

Dear Parents and carers,

This week Christmas seems to be beginning in earnest. From the rehearsals for next week's performances to the Salvation Army coming to school today after school.



On Tuesday, the after school Year 5 and 6 Five-a-side continued with much enthusiasm. Well done to everyone involved, such a great mini league here at Wynstream.



On Wednesday, Year 2 had the Recycling Team come into school to speak about how we can all recycle more. The children enjoyed finding out about what happens to recycling. Thanks to the recycling team for visiting and to Mrs Wisdish for organising this event. Parker in Year 2 commented, 'It made me happy because I learnt about how to make bottles and then how to make jackets out of bottles. I enjoyed sorting rubbish into bins and deciding what to recycle.'

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2022

Wednesday also saw a number of Year 6 students represent the school at a Sports festival at St Leonards Primary School. They competed in Boccia, Kurling & Archery and came out winners with 20 points out of a possible 27 to take home the gold medal.



Well done to Abbie, Oscar, Reuben, Rylie, Harry, Leo, Katie, Bailey, Kornel, Ethan, Keira & Benjamin. Thanks to Mr Rouse for organising. Congratulations to all the children who represented the school so well, and to them returning with gold medals!

On Thursday our Year 2 children had the chance to go to both Exeter Cathedral and to have a warm drink and some snacks at the Christmas market. Thanks to Mrs Howell and Mrs Wisdish for organising the trip.

This coming Monday, after school our choir will be going to Princesshay to sing from 4:15-4:45. All are welcome to watch.

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New Librarians working at Wynstream. Mrs Busby has been extremely impressed by the calibre of applications from children to be librarians in school. Congratulations to the following who have been selected:

#### Oak:

Kelsey, Tia, Dorcas, Rehab and Mika.

#### Mulberry:

Lilly, Keira, Crystal, Kacie, Amber, Beth and Shakyla.



Parents and carers will be able to come into school to have lunch with the children in the new year on Wednesdays. Once again, it will start with Year 6 on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Booking and £3.50 payment is essential by the Tuesday before, please visit the office maximum 10 parents each session.

Next week we are hoping to welcome many of our parents and carers into

school to enjoy some of the events that the children have been working hard on this week. Class teachers will be contacting parents directly to ask them to select which performance they would like to join. Any queries, please liaise with teachers directly. Thanks in advance for your understanding of the limitations of space. We want as many people as possible to come, but also need to keep our community safe.

Lastly, some reminders:

- Please make sure that all uniforms are named so that if things are misplaced, they can be returned to you.
- If you are missing any uniform items please let the office know as we have some free spare clothes.
- Please may we remind parents again to park safely (not on the yellow zig-zags) when dropping off or picking up as this could cause a serious accident.

Please can we also remind all parents and carers that whilst we have a trained therapy dog on site, we do not have any other dogs on site (except guide dogs).

Have a lovely weekend and remember the Wonford Planters are running their free 'Reindeer making' on Saturday morning. Please see page 10 for more information.

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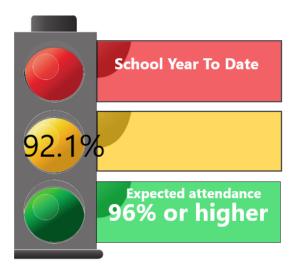
Elise Redman, Headteacher.







#### **School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting**



The information above shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September and 8th December is currently 92.1%, improved on the 91.9% statistic we reported on for the end of last term. This is down 0.4% versus the 92.5% attendance information reported last time.

# Free school meal VOUCHERS

Christmas & February Half Term FSM Vouchers. School has sent to DCC the list of eligible children so that DCC can circulate the FSM vouchers before Christmas. DCC have informed us that each child will receive £45 in vouchers. This is a combination of £30 for the Christmas holiday and £15 for the February half term.



**2023 News!** When we come back to school in January, we are hoping for clear skies with little cloud cover and low humidity. Why? Because we are hoping to hold an astronomy evening in the school grounds!

This exciting event will take place from the  $4^{th} - 6^{th}$  January 5pm - 6.30 pm. We will need to be flexible as to the exact evening as we cannot predict the weather nor move celestial bodies into the right position in the sky! But all being well we will be guided by Michael Statham, a teacher who studied astrophysics, in an evening learning more about the skies above us. This event is for parents/carers to attend with their children. More details to follow.



