



# The EPI Centre of Learning

**Change of day for the newsletter:** Please be aware that the newsletter will now be sent out on a Tuesday rather than a Wednesday.

**Cake stall dates for the Spring term:** Cakes stalls will take place at the end of school, generally on a Friday. If it is your child's year group, we ask that parents 'bake or fake', bake cakes (no nuts) or buy cakes, ready to sell at the end of the day. Cakes can be sent into school at the beginning of the day and will be stored in the staffroom. We need parent volunteers from that year group to set up, at about 3.10pm, collect the float from the school office, sell the cakes then clear away at the end and count the money before returning it to the school office. The money raised will go to support your child's year group on specific items/visits. We will let you know what this money will go towards. Thank you in advance for supporting our School Association (ESA) and the children.

Date	27 Jan	10 Feb	24 Feb	10 Mar	17 Mar	24 Mar	31 Mar
Year group	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y2	Y1	Rec	Y6

**Maths Fluency Workshops:** Reminder – Y6 maths fluency workshop, Friday 27 Jan, 9am, school hall.

**Pre-loved uniform:** we have **lots** of pre-loved school uniform in a great condition, over-flowing for aged 5-6 and 7-8years. If you would like an extra jumper, summer dress, shorts, skirts, pinafores, trousers, please come and have a look at what we have available. We just ask for a small donation if you can. We would love to see this uniform put to good use. Come and have a rummage and see what you can pick up – save some pennies and help to look after the planet!

**School Census Day-** Census Day will take place this Thursday, 19 January, 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.

**Fruit and Veg snacks** – Please can we remind parents that children should only have fruit and vegetables for their mid-morning snack. We have a number of children with severe allergies who could become very ill if they were exposed to something they were allergic to on the playground at break time.

## Tuesday 17 January 2023

### The week ahead:

**Thurs 19 Jan-** Census Day

### Dates for the future:

**Fri 27 Jan** – non uniform in exchange for a bottle or chocs

- Yr 6 Maths workshop 9am

-Year 5 Cake stall

**Fri 3 Feb** - Bubbles and Bingo tickets available now on School Gateway

### **HALF TERM 13-17 Feb**

**Thurs 2 Mar** – World Book Day

**Fri 28 Apr** – Bags4Schools collection

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**Spotlight on learning, Young Voices:** We would like to say huge congratulations to the school choir for their fantastic efforts on Wednesday when they performed at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham with the Young Voices Choir. The 6450 strong choir performed a range of songs with a live band and full light show in front of thousands of parents. Other fantastic professional acts performed alongside them including Urban Strides Street Dancers, the Beat Box Collective and the incredible violinist Anna Phoebe. They even became backing singers to Heather Small singing 'Proud'! It truly was an amazing experience for all of us and one we hope to take part in again next year. A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers that organised, led rehearsals and attended the event. We are appreciative of the adults willing to give this time in order for the children to have such a memorable experience.



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**Future date:** **Bags4Schools** raised a fantastic £264! The next date for a clear out will be Friday 28 April – so start collecting and ask family members and neighbours to do so too.

Bag2School is a great initiative being introduced by the ESA to raise lots of money for the school and all you have to do is utilise what everyone has in their wardrobes - unwanted clothes and other items! The clothes must be brought to school on 28 April before 9am and dropped off to the outside classroom. The bags will be collected and weighed and the school then receives a cheque - simple!

The clothing will then make journeys all around the world to begin their new lives! This could be a second-hand store in Eastern Europe or a market stall in West Africa. So not only are we raising funds for the school, we're also helping contribute to the circular economy and not being wasteful - it's a win-win all round.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE\*: Men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, belts and accessories, soft toys, household items such linen, curtains towels and bedding.

We DO NOT accept: Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing and work wear and textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material. \*We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

If you want to know more visit <https://bag2school.com/>

**Online Safety-** Please see the attached (NOS setting up new devices)

**Bubbles and Bingo-** Tickets are selling fast on School Gateway for the Bubbles & Bingo event taking place on Friday 3 February!

Each ticket costs £7.50 and includes 2 games of bingo and a drink on arrival (Prosecco, Gin and soft drinks available). The bar will be open to buy more drinks, crisps and snacks throughout the evening. Bingo dabbers and extra bingo sheets will also be available to purchase. Bubbles & Bingo was a sell-out event in 2019 and 2020 so don't miss out!

We will be holding a non-uniform day in school on Friday 27 January, children can wear non uniform in exchange for a bottle of wine or fizz, a box of chocolates or similar to support the event. All proceeds will go to the Exminster School Association.



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**Lost Property-** We have accumulated a huge amount of lost property again all without names so we're unable to reunite items with their owners. Please make sure that all of your children's uniform is labelled so we can return anything that's been mislaid. If you're missing anything please feel free to come and have a look; all items are in a wooden crate by the main front entrance.

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