



West Exmoor Federation

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

Spring Term 2019 – Newsletter 14 – 17th May 2019



Quick Reminders

24th May Rivers Sleepover – Please return slips and voluntary contribution of £2.50 by **Tuesday 21st May**

20th May Next instalment of £25 to be paid now for the Year 3/4 Residential to the Pinkery Centre

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

Hasn't it been lovely to see the sunshine this week? It's made such a difference and lifted everyone's spirits; here's hoping that it stays around just a little bit longer. The children have been working incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks, with children in Year 6 and Year 2 working especially hard with their SATs. I have been so proud of how focused the children have been and how, without exception, each and every one of them has tried their very best. We work hard to build up the learning resilience of our children and this, coupled with playing down the importance of SATs, has really born fruit with a calm and relaxed atmosphere being maintained; this can only help to ensure that our children shine and showcase just how much progress they have made. I am extremely proud of them all – well done!

THANK YOU

It is with much sadness that I have to inform you that Jayne Hoskins has resigned from her position as Kitchen Manager. Jayne has been employed at the federation for nine years, initially through NORSE and more recently directly by the federation. During this time Jayne has been instrumental in the transformation of our school meals which, I am sure you will agree, really are excellent. Our children have been incredibly lucky to enjoy such tasty, nutritious meals and I know that we will all miss Jayne a great deal. I would like to wish her much success in her new venture.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP GOES TO CHURCH (INCLUDING PARRACOMBE REVELS)

Next week Collective Worship will be going to Church. Our Lynton Service will be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 21st May at 9.00am, whilst Parracombe and Kentisbury will be attending Christ Church on Friday 24th May at 1pm. If you are able, please do come along and join us at these services. The service at Christ Church will also be our annual Revels Service and will include the crowing of the King and Queen. The Service at Christ Church will be followed by May Pole and Country Dancing at the Coronation Playing Field. Refreshments will also be available.

BAKE A CAKE AND SAVE AN APE/CHRISTIAN AID BAKE SALE

Next week we will be supporting Christian Aid and International Animal Rescue by holding a bake sale. Contributions towards the sale would be much appreciated and should be sent into school on the day of the sale. Cakes will be sold for up to 50p per cake/slice and if you would like your child to purchase a cake, please send them into school with an appropriate sum of money. The Bake Sale will be held at Lynton on Thursday 23rd May at 3pm. The Parracombe and Kentisbury Bake Sale will be part of our Revels celebration at the Coronation Playing Field on Friday 24th May.

THE LION KING

Rehearsals are now well underway for our summer production of the The Lion King. We are very excited to be putting on such an amazing show and it is lovely to hear many of the children already singing the fantastic songs from the show. This year we will be putting on two evening performances, as well as a matinee. It is expected that all of our children will attend all three performances. Further details regarding how to purchase tickets will be sent home after half term.

VIKING CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT DAYS

After half-term we are delighted to be welcoming Viking School Visits back to the federation on Wednesday 4th June (Key Stage 2) and Thursday 5th June (Foundation & Key Stage 1). The children will enjoy an action-packed, hands-on historical experience focusing upon why and how the Vikings invaded Britain, how Viking life compared to life in Britain today, how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings struggled for the Kingdom of England and how Norse Mythology has become a mainstay of literature.

In order to make the day as special as possible, it would be wonderful if all of the children could come to school dressed as a Viking. This does not need to be anything complicated and there is no need to go out and buy anything especially

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for the day. At the back of this newsletter you will find a Dressing Up Day Ideas Sheet provided by Viking School Visits with some excellent ideas which hopefully most of us would be able to rustle up from things at home!!

OUR ADOPTED ORANGUTAN - MONTI UPDATE



Monti and her adopted baby, Anggung, are more bonded than ever, and Monti is showing very strong mothering instincts and skills. Currently this adorable duo are housed on the University Island, and staff from IAR have been monitoring their progress carefully. Monti has been teaching Anggung everything she knows, including showing the youngster how to build a nest, and encouraging her to taste and try different forest fruits. It is hoped that the bond between this pair will continue to strengthen, and that Monti will continue to share her knowledge with Anggung as she grows. Naturally, female babies will stay with their mothers for 10-12 years and learn how to raise another

infant. We hope Anggung will have this opportunity, and with a fantastic role model in Monti, we are confident this will be achieved.

