



West Exmoor Federation

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

Spring Term 2019 – Newsletter 15 – 21st June 2019



Quick Reminders

SPORTS DAY ON MONDAY (WEATHER PERMITTING) – ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN PE KIT AND HAVE A SMALL BAG CONTAINING DRINKS BOTTLE, SUN SCREEN, SUN HAT & WATERPROOF

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

REVELS AT PARRACOMBE

At the end of half term, the children of Parracombe and Kentisbury came together to celebrate Parracombe Revels. After a short service at Christ Church, which included the crowing of the Revels King and Queen, the children processed to the Coronation Playing Field. Our Key Stage One children then treated friends, family and members of the community to a performance of country dancing, before Key Stage Two demonstrated their prowess at May Pole dancing. Thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments, and to everyone who helped us to celebrate this important event in the Parracombe year.

GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER



Just after half-term, we were absolutely delighted to be joined at Lynton by Nick Haigh and his team from Lee Abbey to help us consider Pentecost within the context of the Global Wave of Prayer. The children had the opportunity to explore prayer and the week concluded with a party (including goody bags!) to celebrate Pentecost. It was wonderful to work in such close partnership with Lee Abbey and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick and his team.

LUNDY



Last month, myself, Miss Martin & Mrs Taylor had the great pleasure of taking our Year 6 children to Lundy. After a remarkably calm crossing from Bideford, which included a brief sighting of dolphins, the children enjoyed a full day on the island, exploring its flora, fauna, geology and history. Sian, the Assistant Warden and Education Officer for Lundy, spent the day with us, sharing her incredible knowledge and passion for the island. We were extremely fortunate to spend some time observing the puffins and also learned about the Lundy cabbage and its unique beetle and how species such as the soay sheep and Lundy pony came to be on the island. We also had the opportunity to climb the 'white elephant' lighthouse and go inside the smugglers cave used by the notorious Thomas Benson. It was a long and exhausting day, but hopefully one which will stay in the memory of our Year 6 children for many years to come.

HYDROPHOBIC POETRY TO CELEBRATE 150 OF LORNA DOONE



This week, our Lynton Year 4, 5 & 6 children were involved in writing poetry in response to Exmoor, inspired by the novel Lorna Doone which celebrates 150 years in print this year; our Parracombe children will have their workshop next week. Our children were privileged to spend a day working with poet Christopher Jelley to draft, craft and publish some amazing poems. The unveiling of these poems will be rather special as they are being installed on pavements with a unique hydrophobic / water repellent spray. The special technique means that their poems will be invisible on these pavements until it rains or a little water is splashed about! These poems will be on display during the Lorna Doone Festival weekend in Dulverton on 29th and 30th June.

The poetry will also be installed in the courtyard at the Museum of Somerset in Taunton with the launch event to reveal the poems on Saturday 13th July at 2pm - don't forget to take a water bottle or little watering can so that you can reveal the poems! If you're unable to get to either event, don't despair as once installed the poetry will be visible (when wet) for the summer and perhaps a little beyond. For further information, please visit www.jelley.info/lorna-doone

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

Many thanks to everyone who donated and/or bought cakes at our bake sale just before half term. We managed to raise an impressive £133.59 for Christian Aid and International Animal Rescue.

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Best Wishes,



Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

In collective worship the children have been continuing to think about stories within the Bible and how these illustrate our CARIS values. They have also been thinking about Refugees as part of National Refugee Week, thinking about how important it is to make people feel welcome and praying for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Streams & Young Buds



Lion King Costumes

Next week, the children will be receiving a letter about their costumes for the production of 'The Lion King'. They will need a costume but not a mask.

Swimming

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their forms. In addition to the information already sent out, we would like to explain how we will be supporting the younger children. Mrs Berry, Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Kelly will be in the water with swimming teachers to support the children. When getting changed, the school staff will be available to help with hair, laces etc. Please be assured that the children will be well looked after and we will make sure that they have a positive swimming experience. On the days the children have swimming, we recommend that you pack an extra snack, especially on Wednesday 10th July when we swim in the afternoon. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.



