



# The EPI Centre of Learning

**Family Learning Conferences:** Family Learning Conferences (FLC) will be taking place on Thursday 14 March and Monday 18 March 2024. This will be an opportunity to hear about your child's learning and next steps in their learning. Teachers who work on a Monday will be attending the Monday FLC and the teachers who work on a Thursday will attend the Thursday FLC. You have been sent an email with links to book either an online or face to face appointment. These links are class specific so please take care to book the right child in with the right teacher.

**Medications in school:** From this week we will be sending email notifications to parents whenever children have medicine in school. This will provide confirmation that your child has been given any prescribed medicines that you've asked us to administer and also let you know if they've had any pain relief like Calpol or Ibuprofen so you can adjust dosage timings at home if necessary. Medicine should always be handed in and collected by a responsible adult and we always need a completed Medicines Form to be able to give children any medicines or inhalers.

**Staffing:** Mrs Norris (teacher in Year 5) has given in her resignation and will be leaving us at Easter in order to get a better balance at home. Mrs Norris is a very valued member of staff and we hope that she will return to teaching and join our supply team in the future. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Norris for her huge contribution to education in our school and her wonderful nurturing manner.

**Rainbow Day:** our next Rainbow Day will be on Monday 25 March. The theme for this day will be on careers with a focus on gender and disability as two of the protected characteristics we have been looking at over the course of this Spring term. Further detail will be given nearer the time. We would like to invite children to come in their own clothes that day, the brighter the better, and we ask for donations from families, a School Gateway item will be set up, entitled Rainbow Day. These donations will be used specifically to buy book titles that enhance our library stock on equality, diversity and inclusion.

**World Book Day:** World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate in school. Every year we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. Dressing up can be a big part of the celebrations and what lots of people enjoy most about World Book Day. If your child would like to dress up, we would love to challenge you to use what you have at home for your book or character-related costume in order to keep costs down and also minimise the impact on the environment. This might mean repurposing a costume you already have, wearing some of your own clothes in the style of a character or using other materials you have to create something. If possible, we would like your child to choose a favourite book to bring along with them on the day so they can share this with other children. At the end of the day, your child will bring home a book token. This can either be used as a £1 discount off of any book or can be exchanged for a FREE World Book Day book. Our nearest stockist of these books is Tesco Exe Vale.

## Tuesday 27 February 2024

### Dates for the future:

**Mon 4 Mar** – Epic Eve and Early Epic bookings open 3pm

**Thurs 7 Mar** – World Book Day

**Thurs 14 Mar** – FLCs

**Fri 15 Mar** – Red Nose Day, non uniform day in exchange for a donation

**Mon 18 Mar** – FLCs

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Thurs 28 March to Fri 12 April

**Headteacher: Mrs S Whalley**

**National Governor Awareness Day:** on Thursday 29 February, there is a national awareness day to value and appreciate the role that school governors volunteer to do. Firstly, I would like to thank our school governors, we currently have 10, for the role that they do. As well as leading busy work and family lives, our governors donate time to support the school by making school visits to look at various aspects, meet with staff, review policies and school budget and to monitor particular aspects of school. Central to every aspect of what governors do is to consider what is working well and how we are making our school even better. It takes time and passion to do this role and we appreciate the time that our governors give to this.

Secondly, I would like you all to consider the role of a governor and if this is something you would be interested in doing. In the next couple of weeks, there will be a parent governor role being advertised. As well as this role, we do have other vacancies on our board so if you feel you have passion, commitment and skills to offer us and would like to donate some of your time, do get in touch with me to find out more.

## Comic Relief Fri 15 March:



## GO RED WITH BLUE PETER

This Friday 15 March Blue Peter will be turning RED to celebrate Red Nose Day and they are asking you and your school to go 'red-to-toe' too. So, dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks - how far you take it is up to you! Plus, in true Blue Peter style they will be taking on a challenge just for Red Nose Day - plans are currently on a need-to-Nose basis, but they'd love schools to get involved, keep an eye on this page, your Red Nose Day emails and on Blue Peter for updates.

We will be supporting Comic Relief this year by wearing non-uniform on Friday 15 March in exchange for a donation to the charity. All donations should be made via the Just Giving page using this link;

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-exminster-community-primary?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=rnd24-exminster-community-primary&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=799f188e1e2d4f29a01a8b3932963601](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd24-exminster-community-primary?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rnd24-exminster-community-primary&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=799f188e1e2d4f29a01a8b3932963601)