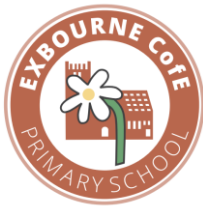


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03<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear Exbourne Families,

### **Rainbow Day**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, all Trust schools celebrated Rainbow Day. At Exbourne we wore rainbow-coloured clothes and in our classes and in assembly, learnt more about diversity and acceptance.



### **Menadue Residential**

Last week, our Year 4 and 5 pupils joined other schools for an amazing three day residential at Menadue, Tintagel. They had a fun-packed three days and enjoyed a range of activities including surfing, archery and cooperative games. Thank you to Mr Hill, Mrs Jones and the team for looking after them and giving them such great memories.

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### **Move Up Day**

Last Thursday, our children spent time in their new classes with their new teachers. Years 4 and 5 met Mrs Birnie who joins us from North Tawton. Our Year 6 children have all had transition days in their new secondary schools which they all say they have enjoyed and are very positive about.

### **Congratulations**

Training to be a teacher does not stop when you qualify. In their first two years, qualified teachers are called Early Careers Teachers (ECT) and continue to benefit from additional training while in post as teachers. I am delighted to announce that Miss Weber has passed her Early Careers Teacher period with flying colours – congratulations!

### **School Development and Staff Training**

Throughout the year, our staff engage in different aspects of training which complement our whole school focus, and individual areas of responsibility. This year at Exbourne, a school focus has been embedding our phonics programme Read Write Inc and our science, geography, and history base curriculum. We have also been looking at how our school reflects a Christian identity as a church school. There will be more of this next year as we further develop our understanding of Hebrews 10:24-25:

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

Each week our staff meet for training and development time to learn together and share our learning. I am currently reviewing our Academy Improvement Plan and working with colleagues to plan our focus for the year ahead.

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### **Macbeth and Moon Thieves**

Children and staff are working hard to wow you with their performances at the end of the year. Class 1 will share with us their performances in an original compilation called Moon Thieves. Class 2 and 3 will be performing 'The Scottish Play' Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Thank you to the parents who have been helping us source costumes and props. I am looking forward to both shows enormously!

### **Farewell**

On Friday we said farewell to Sasha and Artem who are traveling back to their home and family in Ukraine. They generously brought in food to share with their classes and flowers for the staff. Their homemade Ukrainian flag biscuits were delicious! We wish them and their family a safe journey and all the very best in the future.

### **Reading at the Burrow**

This continues to be a fabulous event, well loved by children and the local community. We only have Tuesday 11th July this month as we have so many other fun events to squeeze in! We will continue this in the new school year, so please do let friends and family know. We'd love to read to them!





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### **Sunny days**

As our sunny weather continues, please can I remind you that children need suncream, sun hats and a bottle for water every day. They do still need to be wearing uniform, including our PE kit uniform. Thank you.

### **This week**

Don't forget this week we have a day trip to North Tawton on Tuesday– packed lunches needed, Wednesday our Sports Day and Summer Fair and the PTA Disco on Friday.

I have a medical procedure on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July and will be away from work for a few days for recovery. In my absence, safeguarding concerns can be raised with Miss Whitley or Mrs Chapman who are both trained and know what support to get if need be.

### **Final Thoughts and Reflections**



In these final weeks of the school year, please take time to consider how each of us can take responsibility for spurring each other on so we can all enjoy these great end of term events and activities.

Dear God,

Dear heavenly Father, I know that my words and actions have influence on those around me. I pray that you help me be conscious today so that my words and actions provoke good works in others. Help me lift them up. Help me encourage them. Help me motivate others to be the best version of themselves, as you motivate me to be the best version of myself. Amen.

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With very best wishes,  
Tara Penny  
Principal

**Diary Dates and Events**

- 04<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Visit to North Tawton Primary**
- 05<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Sports Day - Starting @ 1.30pm @ The Field**
- 07<sup>th</sup> July – PFA – Leavers and End of Term Disco**
- 07<sup>th</sup> July – Exbourne Primary Closed – Teacher Strike Day**
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Residential**
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 meet the tutor for Okehampton College**
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Class 1 Play Performance – 2.30pm & 5.30pm – all welcome**
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – Class 2/3 Play Performance – 5.30pm – all welcome**
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – Class 2/3 Play Performance – 2.00pm – all welcome**
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – Messy Church Session – 3.30pm – 5.00pm**
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers Service @ Church – 2.30pm**
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term**

**New September Starters Visits to Exbourne School**

**05<sup>th</sup> July – 11.45am – 3.30pm**

**12<sup>th</sup> July – 11.45am – 3.30pm**