Reading Volunteers

Would you like to come in to school to read with Key Stage One children? We would be extremely grateful to any parents who could spare a couple of hours a week to listen to children read. Volunteers in Lynton would be particularly useful at the moment due to staff absences. If you are interested, please speak to Mr Mackenzie, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Pile or Mrs Hamer or any of the school administrators.

Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks



Last week, the children of Parracombe joined the children of Lynton for our Viking day. It was fascinating. The children were told all about Viking life, the famous Norse Gods (not from the marvel movies though) and some were even able to stamp a coin using tools that the Vikings would have also used. The children also re-enacted a battle scene and a royal funeral. We are continuing to learn from the information shared during our topic lessons.

In English, we have started to explore newspaper articles and will work towards writing our own article about the Viking attack at Lindisfarne. This fits in nicely with our current topic.



In maths we have started to explore measurement, money in particular at the moment. We have been adding and subtracting amounts to find change and identifying what we can buy with a certain amount. Next time you go shopping, ask the children to solve some money questions whilst you're searching the aisles ☺.

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Year 5 & 6 Oceans and Forests

Maths

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been focusing on measurement. We have been looking at finding the perimeter and area of composite rectilinear shapes, looking at volume and will be moving on to capacity in the next week. We are all consolidating our understanding of number and place value and looking at areas of mastery.

English

During our English sessions, we have focused on our editing skills. We have looked back over our work from the past year and have begun to edit and improve texts using higher level vocabulary and strategies we have learnt. We have also been paying a lot of attention to our spellings and ensuring that we begin to use all the strategies we have been taught in our writing.

Topic

Within computing this term, we have begun to understand the vocabulary of algorithm, program and debug. These terms have been essential when writing our own programs for making a Jam sandwich. We enjoyed working in a pair and loved eating the sandwiches at the end!

Extra-curricular activities

As you can imagine, the summer term is extremely busy. The year 6's have taken part in Junior Lifeguard training and Oceanfest, Poetry days, Sports Day practises and many more fun activities.

Sports News

AQUATHON

Many congratulations to our Federation Aquathon Team who competed at Ilfracombe just before half-term. They were exceptional and made us all so proud. They had to complete a swim of between 150m -200m and then run laps around a field starting with a huge hill climb! They all showed tremendous determination and resilience. A special mention needs to be made to Abigail Payne who came 3rd in her heat, a fantastic achievement!



Admin

Medical Appointments

There seems to be an increasing number of children having time out of school for medical appointments recently. We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable, however in line with our attendance policy parents/carers are encouraged to arrange non-urgent medical appointments outside of school hours when possible. If the medical appointment is during the school day, evidence must be provided. We cannot authorise a whole day of absence for a medical appointment that occurs in the morning (the child would be expected to return to school in the afternoon, and vice versa).

Residential Payment reminders

Pinkery Centre – 4th and final instalment of £25.00 is due on 24th June 2019.

Eden Project – 3rd instalment of £35.00 is due today, Friday 21st June.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium eligibility – May 2019

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

Also from year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are also entitled to free school meals:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

Income Support (IS).

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).

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Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

How to apply:

Apply through the Citizen Portal:

(https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Please note that from 1 April 2018, all children currently getting free school meals will continue to do so while Universal Credit is rolled out. This will apply even if their parents' earnings rise above the new threshold during that time. In addition, any child who becomes eligible for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing these during the Universal Credit rollout period.

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because their earnings are above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (such as primary or secondary). The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2023.

Kind regards,
Wendy, Jacqui, Mel and Vikki

Kitchen News

Menu Changes

As you will know, we moved our catering over to Devon Norse at the start of this half term and we have had lots of positive feedback. Devon Norse have asked us to advise parents that there may be a few amendments to the menu for a few weeks while they use up supplies that the kitchen already had so no food is wasted. We will endeavour to let you know of any changes to the menu as soon as possible.

Lion King Menu

On 16th July we will be having a special menu for the start of the Lion King performances. Please see the menu below. If you have any questions re allergies, please speak to the Kitchen.

