

# School Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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

Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

It's the first of December and it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! The children have been practicing their carols, KS1 have been rehearsing their Nativity, and the staff have been up in the school loft getting the decorations down!

There will be a hive of activity after school tonight and over the weekend to transform the school ready for Monday.



## Staffing

We are hoping that Mrs Webix will be back before the end of term and we are hoping to have a permanent member of staff for Thursday and Fridays in Class 1 in January. Thank you so much for supporting us during this time. The children have been brilliant and have coped well with the change of class groupings. They do us proud!

## Music Lessons

A message from Nick Bryant, our brilliant music teacher, who is here on Fridays.

I teach piano, strings (violin, viola, cello), guitar and singing. Please contact me directly on [dartmoormusic@outlook.com](mailto:dartmoormusic@outlook.com) to arrange lessons. Rates are MU minimum £12.83 for twenty minute lessons, but please contact me if costing is an issue and we can try to work around.

## Christian Aid

We are pleased to have raised £28.45 for Christian Aid. Thank you for your contributions.

From the website [Our aims | Christian Aid](#)



**Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.**

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.

For over 70 years, we've been standing with the poorest of our neighbours. We work in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

Together we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Our voices and actions are stronger together. And with your help, we can make an even bigger difference.

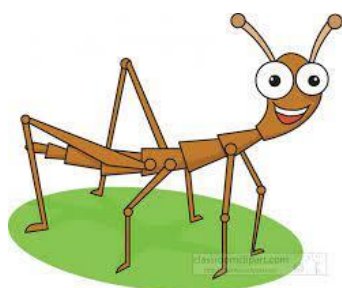
**Together with our supporters and partners, we aim:**

- to expose poverty throughout the world
- to help in practical ways to end it
- to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

See the website to find out more about how our contributions will be spent.

## Stick Insect News!

The rescued stick insects are thriving; they are doing so well that have had babies!



Many thanks to Frank's family for providing privet, Mrs Head for looking after them at school and to Rev Leigh who will look after them over the Christmas holiday.

## Carol Concert

Please invite neighbours, friends and family to our carol concert. Additional invitation slips are available from class teachers.

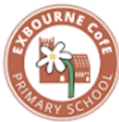
Exbourne Primary School warmly invite you to our



## Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

2.30pm at the church



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## Dressing up box

Are you having a clear out prior to Christmas? Mrs Phillips made a great suggestion - we would like to have a selection of dressing up clothes, hats and props for imaginative play. If you have anything we could use, please bring them in! Many thanks.

## Facebook

Are you following us on Facebook? After our Parent Voice session, we have been using Facebook to share our good news and school stories with our school community, and our wider community. We hope you are enjoying this!

Please log on to see our Class 3 DT project, the problem solving we took part in during Maths Week, swimming, our Christmas Crafts Club, and snail and stick insect updates!

To find us, just write **Exbourne Church of England Primary School** in your search bar.

## **Thankfulness**

We continue to consider our theme thankfulness in our worship time together. Of course our greatest thanks at this time of year is for the joy Christmas brings. In worship this week children shared their excitement for the coming holiday and what they are thankful for as we enter the Holy time of Advent.

Children said they were looking forward to time to see family, especially those traveling to come together over the Christmas period, gift giving and receiving, and of course Christmas dinner, particularly when cooked by grandmas!

Next week we be thinking more about Advent and why Christians are thankful for the gift God gave to us in the birth of Jesus.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

With very best wishes

Tara Penny

Principal

## **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm Carol Concert

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 9am Parent Forum

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 5.30pm Rec, Y1& Y2 Nativity

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – whole school pantomime trip

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – last day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First day of our new term

Holiday dates are published on our school website