Rydon were undefeated in the league so far and it was a tricky game but the team stuck together. The children's heads never dropped when the other team scored and our team scored 2 goals in the second half. The final score was 10-2 to Rydon. Best of luck to our team who are playing Highweek next week, away.



Rainbow Day, Monday 18 November: On Monday 18 November we are inviting children to come dressed in their own clothes, as bright as they want to be, to celebrate our first Rainbow Day of the academic year. During our whole school Rainbow Day this term, we will be looking at: Anti Bullying, 'Choosing Respect' and Road Safety. Our KS2 children will also have a short input and roleplay from a company called 'Tiny Travels'. KS1 children will have time to explore a range of books with an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) focus, as well as practise using the zebra crossing safety outside of school. We have set up a payment item for any families who would like to make a donation on Rainbow Day. Any money raised from this day will go directly to our community library to add some additional titles that we want to purchase to support families.

Future donations days: we will give you further information about these dates nearer to the time but these are two future dates when we will be asking for donations:

1. **Friday 15 November, money donations in exchange for non-school uniform, via School gateway:** we will be raising funds for Nayamba charity (further information to follow) <https://www.nayamba.org/>. Vanessa Pestrige, trustee and co-founder of the charity, will be coming in to talk to the children about the school on Friday 8 November and how the funds will support the future development.
2. **Friday 22 November:** hamper donations in exchange for non-school uniform. On this date we ask that families donate an item for hampers that will be made up, ready to sell draw tickets at our Rec, Y2 and Christmas carols in the yard events (items such as mince pies, chocolate, toiletries, wine, candles, tea/coffee, biscuits etc). The hampers are made up by our ESA volunteers and tickets sold for these at the Reception nativity, the Y2 performance and the Carols in the yard.

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School Photos: Just a reminder that today is the closing date for orders to be made through Fraser Photography in order to qualify for free postage back to school.

Amazon Wish Lists 2024-2025 - 'We are Readers': Each year, we put together Amazon Wish Lists which give our parents, carers and wider school community the opportunity to purchase something which can enrich the children's educational experience at school. This year, staff have put together a list of 'Wish List' books they would like, which will enhance the teaching and learning in their classroom. Take a look and see...

<https://www.exminster-primary.devon.sch.uk/parents/amazon-wishlist>

Message from Exeter Foodbank: On behalf of Exeter Foodbank, I want to express our heartfelt thanks to the parents, staff and pupils of Exminster Community Primary School for collecting food during your Harvest Festival and generously donating it to us. Attached is a certificate to share with your staff and students as a small gesture of thanks.



Christmas dates for the diary

Tuesday 3 December 2.45pm: Reception Nativity (details of tickets to follow soon)

Tuesday 10 December 9.30am: Y2 performance (details of tickets to follow soon)

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Monday 16 December 9.10-11am: Y1 Christmas craft sessions (details to follow soon)

Wednesday 18 December 6.15pm: Carols in the Yard (no tickets needed, weather dependent)

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This Sunday
10 November
3:30pm to 5:30pm



Come and join us for **Jacket potatoes, cheese and baked beans followed by ice cream.** There is no charge but donations are very welcome to help us cover the cost of the food. Please let us know of any allergies.



Would you have liked to be Mary? What did happen to Mary before and after Jesus was born? Was it exciting? Was it scary? At Messy Church we will be getting quite messy creating our own nativity characters ready to display in the Messy Church stable nearer to Christmas. To take home we will design our own Christmas decoration to remind us of the Christmas story.



Come and have fun and join us this Sunday.

Please come along we would love to see you. We ask for all young people to be accompanied by an adult please.

Time: 3:30 to 5:30pm

**Place: The Methodist Church, Main Street, Exminster. EX6 8BT
(Near the Post Office)**

For more information and to let us know you would like to come please email ab@lovelygarden.plus.com

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THE LEVELS FINANCIAL

Scouts
2ND EXMINSTER SCOUT GROUP

CHIROPRACTIC & Wellness Massage

EXMINSTER FIREWORKS

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
DEEPWAY GREEN, EXMINSTER

DOORS 5:30PM DISPLAY 7:00PM

BARGAIN ADVANCE TICKETS*
Adults = £6
Children = £4
Pre-school age and under FREE
available from
POST OFFICE
THE ROYAL OAK
TEIGN BEAN

HIGH QUALITY, LOCALLY SOURCED BBQ PROVIDED BY TASTE CATERING
TASTE THE FLAVOUR SHACK
LICENSED BAR / SOFT DRINKS / SWEETS / THE FLAVOUR SHACK

FUN & GAMES PROVIDED BY THE CUBS & SCOUTS

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS VERY LIMITED DISABLED PARKING ONLY AT THE DEEPWAY CENTRE. PLEASE PARK ELSEWHERE IN THE VILLAGE AND WALK TO THE DEEPWAY CENTRE.

PLEASE BRING CASH FOR STALLS

*** On the night : Adults = £8 / Children = £5** Children aged 3 and under FREE

NO SPARKLERS
will be allowed
due to firework
safety restrictions.

Benefit 2nd Exminster Scouts and Deepway Trust. Email: exminsterscouts@yahoo.com for further information.

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