

**Mr Doe:** Mr Doe will be leaving our school at the end of this academic year. Mr Doe has been with us for 3 years in total (including his training year) and shown a huge commitment to the school and his class. We are sad to see him go and wish him every success for the future and a massive thank you for all he has given to the school and his classes in the time he has spent here.

**Early Epic and Epic Eve** – Bookings for Autumn 1 (Sept-Oct) will open on School Gateway at 3pm on Monday 1 July

**Summer Fair: Date for your diary!** This year's Summer Fair will be on Friday 5 July 5-7:30pm, entrance will be £2 per family. There will be lots of stalls and games as well as a bar. The school choir will be performing! Please note that **Friday 5 July will be a non-uniform day;** this is in exchange for a bottle that will be sold at the Summer Fair that evening. Bottles can be alcohol, juice, shampoo, bubble bath, oils – they will all be sold as part of our fundraising.

**Volunteer day:** Thank you to James Hanna and his team from Ground Control who spent a day over half term clearing and tidying many areas of our school site. They worked all day, did 7 trips to the tip and were aching the next day! A huge thank you to this company for organising a volunteer day to support our school, the impact and amount that can be done from a group of people makes a big difference. If there are other organisations who donate volunteer days to local organisations, please do get in touch with us. Below are just a couple of the many areas the team made a difference to.

## Tuesday 11 June 2024

### Dates for the future:

**Tues 18 June** – Yr3, 4, 5&6 sports day at St Martins (reserve day 20 June)

**Mon 1 July** – 3pm Early Epic and Epic Eve bookings go live for Autumn 1 – Sept

**Fri 5 July** – **SUMMER FAIR 5-7:30pm** - non uniform in exchange for bring a bottle for the summer fair

**Wed 17 July** – Yr6 production 2:00pm & 6:30pm

**Thurs 18 July** – Yr6 Production 6:30pm

**Wed 24 July** – Last day of term

**Thurs 17 Oct** – 7.15pm online safety workshop in school



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# The EPI Centre of Learning

**FREE ONLINE SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR WHO ARE NEURODIVERGENT** (diagnosed or suspected): four new Let's Talk Sessions coming soon and FREE tickets are now available, these sessions aim to address the community safety risks our young people face with tips and techniques designed to help parents of young people with special educational needs or who are neurodivergent. The sessions will cover topics including mental health and emotional wellbeing, anger and challenging behaviour, healthy relationships and online safety. To sign up to these sessions please click the links below:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> July [Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing](#)
- 4<sup>th</sup> July [Anger and Challenging Behaviour](#)
- 9<sup>th</sup> July [Healthy Relationships](#)
- 11<sup>th</sup> July [Online Safety and Exploitation](#)

**Save the Date- Online Safety Course in school:** We would like to invite you to an online safety workshop in school which will run from 6:15pm to 7:45pm, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This online training session, provided by [SWGFL](#), provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way. We are hoping this will be a really useful session where you will have the opportunity to ask an expert any questions that you might have about keeping your children safe online. If you have any questions in the meantime these can be forwarded on to the trainer in advance, please email in to [admin@exminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@exminsterschool.co.uk) We look forward to seeing you there!

**Autism & Us programmes from Children's and Young People's Services, Devon County Council:** 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 23 Apr 10am – 12pm	Thurs 13 Jun 4.30pm – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tues 30 Apr 10am – 12pm	Thurs 20 Jun 4.30pm – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tues 7 May 10am – 12pm	Thurs 27 Jun 4.30pm – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 14 May 10am – 12pm	Thurs 4 Jul 4.30pm – 6.30pm

**Apply direct by email to:** [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk) to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

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Additionally we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 13 Jun 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Mon 1 Jul 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Wed 10 Jul 1pm – 3pm
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Wed 19 Jun 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 27 Jun 10am – 12pm
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## Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day!

Sports Day - Tuesday 18th June 9:30am -11:30am

Reserve Day (in case of bad weather) - Thursday 20th June 9:30am -11:30am

Parents are invited to join us on the football pitch at St Martins. Children should come to school in their PE kit. They will be given sports bibs to indicate their team colour.



## Career Fair

**Builders Electricians Plumbers  
and other trades**



We will be holding our biennial careers fair on

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

2.30-3.30pm in our school hall

If you are interested in sharing your expertise and knowledge in your field of work please email

Fiona Jones [careersfair24@gmail.com](mailto:careersfair24@gmail.com)

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