



# West Exmoor Federation

*'Educating with love, for life in all its fullness'*

*Spring Term 2019 – Newsletter 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019*



## Quick Reminders

PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN HAVE THEIR PE KITS IN SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS.

## Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

### WELCOME BACK

I hope that you and your children had an enjoyable Easter break and managed to enjoy the glorious weather that we were so blessed with over the Easter weekend. The children have certainly returned to school looking well rested and eager to settle down to a long term of learning. Our over-arching theme this term is 'Let Me Tell You a Story' and this will permeate through all areas of our learning. In Key Stage Two the children will have a specific focus upon the Vikings and Norse Mythology and our younger children will also touch on this through their study of Myths and Legends. A little later in the term, all of the children will enjoy a Viking Enrichment Day which will bring this aspect of their learning to life in an action packed and memorable way. More details will follow nearer the time but we would, if possible, like the children to dress up as Vikings to make the day extra special!

### WOODSIDE BRIDGE APPEAL – THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WOODSIDE



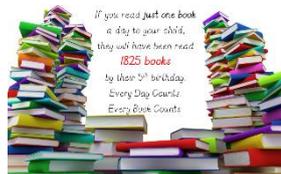
It was a great honour to take all of our Lynton children to the East Lyn River on Tuesday to watch over 40 walking boots, hand painted by our children, be strung across the river in a bid to raise funds to replace Woodside Bridge. The bridge was extremely popular with walkers and local residents alike and the boots provide a poignant reminder of the importance of this bridge to the local community. Here's hoping that the efforts of our children will help with the final push to raise the £60K needed to replace the bridge. The boots look amazing and, if you get the chance, I'd recommend going to have a look for yourself! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, you can do so by visiting:

[www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/caremoor/what-we-fund/access/fundraising-for-woodside-bridge](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/caremoor/what-we-fund/access/fundraising-for-woodside-bridge)

### CLUBS

Thank you to everyone who has returned afterschool club letters. As you are aware, every child is entitled to attend one free club per term but, even for this free club, we need forms to be returned so that we can run accurate club registers and ensure that none of our clubs are over-subscribed. If, on the odd occasion, you need your child to attend a club that they are not signed up to, could you please call the school office to check that there is space available. Thank you.

### READING, TALKING & VOCABULARY



There is growing dearth of evidence about just how important speaking and reading with our children can be for their vocabulary development. Research shows that the vocabulary gap between 3 year olds from language rich and language poor environments can be as big as 30 million words. Inevitably this puts these children at a huge disadvantage before they have even started school and, in many cases, the gap continues to widen in all aspects of the curriculum as these children progress from nursery through to the end of secondary school. As parents

there is huge pressure on us to be all things to all people and, I know from personal experience, that sometimes finding time to sit and have proper conversations or share a book with our children is challenging. Add to this the intrusion of screen time on a variety of devices (both ours and those of our children) and it becomes even more challenging to spend meaningful time with them. However, the impact that we can have on our children by reading with them daily, talking about the vocabulary within the books that they are reading, enjoying family meals with discussion around the table, talking to one another in the car, having designated screen-free time for everyone within the household, etc, can have an incredible impact upon their learning. I know that our children are extremely fortunate to have such supportive families who genuinely care about their learning and development but I think it's good for us to all reflect on how we encourage our children to read, talk and explore vocabulary further – not just at school, but also at home. In the coming weeks, I will be setting up some vocabulary challenges for our children and I very much hope that you will assist with supporting these at home – watch this space for further information! Further advice on reading with your child can be found in their reading

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diaries or on our website. Alternatively, you may wish to follow the link to this information booklet for parents of primary aged children:

[www.pearson.com/uk/content/dam/region-core/uk/pearson-uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Pearson\\_EnjoyReading\\_03.pdf](http://www.pearson.com/uk/content/dam/region-core/uk/pearson-uk/documents/Learner/Primary/Primary%20parents/Pearson_EnjoyReading_03.pdf)

### LYNTON PTFA BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to the Lynton PTFA who organised a Bingo Night last month. They raised an incredible £206. Thank you also to everyone who supported the event.

Best Wishes,



Jayne Peacock  
Executive Headteacher

**In collective worship this term we will be thinking about stories, especially from the Bible, which help us to explore our CARIS values.**

### Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Streams & Young Buds

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine! We have enjoyed listening to the children as they have told us all about their Easter holidays in their holiday circle times and recount writing.

This next half term sees us as busy as ever. Over the next 5 weeks we will be linking in to the KS2 children's Viking theme in History by looking at Myths and Legends in English; St George and the Dragon, Viking Gods and stories with morals.

