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# Newsletter



16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term 2022-23! Pupils and staff have begun an exciting year at Exbourne C of E Primary School with lots of wonderful learning started already. I wish to extend an extra warm welcome to our new Early Years pupils and to their parents/ carers into our school community. It has already been fantastic to see how they have so easily integrated into school life following our enhanced transition in the Summer term. All pupils are now settling well and, with changes in our staff team, it sets to be a successful year ahead!

We welcome Miss Weber in Class 2, Mr Bartlett in Class 3 and also Miss Holdsworth as support staff in Class 1. A warm welcome to Miss Jacqui Dart also, our SENDco (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) who is quickly getting to know the children and families at Exbourne. Our staff team are compassionate, caring and ready for the year ahead and the challenges it may bring. We want to work in partnership with all parents to do our very best for your child(ren).

## Reflection

It has been a reflective start to the term with the news of the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II. We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

*Exbourne and Jacobstowe parishes will hold a Special Commemoration Service marking the death of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11 a.m. in St Mary's Church Exbourne.*



We will observe the national holiday on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September for Her Majesty's funeral, which means school will be closed on that day, but outside of this, school hours will continue as normal. We join the nations in remembering her incredible sense of duty and caring nature with a strong focus on values.

*'May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.'*

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## Observing our values

At Exbourne C of E Primary, we are embracing our Trust co-operative and Christian values, enacting our vision – ‘*Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.*’ Our focus Christian value this half term is **RESPECT**. This value fits with our embedding our behaviour expectations at this time of the school year. We teach our children to speak respectfully, to behave respectfully, to respect our school environment and to have respect for their own and others learning. A reminder of our Golden Rules can be found [here](#) –

## Our Golden Rules



Listen to and respect  
each other



Work hard and keep  
trying



Be polite and show  
good manners



Take care of ourselves  
and each other

Please talk to your child about showing respect in and out of school so that we can all work together on our core Christian value. We expect all children to follow our behaviour policy as well as to show respect to both adults and children in school.

**RESPECT is ...** treating someone how you and they want to be treated. Caring about the thoughts and feelings of someone else. Thank you for supporting our important work on values in school.

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## **Values Champions**



Our Values Champions this term are – Seren, Maisy, Zola, Jack, Ebony, Nate, Hamish, Mia, Isabella and Amelia. We will be looking out for our school values as well as doing special jobs around the school, during collective worship and in our local church. Our Values Champions are the voice of our children – here is what they have to say so far:

**We harvest the apples off the tree, decorate the Christmas tree, help to say the prayer and blow out the candle during worship.**

**Ebony**

**Being a Values Champion means that we can report back to Mrs Petersen who is showing RESPECT across the school.**

**Jack**

**We can help to do collective worship and do other things across the school. We can give our ideas to help to make the school better.**

**Zola**

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## Curriculum news

This term, we see the return of Mrs V Jordan to teach French, Mr W Pugh, our PE specialist, Mrs Jolliffe teaching Music and Mrs Davis teaching Drama. We are also fortunate to welcome back Sarah from the Devon Wildlife Trust who will be working with a small group of pupils in Wellbeing sessions to enhance their self-esteem and sense of belonging. Teachers have collated their curriculum maps and you will find these attached to this newsletter and also on our website in the Learning Hub. Please ask your child about their learning at home – together, we can bring the curriculum alive and help our children to be the best version of themselves.



Swimming sessions have begun well at our local pool, Aquastars Academy of Swimming where we will be improving pupils' water confidence and swimming ability over the Autumn on a Tuesday afternoon.

**Reminder:** Pupils can come into school in their PE kit on a Tuesday, with their swimming kit in a separate bag. We have a PE session with Mr Pugh in the morning followed by swimming in the afternoon. An active day for all!

## Reading at home

All children have been issued with a Reading Record and will be bringing their reading books between home and school. Shared reading is an excellent way to develop children's language and communication as well as boost their reading skills. Try to create a regular reading routine at home so that the children can continue to practice the skills we are teaching in school – from Phonics and early fluency through to summarising and making predictions about a text in KS2. Please ensure that your child(ren) has their reading record and book with them every day. Many thanks for your support with Reading.

**A CHILD  
WHO READS  
WILL BE AN ADULT  
WHO THINKS.**



We continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme for reading fluency as well as Guided Reading sessions and extra reading with an adult for those children who need extra practice. Reading unlocks many doors and enables children to access all of our learning areas.

**MUSIC LESSONS** : We are pleased to tell parents that we will be offering peripatetic music lessons in piano, violin, viola and cello with Mr Nick Bryant on a Thursday in school. Please come along to Nick's Music assembly for children and parents to sample his talent on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3pm in the hall.

