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Flu vaccinations: Please book your child's flu vaccination through the NHS. These will be taking place in school on the 5th November. Also attached was an information leaflet to help answer any questions. Please confirm your consent through the following link using the **School Code DV113201** https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Christmas items - Last chance: We are still awaiting payment for some Christmas orders. Please ensure you have made payment so your order can be processed. We don't want any disappointed children. Thank you.

Family Learning Conferences: A date for your diary. We will be holding our Family Learning Conferences on Thursday 16th October and Monday 20th October. These will be either online or in person. More details to follow.

Our new Eco Team: Our new Eco team has been established and held the first meeting. They came up with what they wanted their aims to be over the coming year. These came directly from the children and are the children's own words:

- To tell my friends to look after the world
- To make sure everyone knows the planet is in danger and we can all do a little bit to help
- To look after our animals
- To clear rubbish from the oceans
- To encourage school and our community to look after the planet
- Make a change

Friday 3rd October 2025

Future dates:

Friday 3rd October – 2.45pm Reception Parents Maths Workshop

Wednesday 8th October – 2.45pm Year 2 workshop – Reading and writing

Thursday 16th and Monday 20th
October – FLC online and in person

Thursday 6th November – 9.00am Year 6 workshop – Writing

Monday 10th November – 9.00am Year 3 workshop – writing

Tuesday 18th November – 9.00am Year 4 workshop – writing

Wednesday 26th November – 9.00am Year 5 workshop - writing

The first task comes from the legacy of one of our families who are very passionate about the planet and the children have both served as part of the Eco team in the past. We would love for you to get involved at home as well, in the words of our Eco team, they want to get the community involved too.

Ch-angels. Be the change you want to see. Please join us in making a pledge to make a change to help our environment. Every little helps. (Classes will be given a recycled crafted angel from the Eco team, home-made — you could make one at home for your family pledge). The ch-angel will help remind you of your pledge to change. This could be one tiny change to help the environment:

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room
- Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth
- Walk or scoot to school instead of going in the car
- Have shorter showers
- Create less food waste



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- Eat vegetarian food once a week or increase the times you eat vegetarian food
- Have a single use plastic free lunch box contents

Or anything that you can do to help the environment......

Some of our team are busy making angels out of recycled materials as a reminder for our classrooms about each classes pledge to the planet. Please get involved at home and email us to let us know what your pledge for the planet at home is (admin@exminsterschool.co.uk, subject 'Pledge for the Planet')

Train to Teach in Devon: As a partner school with Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance, we are proud to support their Primary Teacher Training programme. If you've ever thought about becoming a primary school teacher, this school-based training offers classroom placements across Devon, expert guidance, and hands-on experience from day one. Applications open on **7th October 2025** for training starting September 2026. Find out more here: www.exeterconsortium.com/train-to-teach

National Online Safety guides: Each week we will send out a National Online Safety guide for your information to support you and your child in navigating the online world. These are really useful guides. This week the focus is on setting parental controls for age inappropriate content.

Mental Health Awareness: This week we've included some top tips of how to support your child. Please see attached information sheet.

Easyfundraising UK: As a school we are part of the Easyfundraising UK initiative where top brands donate to the school when you spend with them. Amazon's Prime Big Deal Days are back on 7th and 8th of October! You can get great deals AND raise free donations for Exminster Community Primary School when you start your Amazon shop at easyfundraising! It won't cost you any extra. Please sign up today so we don't miss out:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/exminsterprimary/2XPXKA/c2s/oQ2slYHh/CE057/facebook/