



The EPI Centre of Learning

Strike days: The first of National Education Union Industrial action days has passed with 02, 15 and 16 March still to come unless a resolution is reached. We advise you to put a plan in place for these days, should your child's class be affected. Please note that it isn't automatically the same teachers each time – some may choose to strike for one or more of those days. This does mean that some classes may be more impacted than others. We respect the right of staff to take industrial action and under the Government guidance we are required to take all reasonable steps to keep the school open. If your child's teacher makes the decision to strike, the class will be closed. We may not know in advance so you will be notified as soon as possible but it may be on the morning. If there are not enough teachers and/or leaders on site, for the school to operate safely, then the entire school will close. Given the nature of the strikes, it may not be possible to inform you until the morning of any closure. As stated earlier, please prepare alternative childcare arrangements on the dates of industrial action in case it is needed. **A letter went out yesterday via School Gateway informing you of 3 classes that we know will be closed on Thursday 2 March: 1AM, 2G and 3P.** Thank you for your support and understanding.

Junior Bake Off: Junior Bake off have recently opened applications for the 9th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2023, but the applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023. Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk Junior Bake Off Team enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Hill Crest road: Please be aware that the lane at the back of school is a private road. Parents are not permitted to use this lane before, during or after school. In the week before half term there was a near miss when someone was using this lane, driving at speed, in order to pick up their child. There have also been recent occasions where local residents have been blocked in or out of their driveways.

World Book Day - change of date to Friday 3 March: as we know some classes will be closed on Thursday 2 March due to strike action World Book dressing up day has moved to the next day, Friday 3 March. This way, we can ensure that all children will be able to enjoy the day together.

Reminder, Comic Relief, Friday 17 March: We will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation in support of Comic Relief. Comic Relief have set up JustGiving pages for organisations so that money can be donated directly and gift aid (25%) can be applied. Our school Comic Relief fundraising page can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-exminster-community-primary-school>

Vision screening- Reception Children Only- Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust have been booked to come to school on the morning of Thursday 23 March 2023 to conduct the Vision Screening for children in

Tuesday 21 February 2023

The week ahead:

Fri 24 Feb – Yr3 Cake Stall –
Yr4 maths workshop 9am

Dates for the future:

Tues 28 Feb – School Photos

Wed 1 Mar – School Photos

Fri 3 Mar – World Book Day-
Yr1 Cake Stall - Yr3 maths
workshop 9am

Fri 10 Mar – Yr2 Cake Stall –
Yr2 maths workshop 9am

Fri 17 Mar – RED NOSE DAY-
non uniform in exchange for
a donation - Yr1 maths
workshop 9am -Movie night
after school

Fri 24 Mar – Rec Cake Stall –
Rec maths workshop 9am

Mon 27 Feb – FLCs

Thurs 30 Mar - FLCs

Fri 31 Mar – Yr6 Cake Stall

Fri 28 Apr – Bags4Schools
collection

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our Reception classes. If you do not wish your child to take part please complete the section at the bottom of the sheet attached to the School Gateway email from Mrs Munslow on 20th Feb and return it to school.

School Photos - Photographers will be coming into school on Tues 28 February and Wed 1 March to take the children's photographs. Children who have PE on a Tuesday or Wednesday should come to school in their PE bottoms with their school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan. While we will endeavour to ensure every child looks their best we cannot take responsibility for hair styling. We are unable to offer photographs of preschool age sibling family groups.

Future Date - Family Learning Conferences – This term's Family Learning Conferences (FLCs) are Monday 27 March (face to face meetings) and Thursday 30 March (Online Zoom meetings). There will be a letter coming out this week giving you details on how to book these meetings. Meetings are allocated on a first come, first served basis and once a time slot has been booked this time will no longer be available.

Online Safety – Please see the attached

Swimming Survey - We are auditing the swimming provision that we provide for our Key Stage 2 children (years 3, 4, 5 & 6). Thank you to all those parents who have already completed the Google form to help us. If you are yet to do so, please fill this in for each Key Stage Two child as soon as possible. <https://forms.gle/hNBz8bKxWZFsNn3i7>

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