



## Exbourne: Encouraging Excellence

School Newsletter  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

Dear Exbourne Families and Friends,

As always, it has been a busy and exciting half term. Please see our Facebook page for class news and of photographs of our learning. There you will see our work with Devon Wildlife Trust, lots of maths work, design and technology projects, practical science and story writing. Next term we will post more stories on Facebook as parents have told us they love to see our learning this way.

### **Worship**

Continuing our theme of perseverance, in Worship this week we had a very noisy rendition of Joshua leading his people to scream, shout and play trumpets to make the walls of Jericho tumble down! They followed God's instructions, persevered and were rewarded.

We have also been learning about Lent which starts in the half term week. We learnt about Jesus persevering in the desert; ignoring temptation and focusing on God. We learnt about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, which this year also Valentine's Day! There will be requests for pancakes next week, I'm sure!



## Exbourne 40 Acts of Kindness

In the spirit of our vision: 'to spur one another to love and good deeds,' we have decided to have 40 days where we do at least one act of kindness each day. We have created a menu of kind acts and deeds to perform during Lent. They don't have to be done in order, and they can all be done more than once!

Each pupil has a copy of their own to keep.

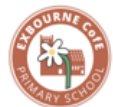


### Exbourne 40 Acts of Kindness



<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 <a href="#">to</a> 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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## Attendance

Well done to all our families, attendance has improved this half term!

Olive Class 99% last week, 97% this week

Dove Class 98% last week, 98% this week



## **SIAMS**

As you know, we had our SIAMS inspection on Monday. It really was a privilege to show our inspector our wonderful school. She met with staff and parents, spent time with children in class, worship and lunch time. She looked at the RE books and our Spirituality Portfolio. She examined our policies, curriculum, governing body minutes, monitoring files and school evaluations. She also met with Trust leaders to triangulate the evidence she had collected.

It was an intense day, much like an OFSTED, but I can honestly say I was proud to show her (and the inspector inspecting her!) how we are living up to the Christian ethos of our school and the great work we are doing together to enable all of our community to flourish.

I was really proud to show the inspector (and the inspector inspecting the inspector!) the school and talk about the work we're doing together. I completely agree with the actions for further improvements. The report should be shared soon.

I look forward to sharing the report with you once it is published.

## **Movie Night**

Thank you to our PFA for last Friday's Movie Night. After some technical issues, the children and adults enjoyed watching Dawn of the Nugget and eating popcorn! What else would you like to do as a parent group? Do let the PFA or me know and let's see what we can do!

## **Parking**

It has been brought to my attention that a few parents are parking outside the school. For the safety of our children, please park away from the yellow lines and walk up. Thank you.

## **A Prayer for the King**

You will know that our King has shared the sad news that he has been diagnosed with cancer. He has encouraged us all, particularly men, to make sure we are regularly screening for any abnormalities. Please can I encourage you to feel your body for lumps and bumps, check moles and birth marks for colour and shape changes and see your GP if you have any concerns.

*Dear God,*

*We pray for the King's health, for Her Majesty The Queen, for his family, and for all who care for him. We remember with thanksgiving and prayer the medical teams caring for him and for all those who are undergoing diagnosis and treatment at this time. As The King encourages understanding for all those who are affected by cancer, we also hold dear those in our wider community who continue to be affected by cancer. Amen*

[Prayer for HM The King Charles III - The Association of English Cathedrals](#)

With very best wishes for a happy week ahead. I look forward to seeing you all after the holiday.

Tara Penny

Principal

## Made Well

Madewell in Hatherleigh have some lovely activities for children next week, and all year round.



### Half Term Fun at Made-Well

Book via our website: [www.made-well.co.uk](http://www.made-well.co.uk)

#### Little Potters

Tuesday 13th February  
9.30 until 11.30am OR 1 until 3pm

Join us this half term in our pottery studio!

Limited Spaces!

This session includes painting and decorating two items and the opportunity to make your own piece.

£12.00 per child with one accompanying adult (inc. the two items, use of materials and kiln).

#### Little Bakers

Wednesday 14th February  
10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm

Join us this half term for some baking fun!

Limited Spaces!

The session includes preparing, baking and decorating 6 cupcakes (per child).

£10.00 per child, with one accompanying adult.

#### Little Woodworkers

Thursday 15th February  
10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm

Join us this half term in our wood workshop!

Limited Spaces!

The session includes the preparation, painting and assembling of a piece of woodwork.

£10.00 per child, with one accompanying adult.

#### Little Explorers

Friday 16th February  
10am - 12pm (registration at 9.30)

Join us this half term at our woodland site Longlands! Near Petrockstowe

Activities will include making a camp fire, a craft activity plus toasting marshmallows and making s'mores.

Age 5 years +

£15.00 per child, accompanying adults are free.

#### Lambing Experience

For adults and children from 7th February.

Spend time with our ewes and new born lambs. You may even have the opportunity to be there whilst a lamb is being born!

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#### Animal Club Half Term Special

Tuesday 13th February 1-2:30pm

Spend time with our animals, learning all about them, what they enjoy and how to care for them. As part of the session you will get the chance to groom and feed our animals, sit with the small ones/the big ones (our Shetland ponies and goats) out for a walk! There are also craft and painting activities. £8 per person (including craft), with one free accompanying adult guardian per family. Children aged one & under go free.

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