



The EPI Centre of Learning

Welcome back and a happy New Year to you all. We are looking forward to our Spring term.

Welcome: We would like to welcome to Emily Alderson who will be teaching in Year 4, covering Mrs C's maternity leave until the end of this academic year. Mrs C will be here until the end of January before starting her maternity leave. Welcome also to Steve Bampton (trainee in 5A) and Jessica Seviour (trainee in 6BH). Welcome to Sarah Titchen (Learning Support Assistant).

Reverse Advent Calendar 2022: Thank you so much for your Foodbank donations over the Advent period. Your gifts totalled a massive 58 stone in weight! Thank you also to Mrs Gibson and the Y6 Civic Award children for sorting the gifts and to Mr Godbeer who ensures their safe delivery. Thank you again for your continued support and kindness.

Maths Fluency Workshops: in the Spring term, we will be holding parent workshops to support the teaching and learning of maths fluency in your child's year group. The aim of the workshops is to give parents an overview of expectations in this year group and games/activities that could be used to support at home. The workshops will begin with a short parent session, followed by the children joining the session to play games in groups. Year 5 parents can choose which workshop to attend. We understand that not all parents will be able to attend these sessions and will send out the information that is shared in these.

**Wednesday 4
January 2023**

The week ahead:

Dates for the future:

-After school sports clubs start next week

-See the date's box for maths workshops throughout this term

Fri 3rd Feb - Bubbles and Bingo –more details to follow

HALF TERM 13-17 Feb

| Year group | Date | Timings |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Year 6 | Friday 27 Jan | 9-9.45am |
| Year 5A | Friday 3 Feb | |
| Year 5JW and 5D | Friday 10 Feb | |
| Year 4 | Friday 24 Feb | |
| Year 3 | Friday 3 March | |
| Year 2 | Friday 10 March | |
| Year 1 | Friday 17 March | |
| Reception | Friday 24 March | |

PE newsflash: Great News - Our Gymnastic Competition is back! Our school works closely with the Dartmoor Sports School Partnership to provide many opportunities attend impact days, festivals and competitions. We have a two year event calendar of virtual and live events and this year our gymnastic event is a virtual event. This means that all

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entries will be submitted in a video format. Final entries (for our KS2 students) must be submitted to DSSP by Friday 3rd February 2023. The competition is open to ALL children from Reception to Year 6 - only children from KS2 can go through to the DSSP competition but we always encourage all of our children to submit an entry and every child who participates will receive a certificate. You will find attached all the information that you will need to get started!

- 1) Competition details
- 2) Information about the 5 sequences and links to the routines.
- 3) Details of the SEND entry competition
- 4) Picture sequences of each events

All entries (video format) must be sent for the attention of Rebecca Barr to pe@exminsterschool.co.uk by Friday 27th January 2023

Please ensure all videos are named and emails have the following information

Name of child

Class of child

Sequence completed

Please ensure that children are supervised when watching the demonstration videos on youtube. This has always been a popular event with lots of celebration in school of what the children achieve, so dust those leotards and leggings off and get practising. Watch out for the teachers practise video coming soon!

Action for Happiness calendar: January 2023 – Wednesday 4 January - <https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar-monthly/2023-01#download-block-anchor>

Epic Eve and Early Epic Bookings for Spring 2 (Feb 20 to March 31): A reminder that on Monday 9 January at 3pm we will be opening the booking facility for bookings for Spring 2 through the School Gateway app.

Sports Clubs with Mr Pinnick- If your child has secured a place for our after school sports club these start next week and will run right up to the last week of the Spring term in March.

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Exminster Messy Church

8 January at 3:30pm to 5:30pm

At Exminster Methodist Church

We are a friendly group who meet once a month and are always pleased to welcome new families. We share a bible story, crafts and fun activities. We always have a delicious meal such as pizza, soup, jacket potatoes with cheese or baked beans and ice cream or cake. Some sessions are messier than others!!

We ask that all young people are accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to join us our next Messy Church is this Sunday 8 January at the Methodist Church. There is no charge but any donations are most welcome.

Further details can be obtained by emailing Anne at ab@lovelygarden.plus.com