



# The EPICentre of Learning

**School Census Day-** Census Day will take place next Thursday, 18 May, and is an important day for the school. On this day, data is collected from the school which is used to calculate some of our funding for the next financial year. As well as recording the number of children on roll it also records our uptake of Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) on that particular day. This then informs our funding to run the kitchen for the next year. We do not make any money from the kitchen and school does need to use other funds in order to run it however we do get some grant funding that supports this.

It is for this reason that we are asking for your support to ensure that we maximise meal numbers on that day. As far as possible, we would like every child who is entitled to a Free School Meal or a Universal Infant Free School Meal (all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) to have a school lunch. If they normally have a packed lunch and would like to try a dinner on this day, they can do this and still bring in their packed lunch in case they do not like it.

**Allotment:** we would love to have some volunteers to support the running and maintenance of our school allotment. We are grateful to a parent for already volunteering and we are asking if there are other people who would have the capacity to help as part of a group. Please do email [admin@exminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@exminsterschool.co.uk) if you are able to support.

**Summer Fair:** save the date of Friday 30 June, 5-7.30pm for our school summer fair. On this day, we will be having a non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle. The summer fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year and really important in supporting lots of the visits, resources and events that happen throughout the school year. We are grateful to our ESA team of volunteers who are already organizing this. Look out for future pleas as we will need further support nearer to the time.

**Medical Tracker:** We are beginning to introduce a new online based system to track medication and injuries in school. This is part of School Gateway. If your child has a bumped head or minor injury we may send you a message via the app. Please be assured this is just in place of the injury/bumped head slips we send home. We will continue to always call parents/carers if anything more serious were to happen or if your child needed you to come in to school or collect them.

**School Dinner Money:** You can use the School Gateway app to easily keep track of your child's dinner money. The current balance is always displayed in the main screen under 'Lunch Money'. To add money to their account click on 'Lunch Money' then 'Top up Balance' then 'School Dinner Money'. Type in the amount you want to top up and then click add to basket and make payment by card or bank transfer. Your child's account should always be in credit before they order a lunch.

**ESA Lottery:** This month's winner for the school lottery is Emma Walter Number 40. Your cheque will be sent home this week.

## Tuesday 9 May 2023

### This week:

**Fri 12 May** – Year 4 Cake Stall

### Dates for the future:

**Thurs 18 May** – KS2 Sports Day – Census Day

**Fri 26 May** – Year 6 Cake Stall

**Mon 29 May – Fri 2 June**  
**HALF TERM**

**Fri 9 June** – Year 2 Cake Stall

**Fri 16 June** – Year 1 Cake Stall

**Tues 20 June** – Rec & KS1 Sports Day

**Fri 23 June** – Rec Cake Stall

**Fri 30 June** – Summer Fair

**Fri 14 July** – Yr 5 Cake Stall

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

**Wed 6 Sept** – Back to school

**Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley**



**School Disco:** Friday 19 May is our next School Disco! Tickets are £3 and must be bought in advance via the School Gateway app using the payments section. This will include entry fee, a small packet of sweets and unlimited squash/water. We have a fantastic group of ESA volunteers who are organizing the disco. Parents will drop their children off at the start time and pick them up at the end. Our Reception children will go straight from the end of school and be taken into the disco by familiar staff. Reception children only will be invited to come to school that day in their own clothes. Timings for the disco will be as follows:

Year groups	Timings
Reception	3.30-4.05pm
Y1/2	4.20-5pm
Y3/4	5.15-6pm
Y5/6	6.15-7pm

There will be a 'Comment' section on the School Gateway payment item for your child to request a song. We can't guarantee that all songs will be played but the DJ will try to accommodate as many as possible!

Our EPIC Eve club and sports club will continue to run on the date of the disco. EPIC Eve will be relocated to the classroom before you get to the hall doors, Room 11.

**Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley**



## Exminster Messy Church

**14 May 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.

If you would like to join us our next Messy Church is this Sunday 14 May 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](mailto:ab@lovelygarden.plus.com)