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# WhatsUp @ EXETER

## Pupil of the week

### 11.6.21

FS2: Islay and Riley R

Year 1: Angelo and Daniel D

Year 2: Adam and Oskars

Nurture: Imogen

Year 3: Emily, Brodie and David K

Year 4: Clyde, Brian and Sinisa

Year 5: Ebony, Tyler, Tanesha and Daniel M

Year 6: Dusan, Liberty and Derren

Potter: Kian

### 18.6.21

FS2: Oscar and Leighton

Year 1: William and David V

Year 2: Ali and Layla

Nurture: Devon

Year 3: Macie, Freya and Norris

Year 4: Anais, Ronnie, Nata and Jayden-James

Year 5: Kyle M, Amelia and Keigan

Year 6: Jayden, Claudiu and Nicola

Potter: Alex

Well done to all these children.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Years 5/6 residential

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Transfer Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of term

## Head teacher appointment

We are delighted to be able to share with you our exciting news for September 2021. After a meticulous and rigorous interview process, we have appointed a new Head of School to join our Senior Leadership Team - Mr Scott Nicholls, who will start with us for the new academic year in September. However, Mr Nicholls will be in school before the end of the Summer Term to meet everyone and support Exeter with its journey to excellence. Please check your emails for further information.



## Euro 2020

As part of the Euro 2020 tournament, we have signed up to a football related competition, to start week beginning 28.6.21. More details to follow.





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## Olympic swimmer visit to Exeter!



We were very excited to welcome top athlete Joe Roebuck to our school on Thursday-10-June.

Joe Roebuck led a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils**, and followed-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event was to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**.



The money raised will be split between buying more sports equipment for our school and supporting up and coming Olympic athletes. Thank you to everyone who has already brought in their sponsor forms. If you still have some money to bring in, we will happily accept it!

Once we know the total we will let you know.





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## Attendance

Our two weekly attendance results are at the end of this newsletter. The minimum expectation set by the government is 96% attendance for all pupils, but we are falling short of this. Can we please remind you that **holidays should not be taken** during school term-time. A referral will be made to

the Local Authority who will issue a fine of £120 per parent / carer. If your child is off for a medical appointment we will need to see confirmation of this please.

Attendance letters are now being sent out for any children where attendance is declining without medical reasons.

## Assessment weeks

During the first two weeks back, children in Years 1-5 have been sitting a range of assessments (Cornerstones) so we can monitor the progress they have made this year and see where gaps have developed due to the shut downs as a result of COVID. Most importantly, these assessments will help inform us how to plan for the following year to ensure that your child stays on track for their year group expectations.

In Year 6, although they will not be sitting the formal 2021 SATs, they will be sitting the 2019 paper, as are the majority of Year 6 pupils in the Trust and Corby, so that all the secondary schools have an accurate picture of their attainment to help inform them of sets and classes for September.

## Dinner

We would like to remind all parents/ carers that we are a healthy eating school.

When providing your child with a packed lunch, please ensure they receive a balanced lunch box i.e. sandwich, fruit, yogurt, packet of crisps or biscuit and a bottle of water/ diluted juice. Please find attached example:

If you wish to order your child a hot meal one or all days of the week, these need booking by the Wednesday before at [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk)







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## **PSHE / RSE Consultation – June 2021**

Here at Exeter a Learning Community we always aim to promote our children's wellbeing and life skills and ensure that we give them the knowledge they need to be safe, and lead successful, healthy lives. Our commitment is to teach a comprehensive PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) curriculum across all year groups.

In September 2020, the Department for Education made the teaching of Relationships, Sex Education and Health Education (RSE) compulsory in all schools. At a primary level the focus will be on relationships and health, introducing sex education in Years 5 and 6.

We will be implementing a new PSHE curriculum, which incorporates this new content, across the school. This content will be taught in a developmental and age appropriate way. Please check your email for the full information sent out on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June or our school website <https://www.exeterschool.co.uk/our-school-curriculum/pshe/>

## **Thank a Teacher (and all staff) – 23<sup>rd</sup> June**



### **Our vision:**

**To inspire the futures of us all through learning together**

teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously!

