



Friday 24th
September
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WhatsUp @ EXETER

Pupil of the week (Crew)

17.9.21

Year 1: Ramsey, Harper and
Year 2: Evie, Harvey and Renae
Year 3: Leah, Charlie, Albin and Mollie

Year 4: Sienna, Betina, Tudor and Macie
Year 5: Aaron, Ana, Demi-Leigh and Mikelis
Year 6: Tyler, Harry, Fariah and Lily
Nurture: Jamie

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Year 1: Carlise, Kevin and Leila
Year 2: Jason, Rahees and Alyssa
Year 3: Devon, Lacey, Lionel and Ollie
Year 4: Kira, Kohen, Oliwia and Millie

Year 5: Medea, Marko, Anais and Moneeka
Year 6: Sara, Poppy, Daria and Leyton
Nurture: Jolie
Kirby: Alex

Upcoming Dates

Monday 11th October – Flu vaccinations
Monday 11th October – Year 3 bird visit
Thursday 14th October – School photos
Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October – parents evening.
Friday 22nd October – last day of term
Sunday 30th October – Deadline to apply for a secondary school place
Monday 1st November – first day of Autumn 2

Reading

At Exeter, we understand that reading is a vital life skill and we work hard to ensure that all of our children are fluent and able readers. We also understand that, as parents and carers, you play an important role in your children being able to read. In order to support you with this, children are bringing home books for you to share together. There is extensive research that shows the importance of children reading at home; reading at home during these formative years is correlated with better GCSE results, higher earnings during adulthood and, most importantly, happiness in later life. At Exeter, we expect that all children read to an adult at home at least five times a week. This will need to be recorded in their reading records. These will then be monitored in school by your child's teacher. However, we understand that this is not possible in all cases and that every family is different; therefore, we simply ask that if you are struggling to read with your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can look at putting additional support in at school.



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Crew

You may have noticed children around school wearing, red 'Crew Champion' jumpers and heard your children talking about 'Crew Time' in recent weeks. Crews are a new initiative at Exeter and they are all about developing small teams of children and adults in the school who meet each morning to check in and carry out a different activity each week. We link this to the idea of a crew of a ship or a boat who all look out and care for each other. Our current timetable is:



Monday – Celebration of national events e.g. Diwali, Black History Month or Christmas.

Tuesday – Academic crew with the children discussing their learning and progress with towards their merit badges.

Wednesday – Assembly looking at our school values

Thursday – Picture news which looks at British Values and national events

Friday – Celebration assembly and the awarding of the 'Crew Champion' certificate and jumper

The role of a Crew Lead is to develop relationships with every member of their crew in line with our school motto, 'Every child deserves a champion'. We look forward to celebrating more 'Crew Champions' and hope that each Crew will be able to take part in a 'mini-adventure' or trip across the academic year.

Phonics in Reception

We have been so excited to start our phonics journey. We are learning a new sound every day. We have learnt m, a, s, d, t, l, n, p and o so far. With our teachers help we are starting to use these sounds to make words. We have met Fred the Frog and are helping him blend his sounds together. Soon we will be able to

use our new sounds to start to read words by ourselves. We have tried to write our new sounds using their special rhymes.



Maisie, mountain, mountain



Around the apple and down the leaf



Slither down the snake



Around the dinosaurs bottom and up to his neck



Down the tower, across the tower



Down the insects body and a dot for his head.



Down Nobby and over his net



Down the pirates plait and around the pirates face



Round the girls face, down her hair and give her a curl



All around the orange



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Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the different types of teeth that we have and what their functions are. We have also been learning about the importance of cleaning your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste if we want to avoid the pain of cavities in our teeth in the future!



When examining different soil types in our curriculum lesson, we were shocked to see a tiny amphibian was staring back at us! We made sure it had some water and observed the newt with great interest before releasing it into a safe, outdoor habitat.



Parents evening

Bookings for this term's parents evening opens on Monday 27th September. We will be sending out a letter explaining how to book this via the school cloud website. These meetings can either be face to face in school, over the phone or online (TEAMS or Zoom). Please state your preference when you book.

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Healthy eating

At Exeter we promote healthy eating. This is at both break time and lunch.



Break time snack – it is really important that children have a break time snack to keep their energy levels (and therefore brain) fully charged. This should be a piece of fruit or healthy alternative. Please do not send in crisps, biscuits etc as these do not fit in with the healthy eating practice we are teaching the children. It is not so much the calorie intake (which packaging is now promoting) rather the high levels of salt and sugar.

Lunch boxes: Please ensure that lunch boxes have a balance of sandwich type food, fruit / vegetables and protein. Again, please refrain from chocolate, biscuits and crisps, which are high in salt and sugar.

Nut free school: We have children in school with severe nut allergies, so please do not send any food in which may contain nuts – this includes peanut butter and sandwich spreads e.g. Nutella.

We very much appreciate your support in this.

Play Equipment

Can we please remind parents the play equipment / trim trails on all playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school. Can we please ask that you do not let your child play on them. Thank you.



Attendance

We have noticed that attendance in school the last two weeks has been below the national expectation. Can we please remind you of the following:

If your child has a cold they can still come into school.

If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test, they will need a PCR test and to isolate until the results come back. If negative, they are to come back to school.

If a child tests positive for COVID, all brothers and sisters in the household should still attend school every day.

Please see attached to this newsletter full guidance on when to keep your child off and when to send in. Thank you.



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Our school / government minimum expectation is 96%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th September)
Reception	96.8
Year 1	91.3
Year 2	97.2
Year 3	90.8
Year 4	93.8
Year 5	93.2
Year 6	94.1

Year group	Attendance (Monday 20 th to Friday 25 th September)
Reception	92.9
Year 1	97.4
Year 2	93.8
Year 3	90.0
Year 4	90.0
Year 5	88.5
Year 6	92.4

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The Free Rangers Club is for children aged 7-17 with mild to moderate additional needs.
We have a brand new Breakfast Club from The Autumn Centre in Corby on Alternate Saturday mornings.



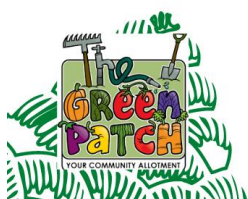
Activities:

Arts and craft, play dough making, trips out, making new friends and most importantly yummy breakfast!!

Times & Address:

Alternating Saturdays 9.30am-12.30pm
The Autumn Centre
Counts Farm Rd, Corby NN18 8BH

For more information please email vicky.bowden@groundwork.org.uk





Spooktacular Camp- Earlybird Bookings Open

Here at CSD Activity Camps, we are running our Spooktacular Camp from Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021 for Years 1 – 6 children.

This October, get ready for our Spooktacular week of Halloween fun! Simply enter discount code: **HalloweenCamp2021** and receive our earlybird discount!

Kids can take part in a variety of popular activities including sport, dance, drama, cooking and even Lego construction sessions, rounded off on the final day with a fancy dress Halloween party and exciting Halloween twist.

Book before the 30th September 2021 and you'll receive a generous 10% earlybird discount! Save money and get organised, book now for a guaranteed week of fantastic childcare in a fun, safe and educational environment. It's easy just click the

link www.csdactivitycamps.co.uk

Autumn Camp Venues

[Corby Business Academy](#)

[Cottingham C of E Primary School](#)

[Tresham College Corby Campus](#)

[Tresham College Kettering Campus](#)

[Kettering Buccleuch Academy](#)

CSD Activity Camps - Keep it safe, keep it fun and keep it local!



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Exeter a learning community

School Term Dates

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

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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

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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