PARKING

Please park respectfully and legally when dropping off and collecting children. At Lynton, cars should not park outside the front entrance or in the Crown car park – please use Bottom Meadow Car Park at all times. At Parracombe, cars should not block the road and we encourage all parents/carers to park in the village hall car park and walk down to school. At Kentisbury, cars should be parked in the village hall car park and, when possible, should not block other vehicles in. Thank you for your co-operation regarding this matter.

HEAD LICE

We have an on-going problem with head lice across the federation and I know that you will all have received our standard head lice letter recently. However, I would just like to add how important it is to try and eradicate these rather unpleasant creatures. Their presence can be really distracting and uncomfortable to the children who host them and it is quite upsetting to see them constantly scratching. It is also causing some parents growing frustration as they are checking and treating their children's hair on a regular basis, only for them to be re-infested within a few days because not all parents are as vigilant. Please, please, please, could you all check your children's hair thoroughly and, if necessary, treat them accordingly. It would be wonderful for everyone if we could return to a head lice free federation after half-term – thank you.

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

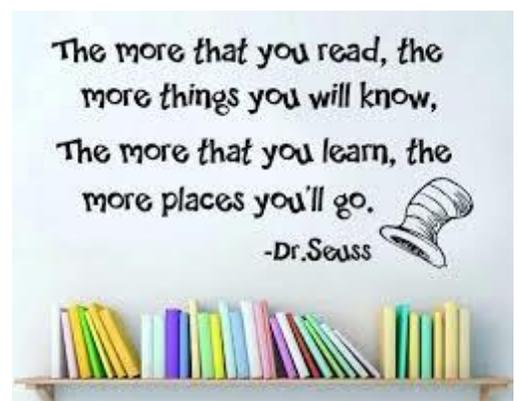
In collective worship we have been thinking about stories from the Bible and how they help to develop our morals. We have also been thinking about the Global Wave of Prayer and writing our own prayer which we will share with you at 'Collective Worship goes to Church'

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Streams & Young Buds

The KS1 children are now very much back in swing of their learning and putting enormous effort into everything related to school.

In English we are focusing on stories and narratives based on myths and legends. You can help at home by reading myths and legends, fairy tales or any other stories with morals and meaning.

Reading at home is vital in so many ways; from extending the children's exposure to language, their use of language to their understanding of the text. As well as reading of stories, could we please ask that, where possible, the children are reading their school reading books at least three times a week. Ideally, children in Reception should read daily to ensure they get lots of practice. We aim to read as often as possible with the children in school



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and encourage them through their reading journal awards but daily reading at home has a direct result in how the children then progress with their reading, opening many more doors for them within their learning journey!

Home learning will be coming out soon, so keep a look out for how you can further support the children this term at home.

Please can we also ask that all children attend school in the correct uniform colour of dark green for jumpers/cardigans and summer dresses. If you have any issues regarding this, please speak to your class teacher.

Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks

As we approach the end of this half term, we'd like to say a really well done to all the children for their tremendous hard work. Lynton children have represented the school at the Woodside Bridge Appeal and displayed our wonderfully painted shoes! We also had a very informative and fun assembly from the local lifeguards prompting the children to take good care when out and about.

In class, we have been looking at poetry and exploring a range of poems. If you have a poetry book lying around at home, maybe have a look at it as your child may be able to tell you what type of poem it is! In maths, we have been working on decimals and understanding how we can use our place value knowledge to support this. Homework does include a maths section. Can I reiterate the importance of completing this as it is securing their knowledge from lessons.

Next week, Rivers have their sponsored sleepover for the Devon Air Ambulance and the Lyn Defibrillator Fund! If anyone would like to sponsor to the class, please see Miss Constant. Permission slips and voluntary contribution need to be in before Friday (the sponsor forms in after half term).

Year 5 & 6 – Oceans and Forests



Out and About

A reminder that Revels Day is next Friday (for Parracombe and Kentisbury children only) and we are planning to celebrate it at Parracombe Playing fields. The crowning ceremony will be held at Christ church in Parracombe, in the afternoon of Friday the 24th May. The short service will be followed by activities on the playing fields at Parracombe. Hopefully it will be lovely weather and we are all looking forward to it.

