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Strike action: as it currently stands, the NEU is still taking place on Thursday 2 March. The following classes will be closed for that day: 1AM, 2G, 3P. Children in these classes will be unable to come to school on this day. The next dates for planned NEU strikes are Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March.

Staffing: a huge thank you to Mrs Hunter who is leaving us at the end of this week. Mrs Hunter is relocating back to Australia after working in our school for 5.5 years. Tiffany has worked across the school, covering classes and supporting individual children. We will miss her sense of fun and energy, would like to thank her for all her commitment and passion to the school and wish her all the best on her next adventure

Bags4Schools: our next collection date for Bags4Schools will be Friday 28 April. Bags will be handed out nearer the time but start collecting. Last time we made £264 for school. We know that carrying the bag to school was difficult for parents so if you wanted to drop it off between 4-6pm the evening before by accessing the back of school, this can be done on Thursday 27 April.

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 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 as 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, work wear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material. *We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

For more info visit <https://bag2school.com/>

Exminster School Association (ESA) AGM: this will be held on Wednesday 1 March in the Royal Oak. We are meeting at 7pm and the official AGM meeting will begin at 7.30pm. We would like to encourage people to attend to enjoy time to socialize with other parents and then be part of this annual meeting. Our ESA volunteers are brilliant at supporting the school with suggestions, changes and volunteering to take a lead and involvement in particular events. The impact that this has on all the children in the school is huge. Without this organisation to raise funds, there would be aspects of school that would not continue. Thank you for the time from all current ESA volunteers and please come and give something back to the community and get involved.

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). Each class has their own links to book meetings which

**Tuesday 21 February
2023**

The week ahead:

Wed 1 Mar – School Photos

Fri 3 Mar – World Book Day

- Yr1 Cake Stall

- Yr3 maths workshop 9am

Dates for the future:

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 Mar – FLCs

Thurs 30 Mar - FLCs

Fri 31 Mar – Yr6 Cake Stall

Fri 28 Apr – Bags4Schools
collection

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were sent out last week via School Gateway. 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.

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>

Online Safety: Please see the attached poster

MOVIE NIGHT: On Friday 17th March, the ESA are hosting a Movie Night for the children - see attached poster. It will take place straight after school in the hall with the film starting at approximately 3.45pm. All Epic Eve children booked in for this day will attend the film free of charge and we ask parents to collect all children at 5.15pm (unless you have Epic Eve booked until 6pm.) Tickets are £3 including popcorn and can be booked and paid for via School Gateway. There will also be sweets and drinks available for the children to buy.

The film will be U rated and we are going to be asking the children to help pick the film which will be done via a classroom poll. The 3 options are:

- Sing 2
- The Croods: A New Age
- Luca

Please book your tickets by 15th March and don't miss out!

World Book Day: We hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school on Friday. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation - we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. Dressing up can be a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day but this year we would love to challenge you to use what you have at home for your book or character related costume in order to keep down costs and also minimise the impact on the environment. This might mean repurposing a costume you already have, wearing some of your own clothes in the style of a character or using other materials you have to create something. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Reading to them: Stop, drop and read will happen at various points throughout the day.
- Book sharing across year groups: Please send your child's chosen book in with them on the day so they are able to share it with another child.
- World Book Day live events: Children will participate in the virtual events that take place on the day.

At the end of the day, your child will bring home a book token. This can either be used as a £1 discount off of any book or can be exchanged for a FREE World Book Day book. Our nearest stockist of these books is Tesco Exe Vale.

Fund raiser: I am running my first London Marathon in April and am raising funds for the National Autistic Society. This is very close to my heart. On Saturday 11th March 2-4pm I am holding a 'Cakey Tea'! Tea, cake and a raffle.

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Please see the flyer below. I would love to see as many people as possible to raise money for this amazing charity. All welcome!

Thank you so much! Bex Ryan



<https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/rebecca-ryan>



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