

Exminster School Association (ESA): as a parent, you are automatically a part of our parent/teacher association, which we refer to as the Exminster School Association (ESA). This is a group of parents that meet half-termly and form the trustees of our school-based charity to fundraise for our school. The objectives of the ESA are; to organise fund-raising activities, to involve as many people as possible and to make the activities fun! We need your support. Our first meeting of the year will be in the **Royal Oak on Wednesday 23 September at 7pm**. Please come and see what it is all about, bring a friend or pop along on your own.

Photos: The photographers will be coming into school next Thursday, 26 September, to take the children's photographs. We are aware that one of the Yr4 classes will be away on Residential so the team will be coming back at a later date, TBC, to take their photos. Any sibling photos involving children on residential will also be done on that day. Children who have PE on a Thursday should come to school in their PE bottoms with their school polo shirt and jumper/cardigan on 26th. While we will endeavour to ensure every child looks their best we cannot take responsibility for hair styling. We are unable to offer photographs of preschool age sibling family groups.

Flu Vaccinations: Any parents who missed the vaccine on Thursday and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please call 01392 342 678 and the team will book you into one of the community clinics to be vaccinated.

Polling station: last Friday we opened our school polling station for an election day for the School Learning Team. Children in Years 2-6 had put themselves forward if they wanted to be a candidate and held their campaign (presentation, poster and talk) to promote why they would be a good representative for their class on the School Learning Team. Children learnt about voting, a ballot paper, a ballot box, privacy when voting, understanding what democracy is, how this relates to the government and how this relates to our School Learning Team.



Friday 13 September 2024

Dates for the future:

Sun 22 Sept- Closing date for Exminster Greenspaces photo comp

Thurs 26 Sept – School photographs

Mon 30 Sept - Bookings open on School Gateway for Autumn 2 Epic clubs

–Deadline to return Christmas card order forms and make payment on Gateway

Thurs 17 Oct - 6.15pm online safety parent workshop



Christmas Cards: Soon your child will bring home a piece of Christmas artwork and an order form. If you would like your child's artwork to be turned into Christmas cards, gift wrap, a small cushion, printed on a mug or coaster please complete the order form and make the appropriate payment via the Payment item on School Gateway. Return the order form with your child's artwork to school ASAP but no later than Monday 30th September. All orders and payments will need to be made by Monday 30th September. We will not be able to take late orders so please ensure a quick turn-around. You should receive your child's artwork by Monday 23rd September. We anticipate that products will be with us and ready to use/enjoy by the 7th November. If you would prefer your child to make a seasonal card, or you do not wish for your child to take part in this activity, please let your child's class teacher know.

Early Epic and Epic Eve: Bookings for next half term, Autumn 2, Nov-Dec 2024 will open on School Gateway at 3pm on Monday 30th Sept. A reminder that voucher payers must submit a screenshot of their voucher payment on the day they book sessions so we can allocate the credits.

Year 1 plea: We looking to enhance our role play area. If you are having a clear out, we would love any old phones (mobile and landline), hats of any sort, waistcoats (these don't need to be child size) and any old note books/pens. Please hand in for the attention of Mrs Fuller. Thank you so much.

Apply for Pupil Premium funding (also known as Free School Meals, FSM): All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get universal free school meals. However, if you receive certain benefits, you are encouraged to apply for free school meals when you enrol at school, as this can help schools to attract additional Pupil Premium funding to support learning. If you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, it will also give you access to food voucher codes at all supermarkets, £15 per week per child over holiday periods, and completely free childcare during holiday periods through HAF programmes (these happen all over Exeter and currently there is one running at Westbank during holiday periods). Please use this link:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCSCitizenPortal_live this is the quickest and easiest way and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

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