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Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term. Please take some time to look at the dates coming up – this term does become a very busy period so we have tried to give you as much warning of dates as possible.

Rainbow Day - Monday 20th November: Our Rainbow days are days when the normal curriculum is collapsed for the day and we focus on one theme across the school, linked to our Rainbow Values. We hold one Rainbow day per term. On this term's Rainbow day we are celebrating and exploring cultural diversity across our school and our community. In their year groups, the children will be exploring cultures from around the world, with a focus on the diversity taking part in a range of activities linking to different cultures. This will be a non-uniform day; children are invited to wear their home clothes for the day. As a parent/carer, if your country of origin is beyond the UK, we would love to hear from you! We welcome all cultures and experiences and would be grateful for anyone who would like to share aspects of their culture with a class/year group. Please contact your child's class teacher to register an interest.

Exminster Scouts Fireworks Extravaganza- Tickets for this Friday's Scouts Fireworks display will be available to buy in the playground after school tomorrow, Wed 1st Nov.

Early Epic and Epic Eve bookings for Spring 1 – Please note that bookings will open at 3pm on Monday 6 Nov via School Gateway for the next half term, Spring 1, Jan-Feb 2024.

Flu vaccinations in school - The vaccination team are due to visit school on 30th November 2023. Please go to www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE.

The code for your child's school is: DV113201 Please submit your consent form by midday 28th November 2023 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please call 01392 342678 and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. **If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.**

Tuesday 31 Oct 2023

This week:

Fri 3 Nov – Yr3 Reading meeting

Dates for the future:

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

Mon 20 Nov – Rainbow Day-non
uniform

Fri 24 Nov –School Disco

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 –please order
using the google forms

Tues 12 Dec - Yr2 Christmas 2.15pm
Performance and raffle

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

Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley



Exminster School Association Disco – Friday 24 Nov - Thank you to the group of parents who are organizing the next school disco, due to take place on Friday 24 November. The children very much enjoy this event and it is a great fundraiser for the school. It cannot be held without parent volunteers organizing it and supporting on the evening, as well as staff helping on the evening.

Entry costs £3 payable on School Gateway (deadline Wednesday 22nd November). The price includes unlimited squash/water and a packet of sweets. Tattoos and Glow Sticks will be available to buy for 50p each (These will not be available at the reception disco so reception children do not need to bring money to school).

Reception Disco: 3.30pm - 4.10pm (children will go straight from their classroom at the end of the day. They will be invited to come to school in their disco clothes but please remember they have forest school on a Friday so their outfits will need to be both party ready and forest appropriate)

Year 1 / 2 Disco: 4.25pm - 5.10pm

Year 3 / 4 Disco: 5.25pm - 6.10pm

Year 5 / 6 Disco: 6.25 - 7.15pm

Please note: All children, including years 5 and 6, will need to be collected by a responsible adult from the designated pick up zones on the school site. Pick up locations will be confirmed nearer the time.

The ESA are looking for parent volunteers to help out with each year group on the night. Please complete this form if you would be kind enough to donate your time <https://forms.office.com/e/QpgSsigCzw>

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 soon 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. An email was issued yesterday with further info and a google form to complete.

Rec, Y1 and Yr2 <https://forms.gle/YW35Lj27yT987847>
Years 3-6 <https://forms.gle/kTR7ujxNH1BTfMGcA>

Tues 12 Dec Yr2 Christmas Performance and raffle - **Tickets are now on sale via School Gateway at £2 each**, 3 tickets are available per child. Doors open 2:15pm for a 2.30 performance. 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.