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

We may be biased, but we believe we have some amazing staff in our school - teachers, TA's, office staff, premises and cleaners, the list goes on. Do you want to send them a thank you? Anyone can send a card for Thank a Teacher Day. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers,

## **Sports Day**

Unfortunately, due to restrictions now not being lifted on June 21<sup>st</sup>, we are unable to welcome parents to our sports day. Children will complete sports days within their bubbles. More details will be sent out shortly.

## Horse-riding



Children in Nightingale Class are very fortunate to be taking part in a six week unit of work with a local stables as part of their PE curriculum - building trust and attachments in a therapeutic way. They will be learning the skills of team work, perseverance, the need to regulate their emotions and keep calm (around the horses) as well as the physical skills of hand eye coordination, core stability and strength. As you can imagine the children were nervous but excited for their first visit – they were an absolute credit to our school and loved the session.







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## Sun Safety

Now the weather is improving, please ensure the following:

- Send your child in with a water bottle (sports cap, not screw). This must have their name on it. They can fill this up throughout the day in class.
- Apply sun cream before your child comes to school.
- Bring in a cap / hat so the sun can be kept off their face.

## Residential July 2022 – Years 5/6

Bookings have now opened for our Y5/6 (current Year 4/5) children for next year – July 2022. This is an amazing opportunity for a three day residential, experiencing a range of outdoor pursuits including climbing, abseiling, highropes, fencing, caving – just to name a few. Please secure your child's place on the Gateway APP.

## Attendance

Our school / government minimum expectation is 96%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June)
Reception	93.2
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	94.8
Year 3	92.1
Year 4	95.6
Year 5	94.9
Year 6	96.3

Year group	Attendance (Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June)
Reception	93.2%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	92.1%
Year 3	91.2%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	95.0%

Next Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER IN TEACHING?

### DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

#### Have you ever considered a career in teaching?

We are one of your local Trainee Teacher providers and work in partnership with the Two Mile Ash Initial Teacher Training Partnership, the oldest, most established Primary training provider in Milton Keynes and surrounding areas who strive for excellent outcomes for trainee teachers.

We believe that every child is entitled to a world class education. We aim to inspire our trainees with a varied and innovative training programme, access to excellent teaching and a wide variety of experiences in our partner schools across the area.

Together we provide you with a close-knit community and we are proud to work with some of the most committed, varied and innovative schools in the area.

We all share the desire to provide the very best for our children - and while every school in our partnership is unique, we are brought together through our sense of integrity and the drive to achieve this common aim.

We offer various routes into teaching, therefore if you have a proven commitment to teaching as a career; the passion, presence, energy and enthusiasm required to work with primary age children; the personal and intellectual qualities needed to be an excellent teacher and the confidence, determination and professionalism that's required to be part of an innovative and prestigious programme then we want to hear from you.

The routes into teaching we offer vary and we are committed to finding the right one for you, be it, if you are looking at making a career change, embark on a new career or want to develop your current career in education.

We are committed to finding the right route into teaching for you and offer open events throughout the year, to ensure you can find out more about our programmes in more detail via [www.mkitt.co.uk/open-events](http://www.mkitt.co.uk/open-events) or alternatively, please contact us on xxxx we would love to hear from you.





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## Exeter a learning community

### School Term Dates

### Academic Year 2021 – 2022

#### 2021

Term 1	Training Day	Wednesday 1 September
	Training Day	Thursday 2 September
	Re-open	Friday 3 September
	Closes	Friday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 1 November
	Closes	Friday 17 December

#### 2022

Term 3	Training Day	Tuesday 4 January
	Re-open	Wednesday 5 January
	Closes	Friday 11 February
Term 4	Training Day	Monday 21 February
	Re-open	Tuesday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 1 April
Term 5	Re-open	Tuesday 19 April
May Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 29 April
	Re-open	Tuesday 3 May
Spring Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 27 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 6 June
	Closes	Thursday 21 July
	Training Day	Friday 22 July