



The EPI Centre of Learning

Random Acts of Kindness: our School Learning Team are promoting the Kindness Challenge which has been launched by the NSPCC. This will involve classes deciding on a particular act of kindness they want as a focus or a range of random acts of kindness. On Friday 25 October, the whole school will have a focus on this. We are encouraging the children to think about what random acts of kindness they will apply to their homes as well. Obviously, this is not for just the one day only but it's a great way to focus on this across the school. We are not doing a school collection for the NSPCC on this occasion as we have a fundraiser coming up for Nayamba School in November, more information to follow, but if you would like to find out more about the Random Acts of Kindness or donate to the NSPCC, use this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/kindness-challenge/>

Year 6 applications for secondary school: The application system to apply for year 7 in September 2025 opened on 1 September and **will close on 31 October**. Please [apply online at the Citizens Portal](#) if you haven't already done so.

Lost Property: We have over 50 jumpers and cardigans and 8 coats/jackets in lost property. If your child is missing any uniform please come and have a look in the box beside the front door. **Any uniform not collected by Friday 25 October will be recycled.**

Menu swap: When we come back to school after half term there will be a different menu due to not having deliveries during the week.

Tuesday 5th Nov

Cheese and Ham Wholemeal Pizza
Cheese and Tomato Wholemeal Pizza (v)
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Jacket Potato with Tuna
Sweetcorn / Garden Peas
Seasonal Fruit Crumble with Custard (optional)

Wednesday 6th Nov

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes
Vegetable Stir Fry (v)
Jacket Potato with Cheese
Jacket Potato with Beans
Green Beans / Carrots
Cheese and Biscuits

School Photos: Sample photos and details of how to order will be sent home next week and orders will need to be made no later than Fri 8 Nov.

Friday 18 October 2024

Dates for the future:

Mon 21 Oct – Family Learning Conferences in school

Fri 8 Nov – Deadline to order photos- see info

Fri 22 Nov – School Disco!

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Harvest Celebration: On Tuesday this week, we had a Harvest Celebration Assembly in school led by Reverend Vanessa Petridge. As part of this, 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 next Friday, 25th October.**

Give Help

- Tinned Meat.
- Tinned Fish.
- Jam & Spreads.
- Custard.
- Pasta sauce.
- Noodle snacks.
- Small coffee.

Please drop off your donations in the crates by the front or back gate either at the start or end of **Friday 25th October**. School can issue vouchers for this and food boxes can then be collected from the Westbank. If you, or someone you know, needs support please speak to Hannah Parker or email admin@exminsterschool.co.uk using the subject Foodbank. Thank you for your continued support.

Choir performance at Westbank: We would like to thank the School Choir for their brilliant performance at the Westbank Centre last Thursday as part of the Volunteer Celebration Event. The children sang a selection of songs that they had been learning for their performance at the O2 in London, in January. Here are a few pictures:



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Reminder - Parent Governor election: There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing body and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. Please think about becoming a governor, or encouraging others to volunteer. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the governor team and play an important role; the governing body works together as a group, meeting 9 times throughout the school year. Together they are responsible for the school's strategic direction, promoting high educational achievement standards and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Life as a governor is interesting and varied and we feel sure there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us continue to improve the school's performance. Training and support will be available to help you develop in the role. This will include in-house mentoring and support as well as access to external governor training, those new to being a governor are expected to attend induction training. The term of office for parent governors is 4 years. For further information about the role please get in touch with our co-chairs of governors, Liam Hatton or Jamie Hlland via admin@exminsterschool.co.uk or myself who will be happy to help.

If you would like to stand for election please complete and sign the enclosed nomination form and return it to the school office no later than **12 noon on Friday 25 October 2024**. If you wish you can include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor (not exceeding 100 words). This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for if an election is required. You do not have to complete this section, but if you don't you may put yourself at a disadvantage if there is an election. An election, by secret ballot, will be held if more nominations are received than the number of vacancies. If an election is needed details of the procedure will be sent to all parents.

On Cloud 9 Project: Thank you so much for all the support we have received for this project so far. The children have been putting the new gardening equipment to good use by cleaning up the area. It has also been lovely seeing children sitting at the benches doodling and playing card games together and relaxing on the grass.

If you haven't already and can help us, please see our Amazon Wish List - <https://amzn.eu/2ZzlO9x>.

We would also welcome donations of things such as:

- colouring books
- colouring pens or pencils
- simple card games (such as Uno/Dobble/Whot)
- simple board games (such as Chess/Draughts/Snakes and Ladders) not games with things that can be blown away or have too many small pieces.
- Watertight outdoor storage

Just bring them into the school office. Please also look out on social media for videos of the children explaining how else you, and the wider community, can support our project. Please click the share button so that we can spread the word as far as possible.

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