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Pupil of the week (Crew Champion)

19.11.21

Year 1: Bruce and Kyle

Year 2: Greta, Lena and Nemanja

Nurture: Philip

Year 3: Arya, Bonnie-Rai, Layla and Kacey

Year 4: Iga, Peyton and Daniel

Year 5: Amber, Jayden S, Sinisa and Ire

Year 6: Elizabeth, Aarushi, and Angelina

Kirby: Samuel

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Year 1: Amber, Leyton and Adam

Year 2: Archie, Amelia and Paulius

Nurture: Charlie-Mae

Year 3: Christian, Lionel and Mollie

Year 4: Alizee, Norris and Imogen

Year 5: Melody, Sophia and Roxi

Year 6: Darina, Sylar and Cornelia

Kirby: Adriana

Message from Mr Nicholls – Head of School:

The weather is definitely turning and there is now a chill in the air. It's been lovely driving out of school to see Christmas decorations outside people's houses and I love the effort everyone is making. We will be receiving our Christmas trees shortly and I'm very excited for children to come and help to decorate them. On that note, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather; I know we've been fortunate for the weather being quite mild recently.

It's been lovely seeing the children back in to the dining halls this week and seeing children chatting with their friends. To say our children haven't sat with their Key Stage for lunch for the past year and half, the behaviour has been amazing! Well done everyone.

In school this week, we have seen the Junior Leadership Team elections. I'm absolutely blown away by the excitement and dedication from our candidates. The marketing campaigns and posters have been a pleasure to see around the school. By the end of today, all votes should have been cast and we will have a newly formed JLT by Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend. Please remember, if there is anything we can do to support or help with, please do come and see us or drop us a message. Together, we can achieve the impossible.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 30th November – School photo money deadline

Thursday 16th December – Christmas dinner

Thursday 16th December - Christmas fayre

Friday 17th December – Last day of term



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Christmas Fayre

On Thursday 16th December we will be holding a Christmas fayre. Each class has a budget to create a stall, with the aim to raising the most money. There will also be a Santa's grotto, hot food and drinks for sale. More details to follow, but start to save up those pennies!

Do you have your own business and would like a stall of your own? Please contact info@exeteralc.com to discuss. We will be asking for a donation of £10 for each stall.

Wellbeing Team

The Exeter Wellbeing Team is here to support with any safeguarding concerns that you may have. We can also offer support to families by directing them to support services within the local area. If you have any questions or matters that you would like to discuss, please contact Miss Doherty, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Moore or Miss Heron in school.



Christmas Dinners

Christmas dinner day will be on Thursday 16th December. Bookings must be made by Wednesday 8th December on the Kingswood website. Please check your emails for further details (and the end of this newsletter).



Foodbank collection

Every year we support our local foodbank as we know what a wonderful and vital resource it is. Each time, we are over whelmed with your generosity. We have decided this year to collect at the beginning of December as, after speaking to Corby Foodbank, this is a time when they start to run low with the run up to Christmas.

We would love it if each child could bring in at least one item from the list below (nothing fresh please). Please send your donations in with your child to their classroom from Monday 29th November to Wednesday 8th December.

Most Needed Items :-	Coffee	Shower Gel
Tinned Fish	Long life juice / squash	Tinned Rice Pudding & Custard
UHT Milk	Shampoo / Conditioner	Tinned Fruit

Please do not donate the following as they already have plenty in stock.

Cereals, Pasta & Rice and Tea.



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New adventures

After 16.5 years, Mrs MacLeod is leaving us to pursue a change in career. She has supported thousands of children over the years and we are very grateful for the dedication she has shown our school. We wish her luck in her new adventure.



PE kit:

Can we please remind parents of the following PE kit expectations:

- School logo red PE T-shirt (or plain white or red if not). No logos or patterns.
- Plain black jogging bottoms / shorts (no logos, patterns or colours).
- Their normal school jumper (no hoodies).

Thank you for your continued support.

Lunchtimes

As explained in a dojo message earlier this week, we are starting to move back to a 'normal' lunchtime where most children are now back in the dinner hall. After explaining this to the children on Monday, we started on Tuesday. So far, the children have adapted really well and it is as if we have never been away from the hall. Can we please ask for your help in the following:

- Ensure your child knows how to use a knife and fork correctly, including cutting with a knife.
- That all left over food goes back onto the plate / into their lunchbox and not on the floor.
- That we sit at a table facing their food, eating quietly.