We will be looking closely at Christopher Columbus; continents and oceans; exploration and comparing different continents, animals and plants, as well as looking at world weather in History and Geography.



The children have enjoyed their first sessions of Tennis, coached through the Devon Tennis Academy. Rob and his team provided some great Gymnastics opportunities last term and will continue to do so through our Tennis provision this term. There are still a few spaces left in the Gym and Tennis clubs at both schools. If you would like more information or to book your child's space, then please contact your school administrator – this is a great opportunity for high quality coaching on your doorsteps when other local town clubs have a 1 year waiting list! Could we please ask that all children have PE kits in school each week.



Finally, we have noticed more recently, that some packed lunches from home are including more items such as chocolate, crisps and other unhealthy options. Could we please remind you that we promote healthy eating as part of our healthy schools campaign. We ask for your support with this by providing healthy options within your child/children's packed lunch. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> has some great information on healthy food swaps. Alternatively, school dinners within KS1 are free for everyone. If you would like a copy of the school menu then please contact your school admin team.

### Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Easter and are looking forward to another long weekend.

In years 3 and 4 we have started to explore decimals and poetry within our core learning and will be diving deeper into these subjects over the coming weeks.

The first couple of weeks back have been busy ones. We have started our tennis coaching again for the duration of Summer term. It is great to see how the children's skills have improved since the start of their coaching last year.

We have also had a visit from local lifeguards to discuss and support children with their understanding on beach and water safety. These talks are always well received.

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## Year 5 & 6 – Oceans and Forests

### Home learning



Well done to all the children who brought home learning in to share. A massive congratulation, to our winners at Parracombe, in Year 3/4 Levi and Mia and Year 5/6, Tilly and Abigail. It was lovely to be able to share our celebration assembly with the two parents that attended, however the turnout was a little disappointing. We would welcome any suggestions as to how to increase parental engagement at Parracombe for future events. Please contact Mrs Taylor with any suggestions.



### Core Subjects

Since the Easter break we have been focusing on consolidating our understanding of decimals, percentages and fractions. The children have really begun mastering this topic well. In English we have been focussing on writing a descriptive narrative to include dialogue to advance the action and move the story forwards.

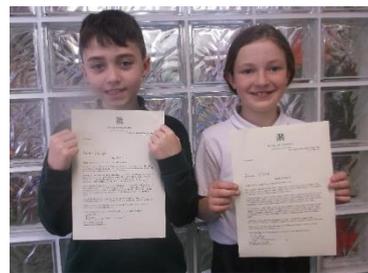
### Lion King – Summer production

Miss Martin, Miss Constant and myself would like to thank all the children that auditioned for a part in the Lion King. Having to sing, act and play a drum during the audition was a little daunting, but every single child did this brilliantly. Scripts for the production will be given out this week to the appropriate children and letters about costumes will be sent out in due course.

### SATS

All of our Year 6 children have been working extremely hard in preparation for their upcoming SATS. Can I just remind parents that in the coming weeks, early nights and relaxation time is just as important as any revision that the children might feel they want to do.

### Mr Peter Heaton- Jones – MP



On 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a visit at Parracombe from our local MP for North Devon, Mr Peter Heaton-Jones. He is visiting us in response to a collection of letters that Year 5 and 6 sent to him- and to the Houses of Parliament - in relation to the use of single use plastics in Devon. We have today received a response from The House of Commons in relation to each letter. The children will be bringing their copy home today to share with their parents and families.



## Admin

### Absence

If your child is absent from school, it is very important to notify the School before registration takes place for each day of absence. If no reason is given for your child's absence we are required to mark this as an unauthorised absence, many thanks for your support in this matter.

### School Dinner Payments

Please remember that school dinners for children in Key Stage 2 (year 3 to year 6) are £2.30 per meal. Payment should be brought in to school on the day the meal is taken in a named envelope. Alternatively, you could pay an amount in advance for the term or half term for example. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

Kind regards,  
Wendy, Jacqui, Mel and Vikki

## PTFA News

### Lynton PTFA

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended the bingo at the Bowls Club on Good Friday. We would also like to thank all who donated prizes, it was once again a fantastic evening with lots of amazing prizes won and a good time had by all. Your support has helped us raise another £206 towards our current fundraising for new IT equipment.

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Our next event will be the summer fair. We will be having another meeting soon to start planning for this. We will let you know dates once they have been finalised.

