



# The EPI Centre of Learning

## Staffing updates:

**Mr Moore:** congratulations to Mr Moore who has been appointed as co-head teacher for 2 days a week, sharing the role with myself, for the two year trial period. Mr Moore applied for the role and was interviewed by governors. We will start this new structure of co-headship in September 2024.

**Ms Angel:** congratulations to Ms Angel who is expecting a baby in the summer. Ms Angel will start her maternity leave in the last half term of the school year. We are very pleased that Mrs Fuller will be teaching in 1AM every day for the last part of the summer term.

**Mrs Miller:** Thank you for all the generosity people have shown to Gail through their thoughts and kind wishes – they are very much appreciated and have supported a great deal. Following her diagnosis, Gail wanted to provide you with a brief update and has shared this information: *It has been confirmed that Gail's illness is a rare type of cancer called ALK+.*

*This diagnosis means that there is not a need to have the usual treatment of chemotherapy. Instead, Gail will be taking Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors (TKI) treatment which is targeted therapy to control the ALK and enable Gail to successfully live with the condition. There is a young woman who has this type of cancer and has a blog on Facebook which is inspiring: <http://www.facebook.com/vickyvstrongerthancancer>*

We know that many families in our community have been directly and indirectly affected by cancer. Please see some signposting from Macmillan if there is support you or someone you know could benefit from:

[Macmillan - Talking to children](#)

[Talking to children and teenagers when an adult has cancer](#)

[BUPA – I Know Someone With Cancer](#) might also be useful – this is aimed at 7-11 year olds to help them understand and process the situation when someone has cancer too.

In terms of emotional support for children, [Hope Support Services](#) are worth looking into too. They provide a few different ways of supporting young people when a loved one is ill and they also offer a one to one professional support service too.

If anyone needs a space to talk things through, please know you are welcome to call the Macmillan Support Line. They offer a listening ear and emotional support to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis. You can call on 0808 808 00 00, lines are open 8am-8pm seven days a week. They also have an [Online Chat](#) and [Email](#) service too.

**Neurodiversity celebration week:** this week 18-22 March, it is Neurodiversity celebration week. We are talking about neurodiversity in our assemblies this term and celebrating how our community benefits from all of our brains working in many different ways. There is a great bank of parent resources online: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/resource-hub> and a rich variety of talks and events happening throughout this week: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events>

## Tuesday 19 March 2024

### Dates for the future:

**Mon 25 Mar** – Rainbow Day -bright colours non uniform

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Thurs 28 March to Fri 12 April

**Mon 15 Apr** – First day of Summer Term

**Mon 6 May** - Bank Holiday-school closed

**Fri 17 May** – DISCO!

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**DISCO! Friday 17 May:** Please see the attached poster. Further details to follow. There is a payment item on School Gateway to buy tickets for £3 per child which will include unlimited squash/water and a bag of sweets. PLEASE NOTE The payment item for ticket sales will close on Wednesday 15 May.

**Westbank HAF Easter holiday club:** Please see the attached poster for further details on the Easter Holiday club at Westbank, they still have a few places left.

**Skipping challenge:** Thank you so much everyone for your continued support with our whole school skipping challenge. The following website has lots of fun ideas to keep you skipping as we have passed the halfway point. <https://dantheskippingman.com/> They also have lots of videos on their YouTube channel (please ensure that all children are supervised when using the internet) which has lots of videos from 2 minutes to 10 minutes of skipping where you can learn lots of new skills along the way. <https://www.youtube.com/dantheskippingman>

Keep skipping :) Rebecca Barr, Year 1 Teacher / PE Lead



**Gymnastics Competition:** Our gymnastics team representing the school 2024!



**Westbank:** Please see below details of a drop-in session at Coffee on The Corner in Exminster tomorrow, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024, between 10:30am and 12:30pm to find out more about Westbank's Kidzone child care facility.



**Drop-in session**  
Wed 20 March | 10:30-12:30  
**Kidzone**  
with Lucy Elliott  
at: Coffee on the Corner



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