



Exbourne: Encouraging Excellence

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

School News 20th December 2024

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

Well, what a wonderful December! The school looks amazing with the trees and decorations. Thank you to the staff, PFA, parents and children for being lots of festive cheer the last two weeks.

The children really enjoyed their pantomime trips, thank you to our PFA for subsidising the cost.

We all were treated to a wonderful Nativity by Olive Class, I Spy Christmas, they acted and sang so well!

My highlight was our beautiful carol service at the church. It was such a spiritual and moving experience to come together and share our service with our community. I love the inclusion of Makaton to our hymns, lovely to bring a new tradition to our worship. I was so pleased that so many came back to the school for our mince pie and cuppa after party!

The children really enjoyed their Christmas craft afternoon, and I hear a special visitor dropped by!

Of course there has been lots of work taking place too! I am pleased with the progress our children are making in maths, reading and writing and the enthusiasm they have for all of the subjects they are learning in school. We still need to keep making progress, particularly with spelling!

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Attendance this Term

Whole school 97.03%

Olive 97.74%

Dove 96.35%

Attendance Matters



11 children have had 100% attendance this term, and received a certificate today.

Attendance at Exbourne still remains one of the best in the Trust, and above national for this time of year. Well done everyone!



First Aid Advice

I shared this remainder with staff this week regarding what to do if someone is choking.

[Learn choking first aid | British Red Cross](#)

This is excellent advice for everyone, in school and at home.

Christmas Quiz Night

This was a lot of fun! Thank you to our PFA for hosting the quiz and organising the refreshments and to all who donated raffle prizes and came along.

Same again soon?



I saw these on Facebook this week and thought it was a good reminder for us all to look after ourselves and each other at this time of year:

You're going to come in contact with an awful lot of people who are at their absolute breaking point this season. Friends, family, co-workers, teachers, strangers in the grocery store, retail workers.

While it may be the merriest time of the year for some, it's the saddest, loneliest, most stressful for so many others.

We're all busy, but we're not too busy to be kind, caring and patient. Remember the best thing you can give someone right now is love.

Amy Weatherly



In Worship today we blew bubbles of thanks for all of the adults at home and at school who work hard to look after us. We particularly sent thanks for the extra work adults have done at school and are doing at home so we have a lovely Christmas.

We shared this Christmas prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson

Dear God,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Wishing everyone a gentle Christmas holiday,

Tara Penny
Principal



Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 7th January – Back to School

Wednesday 8th January at 5.30pm - Y6 Residential Parent meeting at North Tawton

5th and 6th June – Year 3 and Year 4 camping residential

17th – 20th June Y6 Cambridge

30th June – 2nd July – Year 5 residential to Bristol