Curriculum Focus

This week the year 6 children have been taking their SATS exams. They have worked extremely hard and we all wish them the best of luck. This Friday the Year 6 children will be having ice-cream, a picnic and playing pitch and putt in Lynmouth to celebrate the end of their SATS. Next week, we will also be taking part in a day trip to Lundy Island.



Activities

Key Stage 2 will be working on creating a piece of marine artwork for the Marine Festival in Lynmouth. We are very excited to start creating our master piece. We would greatly appreciate any donations of paint or fabric to help us get started. Thank you to all parents that have already donated.

Sport

QUADKIDS



It was a real pleasure to take a group of Year 3/4 children to Braunton Athletics Track to compete in the North Devon Quadkids tournament. Despite being a rather cold and damp day the children's spirits remained high and I was exceptionally impressed by their fantastic sportsmanship. All of the team members worked really hard to achieve their very best with Chloe and Summer close to the top of the leader board for standing long-jump and throwing respectively (final results yet to be published). Despite competing with one absent team member our children did exceptionally well and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

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Admin

Half-Term Holiday Club

We are pleased to say that John Hudson Rugby Tots, will be running a Pop Up Sports multi-sports day at Kentisbury on Friday 31st May. He will be visiting both Kentisbury and Parracombe to do a free multi-sports introductory session, prior to half-term, so that the children will have an idea of what will be on offer in the club. John will be handing out leaflets to the children, setting out the details of the day. Please return these to John, or email him direct if you are interested.

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

Preparations are underway for the summer fair and other events next half term. We will be holding a meeting this coming Thursday 23rd May at 3.30pm at Lynton school. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, even if you are only able to add suggestions to the meeting and don't have any spare time to help, all ideas are welcome and much appreciated. We hope to see you then.

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 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

Jan Stokes; Chair. West Exmoor Federation Governing Body.

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Diary Dates

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| 22 nd May | Collective Worship Goes to Church – St Mary's @ 9.00am |
| 23 rd May | Yr 6 Lundy Trip Lynton Bake Sale |
| 24 th May | Revels Service – Christ Church @ 1.00pm followed by Revels Celebrations on the field Parracombe & Kentisbury Bake Sale Aquathon Rivers Sleepover End of Half Term |
| 3 rd June | Children Return to School |
| 5 th June | Key Stage 2 Viking Day |
| 6 th June | Foundation & Key Stage 1 Viking Day |

Community



Lyn Valley CLASSIC 2019
Sunday 9th June
10am - 4pm

Lyn & Lynnmouth will once again offer a beautiful backdrop for one of the UK's best classic car shows. A real family attraction and back bigger and better for 2019.

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

www.lynvalleyclassic.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



St Mary's
Lynton
Teddy Bear & Parachute Jump & FUNDAY
Late May Bank Holiday

First Jump 12 noon. Registration opens 11.30 am.

Calling all Soft Toys are you as Brave as me?

Will your owner give you a chance to Break Free

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Have no fear a Tedical Doctor and Nurse will be on duty
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Light Lunches and Afternoon Teas.

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Dressing up day ideas

Vikings

So you're having a Viking dressing up day? Don't panic! Even if you'd forgotten about it until 8pm the night before, you can still manage to whip up a costume with some simple items in your house. There's no need for any buying or sewing!

Viking Warrior

Both boys and girls can play warriors.

- A long sleeved, oversize plain T-shirt, any colour but muted ones are best. Borrow your parents' or big brother's.
- A thin belt, leather or fabric. A plain tie-belt from a dressing gown will do at a push.
- A pair of plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms
- Two strips of fabric to wrap the bottom half of the legs in (optional)
- A rectangle of fabric for a cloak, held by a pin or brooch
- Plain dark shoes or short boots



Viking Lady

- A plain coloured long dress or top and skirt
- An apron dress (this can just be a rectangle of fabric with a hole cut in it for the head – an old sheet is perfect.) At a push, a plain kitchen apron will do.
- A thin belt
- A pair of round or oval brooches, which will fasten onto the apron dress just below the collar bones. Decorated card with safety-pins on the back is fine.
- A string of beads to hang between the two brooches
- Plain dark shoes or short boots
- Hair plaited in a single plait at the back
- A plain headscarf (optional)
- Ladies can also wear cloaks if desired

If you want to get extra creative then see our sheets on shields and helmets!

