



Friday 10th
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Pupil of the week (Crew)

3.12.21

Year 1: Ana, Natalia and Sonia

Year 2: Jessica, Peter and Andreea

Nurture: Noah

Year 3: Sofia R, Ali, Rowan and Leonardo

Year 4: Alice, Jacob and Charlotte

Year 5: Nata, Ashan, Elizabeth and Alex K

Year 6: Jessica, Avaneesh and Leyton

Kirby: Connor

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Year 1: Lacey, Daley and Anastasia

Year 2: Blossom, Layton R and Rhylee

Nurture: Jolie

Year 3: Ali K, Sagar, Nathan and Ollie

Year 4: Rumen and Jovana R

Year 5: Chloe, Isla, Honey-Rose and Cody M

Year 6: Liam N, Lexie and Caleb

Kirby: Daisy

Message from Mr Nicholls – Head of School:

I'm pleased to announce we have formed our Junior Leadership Team. A couple of weeks ago, Miss Light and I asked our children who would like to be part of the JLT and they had to create their own election campaign. The posters and conversations for canvassing people's votes were just simply brilliant. I was fortunate to listen to some speeches from some candidates, and I think Boris Johnson needs to watch out because we have some future Prime Ministers in our school. The level of maturity, authenticity and kindness from the candidates to their people blew me away.

The Junior Leadership Team is the voice of their class and they will shape how the school is run. I'm very much looking forward to the JLT's help in achieving our vision and goals for Exeter. We have had two meetings so far and we have decided that the JLT will be identified by wearing a different coloured jumper, which they decided will be green. When the JLT are on official business, in the school, they will be identified also by wearing a lanyard. Their next mission is to find out what jobs need to happen around the school so they've gone back to their classes to find this out and ready to feedback next week.

It is worth noting that there are two routes to join the JLT. One is by annual election and the second are those children who are recommended by staff, children and visitors for being the best role model inside and outside of the classroom. This will happen few and far between but when it does, it will be a momentous occasion where parents and carers will be notified and the identified children will be presented with their green jumper in a special assembly.

Congratulations to our successful candidates. I look forward to working with you to making the school even better than it already is.



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Upcoming Dates

Thursday 16th December – Christmas dinner

Thursday 16th December - Christmas fayre

Friday 17th December – Last day of term

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.

Due to COVID, this will be held outside (fingers crossed for good weather) so please wrap up warm. We ask that you have lots of loose change as we would rather not be giving out lots of change and handling money where possible – lets keep everyone safe. This will straight after school until 4:30pm (or before if we sell out – fingers crossed).



Christmas Dinners

Christmas dinner day will be on Thursday 16th December. Booking closed on Wednesday 8th December so if you have not ordered please ensure you send your child in with a packed lunch that day please.

Christmas Cards

Parents have been asking us to provide a class list so their children can write Christmas / holiday cards to their friends.

This has to be managed in a safe and secure way. We are happy to provide a class list of first names only through Dojo messaging service.

Thank you to those parents who responded, the lists will hopefully be sent out later today so you have the weekend to write the cards.



Foodbank collection

As always, we were overwhelmed by the kind donations from our parents. As you can see, the foodbank will be very grateful for all the items collected. This photo just shows the collection from two year groups. So much more in the other hall!



Homework

Last month we sent out a letter explaining our homework expectation for children at Exeter.

1. Children should have the opportunity to read at home every day, and as often to an adult as possible. It is proven that the more fluent a child is at reading in primary school, the better their career chances are once they enter adulthood. Please record each time your child reads in their purple reading record.
2. Maths – We are asking that children complete at least 30 minutes a week on Numbots / Timetables Rockstars, where they rehearse their number bonds and timetables facts. By the end of Year 4 it is a national expectation (which the children are tested on) to know all their timetables up to 12x12 fluently. We recommend 5 minutes a day rather than one 30 minute session, as little and often has a far greater impact of committing learning to their long term memory.

Goodbye

We would like to wish Miss Varley, our sports coach, good luck as she has decided to persue a new career. The children will miss you.

Dancing Success

Last weekend, Kira in Year 4 travelled to Lincoln to compete in a Highland Dance completion. Not content in winning individual first place awards in 'Fling, Swords, Seann Truibhas and Special Fling', she also won overall winner in her age group. Well done.



Attendance

Our school / government minimum expectation is **96%**

Year group	Monday 29 th November to Friday 3 rd December	Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th December
Reception	88.8	90.8
Year 1	97.1	93.9
Year 2	86.3	90.0
Year 3	93.0	90.9
Year 4	95.2	95.5
Year 5	90.4	92.9
Year 6	93.2	94.9

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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 Bank Holiday (school)	Thursday 26 May Friday 27 th May
Term 6	Re-open Closes Training Day	Monday 6 June Thursday 21 July Friday 22 July