



Firstly, Happy New Year! It was so lovely to see so many smiling children coming back into school on Wednesday morning. A special well done to both Ladybirds, Hedgehogs, Kingfishers and Owls who all began the term with 100% attendance!

Last term, the school received a donation of brand-new hardback books, 'Exeter engraved; The Secular City,' from a local author, Todd Gray. All children from Year 1-6 who were in school on the last days of term had the chance to wrap one to give to a parent or carer. We hope that those who received them have enjoyed the book. Thanks to Mr Gray for this thoughtful donation to Wynstream.



Thanks to all the families who participated in the parent survey at the end of last term. We appreciate you taking the time

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to give us feedback. Over the next few weeks, we will share some of the data with you.

One area that we want to address immediately is the concern raised by a small minority in relation to bullying. 6% of respondents felt that the school does not deal effectively with bullying;

Bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

**Bullying is, therefore:** 

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against

If you feel your child is being bullied please speak to any staff member at school or you may wish to contact <a href="https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/">https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/</a> or contact <a href="https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/">https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/</a>

On the last Friday of term, we held our termly governors' assembly. One child from each year group received an award for progress in their learning. Shields were awarded for Integrity, Aspiration, Responsibility, Curiosity and Resilience. It was very challenging choosing which children got awards as so many children have made incredible progress and demonstrated our school values at all times. Well done to all those children who received awards; we are already considering who will get the next awards!







Astronomy night delayed. Thanks to all the families who signed up for astronomy night, due to the weather forecast we have had to postpone this event. More information to follow. Due to the event depending on good weather, we are hoping for it to be between 23rd January to 3rd February but will confirm the day before.



Thanks to the Year 6 parent who was able to join us on the first day back for lunch. Parents and carers will be able to come into school to have lunch with the children on Wednesdays. Next week, it is Year 5's turn. Booking is essential- maximum 10 parents each session, please see the office for more details. Dates of future parent lunches can be found in the diary dates section of newsletter on p6.

On Wednesday we held a whole school assembly welcoming the children back into school and celebrating some of the recent successes in school.



The times tables challenge that has been set by Miss Williams changed slightly as we wanted to recognise all of the 40 children who had participated in the challenge. Special mention to Ryan, Rodion, Carly, Helena and Ifeolewa for their astounding scores.

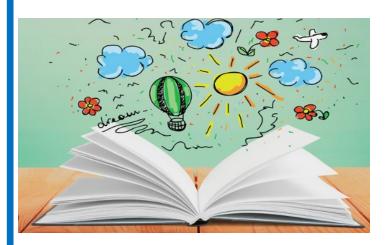
## Lastly, some reminders:

- As parents completed a parental consent for off-site activities form (S0E3) for all non-adventurous or residential trips in September, we will no longer be sending permission slips for trips. Dojo messages will be sent ahead of trips to parents and carers.
- Contacting school during the school day, teachers and support staff are unlikely to check email or Class dojo. If you have an emergency message to get to a child (e.g. change of home time arrangements) please contact the school office directly on 01392 284990.
- From this week, after hours calls will be answered until 5pm. After 5pm, or if no one is available to answer, please leave a message on the school answerphone.





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



Reading is one of the most important things a child learns during primary school. Regular reading, either with an adult or independently, can make a huge difference to a child's success in school and beyond.

A child who can read well is happier, more confident and more successful in their adult life. Even if your child is thriving in school, please make sure that they read every day.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday.

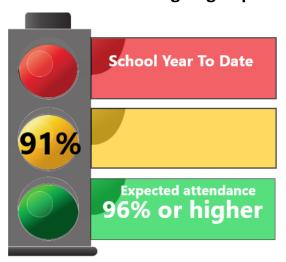
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Headteacher.



## **School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting**



The information above shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September 2022 and 5th January 2023 is currently 91%. This is down 0.3% versus the 91.3% attendance information reported last time.

Back to school advice from the UK Government issued amid high levels of flu, COVID19 and Scarlet Fever. As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels.





Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities. To find out more about the advice being issued visit www.gov.uk or click <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>



New Year performance of Cinderella for all years. On Friday 13th January our whole school will be able to enjoy an afternoon performance of Cinderella by M&M Productions. It will be a wonderful way to end the week. A voluntary contribution of £2 can be made to the school office any day next week, or on the Friday itself. Thankyou.



