



The EPICentre of Learning

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish you a very happy and restful Christmas break. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked, both academically and socially, this term. Thank you for your on-going support. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the beginning of the Spring term on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Reception the nativity: well done to our amazing Reception children who performed a wonderfully festive nativity for their adults last week. It was a very memorable and special moment, seeing the children up on stage, singing beautifully, talking clearly, dancing and performing to a bursting hall of adults. We are super proud of them all. Thank you also to the reception staff team who have worked hard to put such a memorable event together for the children and the adults.

Year 1 Christmas event: Y1 families were treated to an extravaganza of singing, dancing and craft last week. The children's dances were great and they learnt so many songs. They enjoyed the craft alongside their adults and it was a lovely atmosphere for this event. Thank you for attending and to the Y1 staff team for putting this together for the first time.

Year 2 Nativity: Y2 have been working hard on their performance, taking place later today. Thanks to the Y2 staff team for putting this together and we are very much looking forward to watching this. These events are truly special moments to capture and remember for years to come.

Teacher for the day: FINAL CHANCE.....remember to pay on School Gateway for a last chance of being 'teacher for the day' for this term. Wednesday at 12 midday is the closing time, prompt – we cannot accept late payments as the random selection will be taking place. The *new* pupil-teachers will be randomly selected on Wednesday afternoon – one for every class. The lucky winners will do this on the final day of term, **Friday 15 December**.

NAME YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS: please help us with the overflowing lost property. We know how frustrating it is when named items do not come home as children have left them somewhere around school. As items make their way to lost property, a member of staff goes through the items periodically to find named items and return them to their owner. There are so many items not named that we cannot return to owners due to not knowing where they belong. Please name all items that come to school to help cut down on lost property. We are looking for a parent volunteer to come in on a weekly basis and help sort this – if you are able to help, let us know.

ESA: a huge thank you to our active ESA who have organized all the hampers this term for the different events and the school disco. Many hands have made light work and we very much appreciate the volunteers who have supported making these, organizing and directing people and selling the tickets.

WE NEED YOU! : We are in desperate need of volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at tomorrow evening's Carols in the Yard. Unless a few people put their names forward we are going to struggle to run the raffle at all which would be such a shame as we have some really lovely prizes up for grabs. Please email or call the office if you can help at all.

Tuesday 12 Dec 2023

This week;

Tues 12 Dec - Yr2 Christmas
2.15pm Performance and raffle

Wed 13 Dec 6.15pm - Carols in the Yard and raffle

Fri 15 Dec – Teacher for a day

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children-wear non uniform for a donation

Dates for the future:

Back to school Wed 3 Jan 2024

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley



Carols on the playground: we are looking forward to our playground event, 6.15pm on Wednesday 13 December, coming together to sing as a community. Raffles tickets will be sold near the main entrance. Please do bring some cash, £1 a strip for tickets; all the proceeds will support the school in visits and enrichment resources and you could win a lovely hamper or one of our Grand Prizes including an M&S Hamper kindly donated by Cavanna Homes and meal voucher for The Royal Oak. If you are able to help sell raffle tickets please call or email the office. **This event is weather permitting;** we will let you know if the weather is too bad by 5pm on Wednesday via a Facebook post and via School Gateway. We hope this will be enjoyed by the children and adults alike, helping feel the festive spirit.



Save the Children

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: We will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term; **this Friday 15 Dec.** Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the charity via School Gateway. This is not the date that the charity is promoting but doing it on the last day of term works better for us in school.

Menu swap: There will be a change of menu on the first day back after the Christmas Holidays as below; it will be back to normal from the Thursday.

Wed 3 Jan

Thurs 4 Jan

Cheese and Ham Wholemeal Pizza	Fish Cake and Chips
Cheese and Tomato Wholemeal Pizza	Quorn Dippers with Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Beans
Sweetcorn / Garden Peas	Garden Peas / Sweetcorn
Marble Cake	Oat and Raisin Cookie

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley



PRIORITY ITEMS

- Tins of meat
- Tins of vegetables
- Tins of fruit
- Noodle and pasta snacks
- Jams and spreads
- Small jars of coffee
- Rice Pudding

Reverse Advent Calendar - We are delighted to be holding our reverse Advent Calendar again this year. All donations will go to Exeter Food bank. Please look at the much needed priority items. Collection points will be at the front and rear gates of school during morning drop off and end of day collection from MONDAY 11 TO FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER. Thank you again for all of your support with this, it is very much appreciated.

16 December 2023 - 6 January 2023

Count the Number of Christmas Trees in Dawlish Library's Children's Area



Winning entries will go into a prize draw.
Every entry gets a treat.

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What is your favourite Christmas activity?

A. Family Quiz

B. Having Fun

C. Sweets & Prizes

D. All of the above

The correct answer is:

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2-4pm

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