Many thanks for your continued support.  
Lynton PTFA

## Governor News

Would you like to have a positive effect on the education of your child and future? If so, have you considered becoming a school governor? At West Exmoor we have a vacancy for a governor to join our talented and proactive Governing Body, who oversees all aspects of the educational provision within our three schools. This position is open to any parent, grandparent or carer of any pupil in any of our schools.

**“I have a job, so haven’t got the time!!!!”** We can discuss how to use your skills effectively in a variety of ways, and we always schedule governor activities to suit the availability of our governors, so we have no strict meeting time or days, or visit times, but we fit these in as and when people are available. Did you know that the Government actively supports the public in becoming a governor, and fully supports businesses in allowing people time to do this important work? Speak to your HR department, if you have one, or go to the National Governing Body website at [nga.org.uk](http://nga.org.uk) for more information.

**“I won’t be able to make a difference!”** Yes, you will. The Governing Body oversees the work of the Federation in all manner of ways, and you will be able to offer your opinion on school matters all year round.

**“I don’t have any experience!”** You don’t need any experience. The essential essence of being a Governor is to bring the voice of the lay person into school decisions. All relevant training is provided for new Governors, free of charge.

**“How can I contribute?”** In a variety of ways; being a member of the full Governing Body; joining one of the 4 sub-committees; taking a lead on some educational aspect where you have knowledge, experience or interest; joining a learning walk, or sitting in on a class for a while, each term.

**“I have a small child, or children so cannot make evenings!”** Assistance for childcare is available in these instances. Do you want to find out a bit more about how you can influence your child’s future by becoming a governor? If you are interested, please, in the first instance contact me via any school office, or by e-mail at [jan.stokes@westexmoorfederation.org.uk](mailto:jan.stokes@westexmoorfederation.org.uk)

Jan Stokes; Chair. West Exmoor Federation Governing Body.

## Diary Dates

13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3/4 QuadKids Athletics
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Yr 6 Lundy Trip
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Aquathon
24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Half Term

## Community

From the Rectory

Dear Friends,

The invitation for the coming months is “Come and catch the wave!” I am not suggesting we all take up surfing (though one of my clergy colleagues in Barnstaple would certainly recommend it as a spiritual pastime!). I am talking about the world wide wave of prayer that will take place between Ascension Day (30<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> June). Over the last few years led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York these days have been labelled “Thy Kingdom Come” from the words of the Lord’s prayer as a time when churches throughout the country (and its now spread throughout the world) focus on praying.

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In this area, local Christians who work together as Love Lyn Valley are inviting our community to join in. During the week the community at Lee Abbey will holding a continuous wave of prayer over 24/48 hrs and local churches will join in by dedicating designated periods in that time when church members will join in wherever they are. There will be the opportunity to share in different styles of prayer hosted by the churches in Lynton. The days will conclude with a number of events on Pentecost Sunday – including a late afternoon Prayer walk from St Mary’s Lynton to Lee Abbey where there will be a celebratory gathering to share all that prayer means to us.

How might you join in?

Dip your toe in the water by posting a request for prayer in one of the prayer boxes that will be around Lynton during May or pop in and leave a prayer on the St Mary’s Prayer board – all these will be prayed during the continuous time of prayer. Do a bit of “body-boarding” with prayer using the Try Praying booklets available in churches or on line (trypraying.co.uk), or look out for further details of pop-up services and events during the period when together we travel out into the deep and find our own feet in prayer to ride the wave home for ourselves, each other and the world we share.

God bless,  
Samantha

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- ★ Vintage Cars
- ★ Bikes
- ★ Tractors
- ★ Music
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ A Real Family Day

www.lyonvalleyclassic.co.uk



To add to the vintage tractors, Blake would like to organise having a pedal tractor display.

The pedal tractors will follow the main tractors into the show ground and park beside them.

All children must have an adult with them at all times.

Please come and join us for a fantastic day out!!

If anyone is interested please message me (Jo) on 07530 297535 or via Facebook



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Devon Partnership  
NHS Trust

# DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP BETTER?

Struggling to get off or waking up a lot? Lying awake worrying? Still feeling tired when you wake up?

**FREE NHS SLEEP WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday 15th of May,  
5pm - 8pm, at Chivenor

Learn all about sleep and proven techniques to make you sleep better.

**TO REGISTER WITH THE SERVICE AND BOOK A PLACE:**  
North Devon  
t: 01271 335 041  
e: [dpn-tr.NorthDevonDAS@nhs.net](mailto:dpn-tr.NorthDevonDAS@nhs.net)

We are a free NHS service. Call or email to register and book a place.  
As an NHS service we will need to take a few details including your name, address and GP

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