



## Exbourne: Encouraging Excellence

School Newsletter  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

'Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24

Dear Exbourne Families and Friends,

Thank you to all who were able to come to our Easter service yesterday. It was a lovely event! The children sang beautifully, and so did the adults! Thank you to Miss Whitley who has worked for many years leading singing at Exbourne. I hope you enjoyed the poem by Olive class, and the readings by Dove class. As the rain lashes against the window, I think of Evie Mae's Blessing thanking God for the rain that makes the flowers grow, but can we have some sunshine now, please?

It was a super busy day as we also had an Easter crafts session and the Easter Bunny visited our playground when we were not looking! We did find the eggs she left for us though.

Huge thanks to our parents who organised the bake sale after school, to those who contributed treats and to those who bought them too! Our PFA are looking forward to using the funds to plan exciting events in the summer term.

### Staff News

Miss Chapman, who has been in Dove class, is transferring over to the Promise School. We will miss her, but know she will be a great asset to the children there. We thank her for her enthusiasm and hard work while she has been placed with us.

### North Tawton Park

If you use the park in North Tawton, you will know it is a wonderful space, but some of the play equipment is in urgent need of repair. The Town Council have secured some funding to address this and have asked me to be in the working party to decide how this money is spent. Please share with me your views so I can represent them in our next meeting.

[North Tawton Park Consultation](#)



### **Tin Can Collection**

Mike would like to continue the tin can collection after the Easter holidays. Please bring along your cola, soda / pop, beer and cocktail cans to school on Wednesday where there will be a box at the gate. The cans will be recycled, and the money obtained will be given to the charity Families in Greif, a very worthy cause.



[Help for grieving children & families | Families in Greif](#)

### **Attendance**

Well done to Olive class last week for 100%  
This week Dove made the 100%

Olive Class **100%** last week, 99% this week  
Dove Class 98% last week, **100%** this week

**100%**

I am delighted with the improvements in attendance. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Staff training**

Have you ever wondered what staff do on INSET days and in staff meetings?

This term, we have been focused on working together to improve standards in maths and writing. The whole primary teacher group have come together for twilight sessions to implement new ways to teach maths and writing, and we have worked across our DMAT schools to moderate writing standards across the Trust.

Our staff team have had training regarding Inclusion – specifically introducing the Zones of Regulation and learning how to support pupils who have experienced adverse childhood experiences and trauma.

On our INSET day Thursday, all staff are involved in reviewing our work and our next steps. Foundry staff will be working in phases, Early Years, KS1 and KS2 to plan for the term ahead. Our SEND team will meet together and we have practitioners from each school training in an intervention called Lego Therapy.

Next term we will continue to build on these areas and the work we have started in our Foundry Hub regarding equality, diversity and inclusion.

Our staff who teach our Read Write Inc phonics programme have regular training, observation and opportunities to share best practice throughout the year.

### **Facebook**

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## Exbourne 40 Acts of Kindness



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<b>Lent 2024</b>	1 Tell someone how much you love and appreciate them	2 Draw a picture for a friend.	3 Share a toy or game with a friend or sibling.	4 Forgive someone who upset you.	5 Pick up litter.
6 Say Good Morning to everyone you see on the way to school.	7 Tidy up in class, without being asked to.	8 Look after someone who looks sad.	9 Say sorry if you made a wrong choice.	10 Make a card for someone <u>too</u> make them smile.	11 Say thank you to someone at home who has helped you.
12 Listen to a sibling / friend read.	13 Make a thank you card for someone.	14 Remember to say please.	15 Remember to say thank you.	16 Ask 'can I help?' at school and at home.	17 Help tidy up at home.
18 Draw a picture for a friend.	19 Help cook a meal.	20 Smile at everyone you see during the day.	21 Praise someone in class for their work.	22 Help a friend or sibling with their homework.	23 Let someone else go first.
24 Play with someone you don't usually play with.	25 Tidy up your bedroom, without being asked or reminded to!	26 Say a prayer for someone else.	27 Say thank you to an adult at school who has helped you.	28 Give someone a compliment.	29 Hold a door open for someone else.
30 Make a bookmark for a friend.	31 Write a letter to a relative.	32 Help lay the table or do the dishes.	33 Donate a book or toy to a sibling, friend, or charity shop.	34 Tell a joke to make someone laugh.	35 Help with the chores at home.
36 Make a drink for someone at home (don't use the kettle on your own!)	37 Write a poem or a rap about someone to cheer them up.	38 Help to look after a pet.	39 Make an Easter card for someone at home.	40 Share some sweets or chocolate.	<b>We are going to try to do one of these every day this Lent.</b>

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I have really enjoyed hearing about how children and families have engaged with our 40 Acts of Kindness this Lent. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and enjoy sharing some treats on Sunday!

1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

With very best wishes for the Easter holiday,

Tara Penny  
Principal





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March



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TIME?                    *9.00 - 10.00 am.            10.00 - 11.00 am*

WHAT AGE?            *6 - 10 Years old            11 - 15 Years old*

COST?                    *£30 for 6 week course*

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With Lisa Hutchins*