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### Pupil of the week

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

FS2: Harry and Alfie

Year 1: Darcie and Layla-Leigh

Year 2: Joshua and April

Year 3: Macie, Freya and Emilija

Year 4: Kira, Demi-Leigh and Natalija

Year 5: Darina, Metina and Jessica

Year 6: Kayla, Edgars and Bobby-Leigh

Potter Class: Hallie

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

FS2: Sofia and Emily

Year 1: Nikodem and Lottie-Lou

Year 2: Gracie and Daniel

Year 3: David B, Ashleigh and Olivia K

Year 4: Uldis, Honey-Rose and Chloe C

Year 5: Angelina, Julia O and David P

Year 6: Scarlett, Joshua, Sophie and Kassidy

Potter Class: Alina

Well done to all these children.

### Key Dates this term

Christmas dinner day – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (orders now closed)

School closes for Christmas – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 3:30pm

Primary application deadline—5pm January 15<sup>th</sup> 2021



### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – We are open

As you may have seen in the news this week, the government has suggested that schools close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Exeter a learning community will remain open on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as we feel this will be the least disruption for our pupils and parents, plus we had our training day last Monday.

### Plans for the final week of term

We are proud that, as of yet, we have not had to close any bubbles in school due to COVID-19. This is due to the strict guidelines we are following in school and the support from home.

**We must work together to prevent a class of children and the staff within it, being required to isolate over Christmas time. Any positive cases or possible contact with a positive case after the 11<sup>th</sup> December means that that child or family will be required to isolate over the school holiday, including Christmas day. This means no mixing with friends or family or going out to shops or venues. To bring the possibility of cases down further, we ask in the last week:**

- Children only bring in their water bottle and lunchbox.
- Reading books are not to be brought in or sent home.
- No Christmas cards to be brought in (deadline for this was today).

We appreciate your support in this.



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### **Christmas Party**

All classes will be having a Christmas Party / cinema day within their bubble on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We ask that they bring in a small food bag with a snack they can enjoy during the party / movie. These are not to be shared with others.



All the films shown will be PG rated. If you do not want your child to watch a PG Christmas film, please let your class teacher know.

This will be a non-uniform day.



### **Christmas Jumper day**

Today we supported the charity 'Save the Children' with their annual Christmas Jumper day. We asked for a donation of £1 for wearing a Christmas jumper. We have seen some lovely homemade creation being worn today. We will let you know the amount raised in next week's newsletter.

### **PE Champions**

This term, every week two children from each class have been chosen to participate in the 'Exeter Champions PE afternoon' every Friday. Children are chosen for a variety of reasons: full participation within the PE lessons, supporting others, working as part of a team, developing their own skill set just to name a few. This is not just based on the 'best sportsman / woman', we are looking for children who show an overall good attitude to PE.



### **Data collection and parent consent – please complete**

If you have not yet completed either the parent consent form or the updated contact form, please visit our school website [www.exeterschool.co.uk](http://www.exeterschool.co.uk) and go to the parent zone.

### **PE Kits**

Can we please remind all parents that on PE days, although children are coming in in their PE kits (thank you), we still expect children to wear a school jumper. Please do not send your children in wearing hoodies / zipper sports tops. Thank you.

### **Nursery Flood**

You have probably heard about the flood we found in nursery on Monday morning. Due to a burst pipe, the nursery staff entered the building on Monday to find the floor covered in water and the pipe still leaking. As you can imagine this was devastating for the team, who work so hard to keep this provision a fantastic example of a nursery setting (and being biased, the best one across the trust!).

Instead of despair, the staff immediately put plans into place to re-open as soon as possible. Although we set the deadline for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, they actually re-opened on Wednesday afternoon! A massive thank you to the nursery team for all their hard work, saving what they could from the flood and setting up in different rooms around the school, whilst still following COVID-19 guidelines. We also want to say a massive thank you to the support we got from all the parents.

