

The EPICentre of Learning

School Disco, This Friday 19 May: 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.

Please note, the external school gates at the front and back of school will be locked for the disco. There will be a volunteer at the gates ready to let children in for the next disco and let families in to collect and drop off from the allocated points. Pick up points for the discos are listed below.

Year	Start	Time	Location
group/class	time		
Reception	3.30pm	4.05pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 1	4.20pm	5pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 2	4.20pm	5pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 3	5.15pm	6pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 4	5.15pm	6pm	Normal end of school pick up places
Year 5	6.15pm	7pm	Outside 5A's class (the classroom that you
			face as you come down the back lane)
Year 6	6.15pm	7pm	Early EPIC/EPIC Eve doors (double white
			doors at the back of the hall)

School Census Day- Census Day will take place this 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

Tuesday 16 May 2023

This week:

Thurs 18 May – KS2 Sports Day on St Martins field 9.30am – Census Day

Dates for the future:

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 – Year 5 Cake Stall

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

Wed 6 Sept – Back to school

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.

Staffing: Miss Davies will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. We are sad to be losing Alice from the teaching profession after 3 years but wish her all the best in her next adventures.

Y6: Well done to our Y6 children who were involved with their SAT tests last week. The children engaged well and have worked hard all year prior to these. We are proud of how they applied themselves over this time. The hard



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work is not over as Y6 will continue to work hard on their maths and English, their wider curriculum subjects in preparation for their secondary transition and also enjoy putting together their production later this term.

Amazon book wish lists: a huge thank you to parents for your generous donations of books for our year groups. We received 64 books in total that have been donated to the different year groups. Thank you. We will be collating a wish list to supplement the books in our community library, accessible to all parents/carers, which deal with a range of issues that arise in family lives such as bereavement, anxiety, behavior, separation, divorce, feelings. These books can be loaned out to families. If you would like to see what we currently have available, please pop in and ask to be directed to the community library via the office, or if you are looking for support in a particular area, let us know and we will see what we have available on that specific topic. Look out for our wish list to supplement the popular books and gather new books too.

Exminster Love Nature: on Wednesday 24 May at 7.30pm, there is an evening of talks for adults and discussions in Victory Hall about collective efforts to support wildlife in and around our area. See the attached flyer for information. Everyone is very welcome.

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley