



The EPICentre of Learning

Exminster School Association (ESA): we are still looking for a secretary role for our ESA. This can be a shared role as a co-secretary with 2 new people sharing this role, or can be taken on as a full role by one new volunteer. The main purpose of this role is to ensure the ESA runs smoothly and efficiently through the preparation and organisation of the committee's paperwork and communications. If you are interested, do contact either our current chair, Nina, via email esa@exminsterschool.co.uk, or come and have a chat with Marie Greenslade in Reception or myself.

Free webinar: Action for Children has organised a Webinar called 'Help Me! I am a parent!' The first topic they will be exploring will be Feelings and Emotions. These webinars are free to attend and will be packed with useful strategies to help all parents and carers. Please use the link below to book a place for the session <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/devon-digital-webinars-1462829?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Harvest Celebration: Yesterday we had a Harvest Celebration Assembly in school led by Reverend Vanessa Pestridge. As part of our Celebration we would like to donate items to Exeter food bank; any non-perishable in-date goods would be very welcome (see below for more details). **This collection will take place on Friday 20th October.** Please drop off your donations in the crates by the front or back gate either at the start or end of Friday 20th October. School can issue vouchers for the food bank and food boxes can then be collected from the Westbank. If you, or someone you know, is in need of support please speak to Hannah Parker or email admin@exminsterschool.co.uk using the subject Foodbank.

PRIORITY ITEMS

- Tins of meat
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tea
- Custard/Rice Pudding

Tuesday 17 Oct 2023

This week;

Fri 20 Oct – Food bank collection

Dates for the future:

Mon 23 – Fri 27 Oct HALF TERM

Fri 3 Nov – Yr3 Reading meeting

Tues 7 Nov – 6NS Reading meeting

Fri 10 Nov – Yr4 Reading Meeting

Mon 13 Nov – Yr1 and 2 Numbots day – dress as a robot & Yrs 3-6 – TTRS Day, dress as a rockstar

Tues 14 Nov – 6A and 6BH Reading meeting

Fri 17 Nov – Children in Need Yr5 Reading Meeting

Thurs 30 Nov – Flu vaccine in school – see separate email

Fri 1 Dec – non uniform in exchange for a raffle hamper donation

Tues 5 Dec - Reception Nativity and raffle

Wed 6 Dec - Year 1 Christmas sing-song and crafting with raffle 9.30-10.45am

Wed 6 and Thurs 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunches – info to follow

Tues 12 Dec - Yr2 Christmas Performance and raffle

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

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley

Christmas Dates 2023:



1st December –non uniform day in exchange for donations for our raffle. We are planning to hold several raffles over December at various Christmas events. We are looking for the usual donations of chocolates, wine, bubble bath etc to make into hampers. As well as these lovely hampers we would also be very grateful for things we could use as standalone prizes such as vouchers or larger items, do you work for a company that would be happy to provide a voucher or item for our raffle?

The money raised from the raffle ticket sales will go towards visits, books, art materials, chrome books.

We will also need some volunteers to help put the hampers together and to sell tickets at each of the events. If you're able to help with any of this please complete the Google form below. We are so grateful to our families for being so generous with their time and donations. <https://forms.gle/khBoeF1cAx978cGm6>

Tues 5 Dec Reception Nativity and raffle –Tickets will go on sale via School Gateway after half term at £2 each, 4 tickets will be available per child. Timings to follow. All money raised will go directly to the Reception classes. We will be using the ticket sales to buy construction toys for inside and outside use. We will also be looking to purchase pirate toys, knights and dragons and Polar animals to use for our small world. These items will hugely support our Early Years Curriculum.

Wed 6 Dec Year 1 Christmas sing-song and crafting with raffle 9.30-10.45am- We would love to invite you to our festive fun session! The session will be in place of a show as we feel like the children can have more involvement with you and enjoy singing and crafting! No tickets to buy but we would like parents to let us know if they're coming by completing the below Google form <https://forms.gle/gh1E4sQ8gsl9qxJfA> If you would like to make a Christmas donation to Yr1 to go towards additional resources a School Gateway Payments item will be set up.

Wed 6 and Thurs 7 Dec – School Christmas Lunches. Rec and Key Stage 1 lunches will be on the Wednesday and KS2 on the Thursday. We will require all children to order or opt out in advance, more information and a Google form to order will follow after half term.

Tues 12 Dec Yr2 Christmas Performance and raffle - Tickets will go on sale via School Gateway after half term at £2 each, 3 tickets will be available per child. Timings to follow. All money raised will go directly to the Yr2 classes to buy wet play activities including dolls, small super hero characters and puzzles.

Carols in the Yard and raffle –Wed 13 Dec 6.15pm – come and join us on the school playground to enjoy some carols. Years 3-6 will be learning some carols to perform for you. Please arrive for a 6.15pm start – everyone is welcome, bring your singing voices with you. Parents/carers will be responsible for their own children at this event.