Probably best known for reaching the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent 2016 with the Collaborative Orchestra Nick Bryant has over 10 years experience as a piano, violin and singing teacher. Nick teaches the ABRSM and Trinity syllabuses (as well as students who don't want to take exams) and music theory. He is also an experienced choir leader and teaches in North Tawton Primary. Nick teaches all ages and abilities. The emphasis is that music

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lessons are fun, encouraging and delivered with a caring teaching style. For violin lessons I can also help with buying or hiring of equipment.

### Reminders!

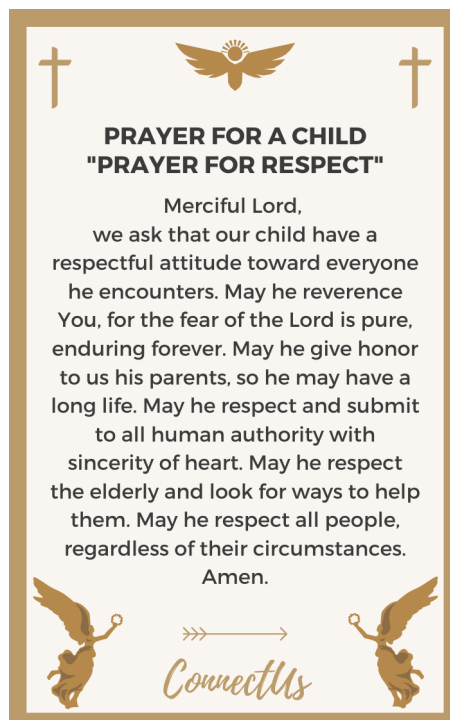
- The school day begins at 8.50am when the gates open. There is always a member of staff on the gate should you wish to ask anything or pass on a message to your child's class teacher. Register is at 9am.
- PE kits can be worn into school on Tuesdays, with swimming kits either worn underneath (to ease changing) or in a separate bag.
- Please note, jewellery items are not permitted in school. If girls have their ears pierced, a small studded earring is allowed. Please review our uniform expectations on [Hub - Parents - Carers - EXBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL \(exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://www.exbourne-primary.devon.sch.uk/hub-parents-carers)
- Please ensure that your child(ren) has their reading record and book with them every day. Many thanks for your support with home Reading.

We have had a great start to the school year so far! Let's continue to work together across the Autumn term so that we can help the children of Exbourne get the best possible start.

The staff at Exbourne C of E Primary wish you all a restful weekend and we will see you again on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Kindest wishes,