EYFS Share a Story Sessions. Share a Story, every Friday morning for Butterfly and Ladybird Class. Stay for 20 minutes after drop off to share a story with your

child in their classroom. A range of picture books will be available. You can also use the time to read your child's school reading book. Ms Vickery and Mrs Willis will be available to answer any reading related questions.

A really BIG well done to Boaz Down, Ronell Majoni and Jack Smith and their families for lots and lots of excellent reading over the Christmas break. Good work!



We have received some wonderful feed-back from **Exeter Food Bank** about our visit in mid December to drop off all of the donations made by our Wynstream families. "What a lovely group of children the group was, they were well behaved and well mannered. A real credit to the school! Thanks again for such a brilliant donation" It made the grown ups accompanying the children, including a school governor, very proud. Well done to everyone who went on the visit.

Applications for reception year children due to start primary school in September 2023 are open now. The deadline is 15th January 2023. Applications are made via the Devon County Council website (click here) This applies to children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019.



# 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**

Eloise Hughes & Olivia Wilson

#### Year 1

Ella Melhuish and Parker Johns

#### Year 2

Freddie Bartram & Cody Holland-Voisey

#### Year 3

Hannah Jobysh & Jack Crocker

#### Year 4

Joey Land & Thomas Mannion

#### Year 5

Carly Dawson & Axsa Benny

#### Year 6

Angel Lang & Keelan Arthurs

# **Page 5 Headteachers Awards**



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

#### Responsibility

This pupil has come back to school this week with fantastic learning behaviours.

She has worked hard at being independent in maths and shared lots of her ideas in English and Art! Well done!

## Integrity

This pupil has come back to school with a renewed sense of independence, he has been trying to do more things for himself and has really developed his learning behaviours.

# Curiosity

This pupil told me " I like to watch the news and find out about the world, I know that at the moment there are constellations that we can not see as it's too cloudy!"







# **Key School Dates;**

<u>EYFS Share A Story sessions</u>—Every Friday after drop off. 20 minutes long.

<u>Year 5 Parent Lunches—</u> Wednesday 11th January.

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

<u>EYFS September Starters</u>—Deadline for application through the Exeter City website is 15th January.

Year 4 Parent Lunches—18th January

Year 3 Parent Lunches—25th January

Year 2 Parent Lunches – 1st February

Year 1 Parent Lunches – 8th February

<u>February Half Term.</u> Last day of school, Friday 10th February. School re-opens again Monday 20th February 2023.

<u>Easter Vacation</u>. Last day of school is Friday 31st March, school re-opens again Monday 17th April 2023.

May Half Term. Last day of school is Friday 26th May. School re-opens again Monday 5th June.





DID YOU GET TWO OF SOMETHING OR RECEIVE SOMETHING THAT WASN'T TO YOUR TASTE?

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE FOR FUTURE EVENTS AND PRIZES PLEASE BRING THEM TO SCHOOL AND PUT THEM IN THE DONATIONS BOXES AT THE GATE OR IN RECEPTION BEFORE 27TH JANUARY 2023.

NO PERISHABLES PLEASE UNLESS IT HAS A LONG DATE.

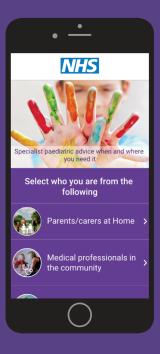


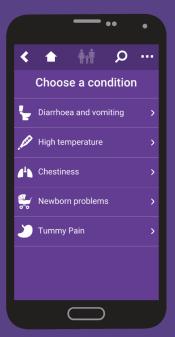




# Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?

Download the free **HANDi Paediatric** app and get expert advice, support and guidance for common childhood illnesses.







Search
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# VS VICTIM SUPPORT



# WeMatter

An online group work programme for children and young people affected by domestic abuse

WeMatter is a totally digital service providing specialist support to children and young people aged 8–17 years old, who have been affected by domestic abuse. WeMatter delivers the CYP Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit, which offers a range of activities and discussions informed by Trauma Focused Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. This group programme is designed to help child and young people understand their own experiences, develop healthy coping strategies, increase levels of safety and achieve positive future relationships.

To contact the team please call: 0300 373 0258 Email: wematter@victimsupport.org.uk If you are in immediate danger call: 999

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