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Opening Hours
 School - 8.45am - 3.15pm
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 Morning club - 8am
 Clubs 3.15pm - 4.30pm
 Toasties 3.15pm - 4.30/5.45pm
 Pre-School: 8am - 4.30pm

FRIDAY FLYER

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 28th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the years we have experienced anti-social behaviour from trespassers during times when the school is closed. This has led to various problems including vandalism, graffiti, broken play equipment and smashed glass, which staff have had to clear up to make the site safe for our children. Over the past few weeks the trespassing has increased, and we have involved the police who have been very supportive in helping us to deal with the issue. We hope it has now stopped. However, the Governing Board are currently looking into the installation of CCTV cameras to help us respond even more effectively. I also ask for your support in helping us to deal with this: please help us to discourage visitors to the school site when the school is closed. It is a working environment, not a public play area. The one exception we make is for the considerate use of the school car park for bikes and scooters (but not motor vehicles) at the users' own risk: the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that occurs.

On the plus side, I'm sure that you will have noticed the new playground surface on the infants' playground. We are very happy so far, and the work is not finished yet. We have plans to add more colour and playground markings to brighten up the space and improve playtimes for the children in April. Furthermore, the outdoor learning space behind classes R and 1 has been renovated and we are thrilled that they will be having a new 'mud kitchen'. Exciting times!

Mr R Stead



On Tuesday 25th February 2020, classes 3 and 4 were visited by an archives workshop. An archivist, if you don't already know, is someone who studies history using maps, books and letters to find out information. We found out that Victorian cameras took ages to take just one shot as well as learning that they looked solemn because it was easier to make a straight face than smile. We also compared Milverton in the present to Milverton in the past/1888. We really enjoyed learning about the past. *by Redvers, Class 4 and Susannah, Class 3*

After what felt like weeks of rain and wind, Wednesday turned into a glorious early Spring day! Class R spent the morning learning about birds and what they need to survive at this time of year. We built nests, made bird feeders, went bird watching and hunted around the school grounds for hidden species! All, of course, mixed in with our favourites of '1,2,3, Where are you?', the mud kitchen, swing and hot chocolate! We even managed to sneak in a game of football! Many thanks to Miss Davy and Kian for helping to run our session and Mrs Morcel for being the best bird hunter ever! We all had a brilliant morning and can't wait for our next trip to Forest School.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd March

Class R visit to Pizza Express

Whole school visit to Queen's College to see 'Jasmine'.

Wednesday 4th March

Class 3 Kingsmead Sports Festival

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

Class R and 6 Heights and Weights

Friday 6th March

Reception Class Photo

Preschool Story Telling Session 4 to 5pm

Tuesday 10th March at 2pm

Reception Class Grandparents' Afternoon. Invites to follow.

Friday 13th to Monday 16th March

Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential

Tuesday 17th March

Class 3 & 4 Somerset Heritage Workshop

Friday 20th March

MSA Easter Bingo Night

Monday 23rd March

Eco Day

Friday 27th March

Class 3 to 'Come and Sing' at Wellington School

Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March

Cycling Proficiency

Easter Holidays Monday 6th

April to Friday 17th April. Back to school Monday 20th April.

Wednesday 22nd April to Friday 24th April

Year 5 Kilve Residential Trip

Week Commencing 11th May

Year 6 SATS week

**FOREST SCHOOL
 WEDS 4TH MARCH
 CLASS 6**

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-school	<i>Phoebe</i> for getting the new preschool record in golden mile of 25 laps! <i>Eddie</i> for working really hard with exploring 3D shapes this week.
Class R	<i>Nellie P</i> and <i>Jesse</i> for their super independent riddle writing.
Class 1	<i>Toby</i> for being so enthusiastic and getting involved with everything in his first week.
Class 2	<i>Jack</i> for a brilliant presentation about fossils. Jack spoke confidently to the class and kept everybody enthralled with his interesting presentation.
Class 3	<i>Rory</i> and <i>Reuben</i> for fantastic progress with times tables.
Class 4	<i>Heather, Imogen</i> and <i>Kian</i> for their hard work in designing and making a healthy, tasty sandwich and taking great care in creating their eco friendly packaging.
Class 5	<i>Beatrice</i> for the dedication she is putting in to all of her school work.
Class 6	All of the Year 6 children who helped out at parents' evenings—you were great!

On Wednesday 26th February 2020, classes 3 and 4 made sandwiches. We had to bring in our own ingredients to make our healthy sandwiches. As well as making our sandwiches, we had to make our very own sandwich packaging. Some of us found it harder than others, but in the end, we all succeeded. But overall we had the best afternoon. Each one of ours was unique. Here are a few things we had to include on our packaging:

☀ Ingredients ☀ The name ☀ The maker ☀ Adjectives. There were more, but we can't go on all day!
We had to then make our sandwiches for our packaging. Everyone's sandwiches looked, smelt and tasted DELICIOUS!!! All of our sandwiches were unique and that's what made them special. At the end of the day, we took them home and ate them with great pleasure and proudness. It's a day we'll never forget!
by Heather, Class 4 and Finley, Class 3



School Uniform

After consideration, we have decided to switch uniform suppliers. Soon uniform will no longer be available at the school office, but from Taunton Uniforms. As well as being able to buy uniform in store, there is an option to purchase online. This decision has been made to try to help decrease some of the workload for our school offices and also to help working parents that are not available during school hours. [Taunton Uniforms](#) provides uniforms to many local schools, including Kingsmead and Court Fields. There will be a small price rise on items (kept in-house pricing would be rising equally). We will let you know when the switch over has happened.



The Exmoor Society

LUCY PERRY CHILDREN'S LITERARY COMPETITION 2020

The Lucy Perry Literary Competition offers young people, aged 8 -14, an opportunity to appreciate and write about Exmoor in either poetry or prose. We want to encourage children to celebrate Exmoor's environment and special qualities and to show their writing skills, their confidence, and their imagination in understanding this inspiring subject.

Conditions of Entry:

- The competition is open to anyone aged 8-14, in two groups: Junior Group: School years 4, 5 and 6. Senior Group: School years 7, 8 and 9.
- Entries must have been inspired by Exmoor in some way.
- The Exmoor Society will present a book to the winning pupil in each group and money prizes to the schools of winning entries.
- Entries must be unpublished, an original work and in English.
- **Closing Date: 17th July 2020**
- Address for more information and entries (by email or hard copy) to: The Exmoor Society, 34 High Street, Dulverton TA22 9DJ
info@exmoorsociety.com

House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term
London Plane	340	340
Cork Oak	331	331
Blue Cedar	368	368
Horse Chestnut	399	399