Thank you to everyone for the very generous donations to Exeter Foodbank. Donations can still be made until the middle of next week, and then we will deliver the boxes at the end of term.



## Headteacher's Award

As we work through celebrating our 5 school values and nominated British Values, our teachers this week have nominated a pupil in their class who has demonstrated any one of our 5 values.

Congratulations to the children who have been nominated.

For more information about our school values, vision and ethos please visit our website or click here

#### **Congratulations to:**

#### **EYFS**

Tobi Agbi-Martin & Grace Stuart

#### Year 1

Louie Ricketts & Preston Simmons

#### Year 2

Nicola Warsinska & Isla Croft

#### Year 3

Amelia Graham & Annabelle Bickel

#### Year 4

Katie Healy & Quinlin Buckley

#### Year 5

Destiny Tweedy & Julie Alomar

#### Year 6

Ethan Romeril-Jones & Owen Cousins

#### **Page 4 Headteachers Awards**



**Congratulations,** and really well done to everyone. Some examples of the nominations this week include:

#### Responsibility

For always doing the right thing at the right time, looking after others and supporting peers.

#### Integrity

This child always acts in the right way.

They showed real integrity on the school trip and I was so proud of how they represented the school during our trip to the cathedral and the Christmas market.

#### **Curiosity & Resilience**

For showing incredible curiosity towards her Maths learning and unbelievable resilience when faced with difficulties. She never gave up and displayed a fantastic growth mindset.





#### **Key School Dates;**

<u>Every Wednesday in Autumn/Winter—</u> Join us for lunch. By year group invitation.

<u>Christmas Carols</u> — Friday 9th December, 3.15pm

EYFS Christmas Nativity - Monday 12th December. 09:15am & 2pm.

Wynstream School Choir performance in Princesshay. Monday 12th December, 4:15—4:45pm

<u>KS1 Performance</u>—Tuesday 13th December, 10am and 2pm.

<u>School Christmas Lunch & Christmas</u> <u>Jumper Day</u> Wednesday 14th December.

KS2 Carols & Contemporary Music Performance Thursday 15th December. 2 tickets per family, 09:15am & 2:15pm

<u>Governors Assembly</u>—Friday 16th December, 2pm

<u>Christmas Holidays</u>—Last day of school Friday 16th December. School re-opens Wednesday 4th January 2023.

#### **Page 5 Diary Dates**

<u>Times Table Challenge Prizes— for challenge winners</u>. Wednesday 4th January. More information soon.

Astronomy evening. 4th, 5th or 6th January, clear skies permitting. 5pm—6:30pm. Exact date to be confirmed in early January.

<u>Cinderella New Year Performance</u>—Friday 13th January 2023.

<u>Year 6 Residential in Okehampton—</u>Wed 19th July to Thurs 20th July 2023



#### **Page 6 Christmas Carols**













### Christmas food collection for Exeter Food Bank

#### **PRIORITY ITEMS**

FRUIT SQUASH

**FRUIT JUICE** 

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED VEG

TINNED POTATOES

BISCUITS

NOODLE SNACKS

JAMS AND SPREADS

CUSTARD

SPONGE PUDDING

COFFEE (500G)

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (WASHING UP LIQUID, WASHING CAPSULES ETC)





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# Wood-crafting Day Saturday 10th December



## Wonford Planters

& Co Create

Exeter









All Welcome - Free Event
Making Good Things With Reclaimed Wood



Make your own Christmas Reindeer We are also building a wooden memorial archway for Dave & Iris James







## Free Christmas Multi Sports Sessions at Wonford



19th - 22nd December 2022

12 - 5pm (4-13 years old)

#### Wonford Sports Centre Exeter

Our Multi-Sports Courses for all offer the opportunity to enjoy a fun packed day full of sports, activities and games.

Come give new activities a go, and meet some new friends at the same time...
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# Saturday drop-in with free tea, coffee and biscuits!

Chat over a cuppa or join in with the weekly activities - arts/crafts, quizzes, indoor games etc

Hot snacks also available

Every Saturday 10.30 am to 1.30pm Wonford Methodist Church Hall

Everyone welcome!
We look forward to meeting you!

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