Your support in this is much appreciated.

Start and end of day

It has now been a week since we lifted the one way restrictions and so far things seem to be going well. A few parents have commented it would still be helpful if parents and children continued to walk on the left, as there have been occasions when children have been knocked over due to crowded areas. Thank you.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated last week to our mufti day in support of Children in Need - we raised £284.31.





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Junior Leadership Team

In school, we are forming a Junior Leadership Team to help and support our Senior Leadership Team in making the important decisions around the school. Last week, Mr Nicholls presented to the children what we wanted to achieve and this involved them creating their marketing campaign to secure votes for them to be the JLT member. On Friday 26th November (today), each class have voted for the person they would like to see represent their class on the JLT. This really enhances our children's understanding of the British Value of democracy. From then, we will have a Junior Leadership Team to direct how we do things in school; children have a voice of what events take place and take a real ownership over their school. We will keep you updated on Dojo!

Updates from year groups

Nursery: Last week we celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week. Each day we set up an exciting invitation-to-play based on the nursery rhyme of the day. There was lots of counting as children added legs to their Incy Wincy Spiders. Children measured and named the parts of their bodies as we sang Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. We boogied on Down In The Jungle as we washed the animals' clothes and we developed our gross-motor skills as we Wound the Bobbin Up and bounced like Sleeping Bunnies.



FS2: Following on with our interest in owls, FS2 have been learning about the story 'Owl Babies'. We used our noticing lens to describe what the baby owls looked like. We also had a big discussion about how the baby owls would be feeling, when they were all alone in the forest at night.

This week we continued to explore what happens at night-time, in the story "Can't You Sleep Little Bear?". We made some fantastic predictions of why Little Bear can't sleep and thought very carefully about what could be keeping him awake.

In maths, we have been having lots of discussions about the different things we do during the day and night. We've also used everyday language to talk about our daily routines and compare them with our friends.

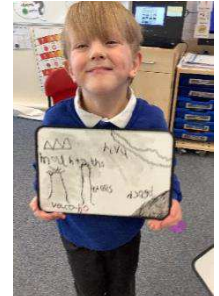


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Year 1: Over the past two weeks have been looking at different materials for astronauts costumes. We took this further to then see which materials would float and sink - they enjoyed using their investigate skills. In History we have been learning about Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman. In Geography they have been



learning about physical features and drew what they understood to be a feature on their whiteboards and they have been applying their phonics. Brilliant work Year 1!

Year 2: Over the past few weeks in Year 2 we have been so busy. The children have had so much fun working within their 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' topic by exploring different foods and how to prepare them. In addition to this, in science we have been designing our own experiment looking into the best way to melt chocolate. The children are so excited to carry out this experiment next week and compare their results. Finally, the children kicked off their new English topic with an experience session exploring gingerbread men ready for writing their instructions next week. Well done year 2!



Year 5: In Year 5 over the past couple of weeks we have been learning to code during our computing lessons. This week we were making sets of traffic lights change colour and then cars move across the screen





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Attendance

Our school / government minimum expectation is 96%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th November)
Reception	95.1
Year 1	96.1
Year 2	90.6
Year 3	90.3
Year 4	97.3
Year 5	95.9
Year 6	92.5
Total	93.1

Year group	Attendance (Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th November)
Reception	93.1
Year 1	96.6
Year 2	94.7
Year 3	92.2
Year 4	95.2
Year 5	93.9
Year 6	92.4
Total	94.0

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Christmas Dinner

This years Christmas Dinner will be held on

Thursday 16th DECEMBER 2021

**This must be booked by Wednesday 8th
December 2021 at Midnight**

Please book in the usual way at

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

Not registered for dinners?

Then go on-line, register and book.

Need to talk to us?

Please e-mail us on

enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk





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School Term Dates

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

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Term 3	Training Day Re-open Closes	Tuesday 4 January Wednesday 5 January Friday 11 February
Term 4	Training Day Re-open	Monday 21 February Tuesday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 1 April
Term 5	Re-open	Tuesday 19 April
May Bank Holiday	Closes Re-open	Friday 29 April Tuesday 3 May
Spring Bank Holiday	Closes	Thursday 26 May
Term 6	Re-open Closes Training Day	Monday 6 June Thursday 21 July Friday 22 July