

'Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.'

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3rd November 2023

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

Thank you for your support and understanding regarding the school closure. I hope everyone was safe and well yesterday. Considering the reports of local flooding and trees in the roads, it certainly was the right decision to minimise travel and 'batten down the hatches' to keep our children safe.

Our school was checked by our estates team and is safe for us today.

Remembrance Day

Poppies will be on sale for a charitable donation from Monday. We will hold a silence on Wednesday in our worship where we will talk about why we remember fallen soldiers and we will pray for peace.



Reach Out

Life can be hard, particularly at this time of year. If you are struggling financially, emotionally or health wise; please, please seek support.

There should be no shame attached to asking for help. We encourage the children all the time to tell us if they are worried, say if they don't understand something and ask for help.

We adults need to be better at this!

Here are some links you may find supportive:

Legal support

[Home - Citizens Advice Devon \(cabdevon.org.uk\)](https://www.cabdevon.org.uk)

Mental health support

[Devon Mind, leading the fight for mental health in Devon](#)

[TALKWORKS | Mental Health Support for Devon \(dpt.nhs.uk\)](https://dpt.nhs.uk)

Lots of other services can be found here:

[Pinpoint thousands of services and community groups across Devon \(pinpointdevon.co.uk\)](https://pinpointdevon.co.uk)

Attendance

In assembly this week we thought about what we love about our school and the importance of having good attendance. Not only do we want all of our children to have a good education and good learning experience, we also want them to build and maintain friendships and develop resilience. This will help them foster good habits for the future.

Many of the children admitted to sometimes not wanting to come to school, but when they get here that feel fine. Of course, if they are ill, we don't want them here! We will always send children home if they are too poorly to be here.

Time off for holidays is not authorised and may result in a fine from the authority.

Attendance at Exbourne is good compared to other school across the trust and nationally, let's keep it this way!

Staffing news

Mrs Lloyd is teaching in Class One on Thursdays and Fridays, she knows the school well as she has taught here last year. She will be here on a Wednesday for a smooth hand over from Miss Whiteley.

Sadly, Mrs Webix will be leaving at Christmas. She has been successful in an appointment to a new role, much closer to her home. We are happy for her, but we will miss her greatly. This means we will be having two classes in the mornings as well as afternoons. We will say goodbye to her well on the last week of term.

Reflective Clothing

As the nights get darker, please consider what you and your children are wearing to be safe. This picture was shared with me and is a shocking illustration of how important it is to be seen.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th November – Parent Meetings – please sign up with Mrs Chapman

Thursday 16th November – Messy Church -all families welcome straight after school

Wednesday 6th December – 2.30pm Carol Concert

Tuesday 12th December 2.30pm and 5.30pm Rec, Y1& Y2 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December – whole school pantomime trip

Friday 15th December – last day

Wishing our families and community a lovely weekend; wrap up warm and be safe as this storm passes.

Tara Penny
Principal