We are now awaiting instructions from the insurance company to start drying out the building and re-fitting it with new carpets etc. We will keep you up-to-date as things progress.

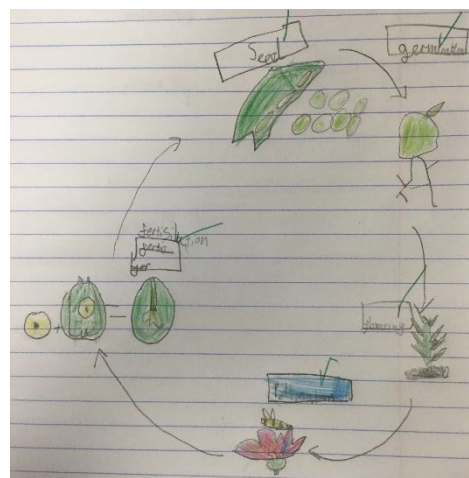


### **Boosters after school**

There will be no booster sessions on the last week of term, all children to be collected at their normal end of day time please.

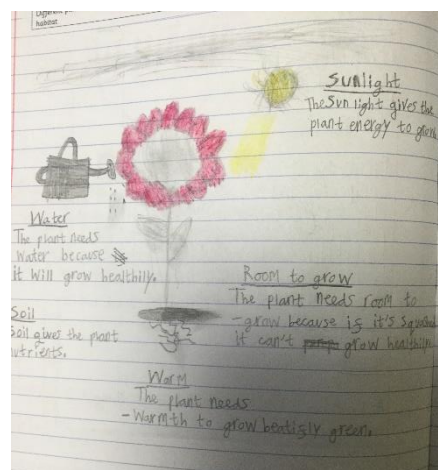
### Year 3 - Plants

This term during their science lessons, Year 3 have been investigating what makes plants grow. They have planted a number of bulbs and placed them in different places around the classroom: on the window sill, under a table, in a cupboard and even in a fridge! They had to predict which bulbs would grow the best and state why. They have then had the chance to see if their predictions were correct. They have also learnt about the main features of a plant.



28th November 2020  
W3F: Write conclusions based on our plant investigation

Place of plant	Requirements	Diagrams	Place of plant	Requirements	Diagrams
Bulb and seed on windowsill	Water Sunlight Compost Warmth		Bulb and seed in cupboard	Water Compost Warmth	
Bulb and seed on windowsill	Sunlight Compost Warmth		Bulb and seed in fridge	Water Compost	
Bulb and seed on windowsill	Sunlight Warmth				





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### **Hot lunches**

If you are booking hot dinners for your child, please ensure that you sit with your child whilst booking as we have started to notice children are not eating their meal as they say they do not like it. Menus can be found on the Kingswood website [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk). Please order by each Wednesday for the following week. School meals cost £2.30 per day or free if your child is entitled to free school meals.



### **Pre-loved uniform**

Following kind donations at the end of last year, we have a selection of good quality pre-loved school uniform for sale. Please contact the school office with your child's size and which items you would like and we will see if we can help.

School logo jumpers and cardigan - £3

School logo red T-shirt - £2

Plain blue jumpers and cardigans, white polo T-shirt, grey trousers, shorts and skirts 50p each.



### **Ever thought of becoming a teacher?**

We are proud to be working in partnership with the Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership training our teachers and superheroes of the future. If you or know of anyone who may be interested in a career in teaching, visit [www.mkitt.co.uk](http://www.mkitt.co.uk) to find the right route for you.

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## School Term Dates: Academic Year 2020 – 2021

### 2020

Term 1	Re-open	Thursday 3 September
	Closes	Thursday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 2 November
	Closed	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – training day
	Closes	Friday 18 December

### 2021

Term 3	Re-open	Monday 4 January
	Closes	Friday 12 February
Term 4	Re-open	Monday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 26 March
Term 5	Re-open	Monday 12 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 30 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 4 May
Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 28 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 7 June
	Closes	Friday 16 July