Mrs Petersen, Principal





# PHOTO GALLERY



Fun on the bikes in Class 1



Wellbeing session in the Church yard



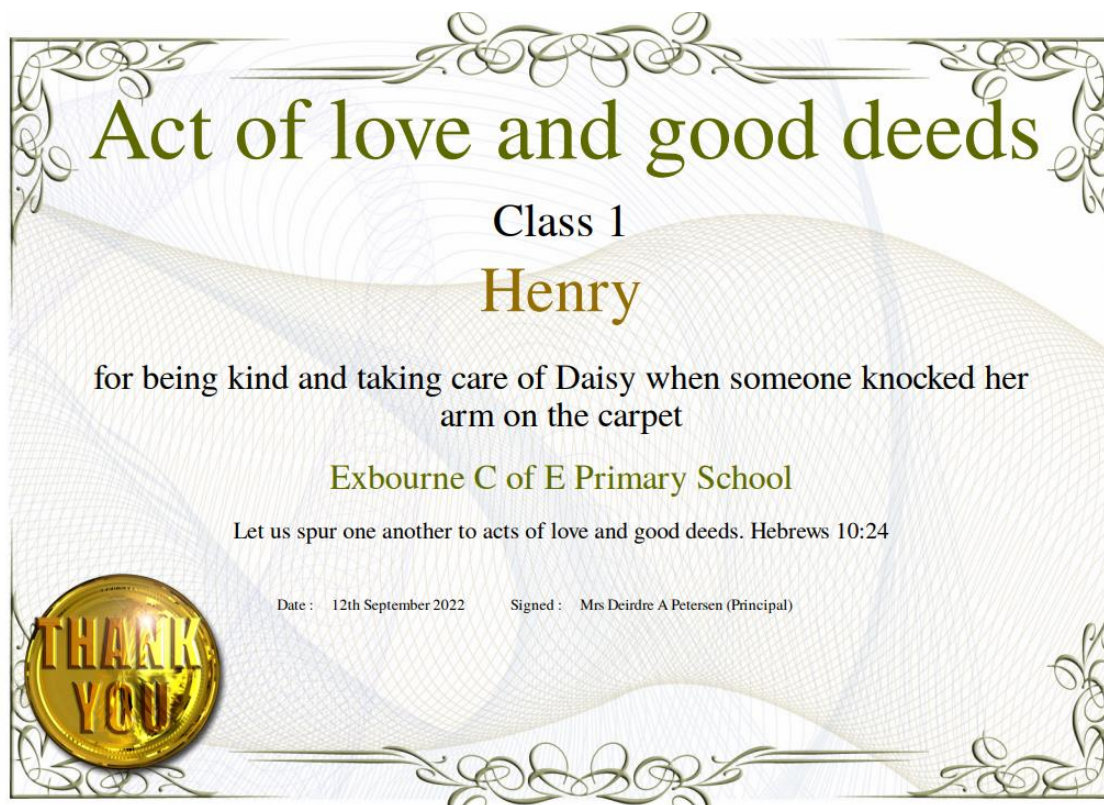
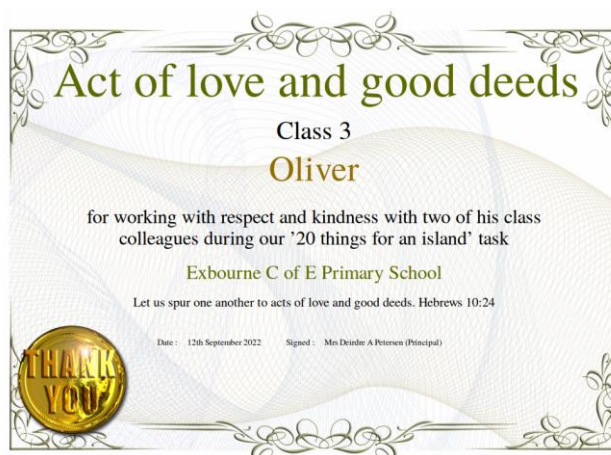
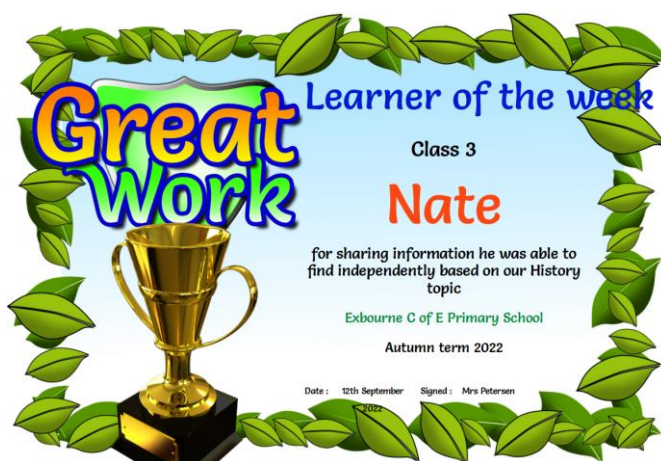
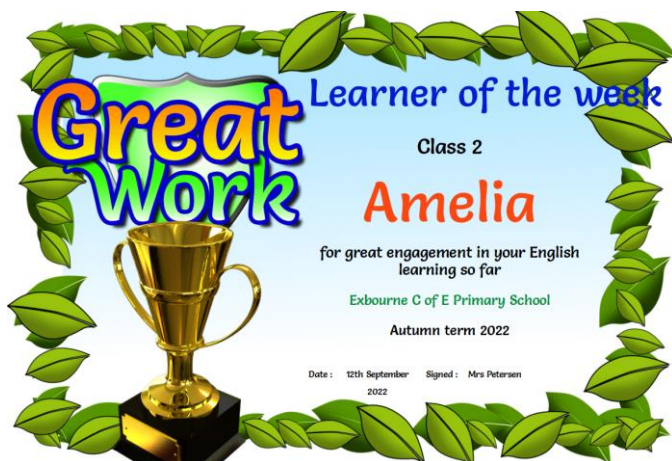


Quiet time at lunch – Lego therapy

# Achievement Assembly









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## **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Bank Holiday (HM Queen Elizabeth II funeral)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – SWIMMING (and every Tuesday this term), Aquastars

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – MUSIC assembly, N Bryant, parents welcome, 3pm start

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Junior Life Skills, Parklands Leisure Centre, 9.30am – 12

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Flu Vaccination for all years

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – NSPCC workshop for Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 Parent information evening French Trip to Normandy, 3.45pm Boasley Cross

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October – PARENT FORUM – 3.45pm in the hall, all parents welcome!

HALF TERM WEEK – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parent Consultations, 1.30pm start – please book a slot at the school office

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Homework Celebration 9.15am – all parents welcome!

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school theatre trip – Robin Hood pantomime, Northcott Theatre, Exeter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of the Autumn term



**This week's whole school attendance is 96.1%**