Lion King Menu

16th July 2019

Mufasa Chicken Wrap with Ketchup and Salad or Sweetcorn

Or

Simbalicious Veggie Finger Wrap with Ketchup and Salad or Sweetcorn

And

Simba shaped cookie or Kamari Crazy Fruit Pots

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PTFA News

Kentisbury & Parracombe PTFA

The Kentisbury and Parracombe Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 19th July, after the school sponsored run at Kentisbury school. We hope to have lots of fun for everyone including bouncy castle, stalls, raffle, BBQ, cakes and drinks. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received; we will put baskets out in the schools for collection. If you have any ideas for the afternoon or would be happy to help out, run a stall or the cook at the BBQ, please contact the school and they will put you in touch with a PTFA member. Or we'll be holding a meeting after school at Kentisbury on Thursday 27th June, to which everyone is welcome.

Lynton PTFA

The Lynton Summer Fair will also be held on Friday 19th July, after school. We are hoping to have a bouncy castle, stalls, raffle, hot dogs, cakes and drinks. Any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received; please send any donations to the office. If you could spare a couple of hours to help out, we would be extremely grateful. We will organise a meeting prior to the fair to finalise plans, keep an eye out for further information.

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.

Diary Dates

25 th June	KS2 Poetry Workshop
21 st June	Year 6 Oceanfest
24 th June	Sports Day at Lynton
3 rd – 5 th July	Year 3/4 Residential to Pinkery Centre
3 rd July	Associate Governor Conference – Bristol
9 th , 10 th 11 th , 15 th , 18 th 19 th July	Federation Swimming Programme
16 th 17 th July	Summer Production
22 nd July	Leavers Service

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Vacancies

Teaching Assistant & Lunchtime Supervisor

Lynton Primary School (Part of the West Exmoor Federation) is a small, friendly and successful primary school which prides itself on its family environment. We are looking to recruit a teaching assistant to work 5 mornings a week within Key Stage 1 or 2 and to also provide daily lunchtime supervision. We are looking for someone who is empathetic and kind and able to remain calm in a busy working environment.

The successful candidate will:

- be enthusiastic and have a flexible approach;
- be a strong team player with a positive and helpful attitude;
- be proficient in English and Maths and passionate about supporting children in their learning;
- have high expectations and skills in positive behaviour management;
- have the ability to work under their own initiative;
- be committed to ensuring the physical, social and emotional well-being of our children through positive and active lunchtimes.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Vikki on 01598 753309 to arrange an appointment.

If you would like to be considered for this position, please apply in writing, including a full CV and two referees, to the Executive Headteacher, Jayne Peacock, Lynton Primary School, Market Street, Lynton, North Devon, EX35 6BE. Applications may also be sent to: admin@westexmoorfederation.org.uk.

If short-listed, you will be invited to spend some time in the classroom and take part in a short interview.

The West Exmoor Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The role requires a DBS disclosure.

Closing Date: Friday 5th July, 2019

Community

From the Rectory

Dear Friends,

This month the Church celebrates two feasts that take us from the end of the story of Jesus' presence in Jerusalem and Galilee over two thousand years ago into the new experience of God that his followers entered into through him. We celebrate Pentecost (or Whitsun), often called the birthday of the church, when we recall the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first apostles, inspiring and empowering them to take Jesus' message of love and new start out across the ancient world. Those apostles had all grown up with a knowledge of and devotion to the God who created the world, the one God their ancestors had always worshiped. When they met Jesus they began to recognise God's presence in him, and his resurrection from the dead confirmed a new faith for them that he was the Son of God – revealed as a human being. On the day of Pentecost they experienced the powerful presence of God as Spirit. From these experiences they had to start talking about God in new ways – God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; or Creator, Redeemer and Inspirer. In time the theologians would give the term "Trinity" to the Christian believe that the God we worship is "three persons and one God": sometimes something that is hard to get our minds around, but easier to think of as the way God is known to us – as the one who holds us in being, the one who reveals God in human form, as the one within us who leads us towards God. This belief is the focus of our celebration the week after Pentecost- Trinity Sunday.

Members of the Lee Abbey Community and I have been sharing some of the themes of the Pentecost story with the pupils and staff at Lynton Primary School and I have found it a personally helpful experience to explore a familiar story in more depth and relate it to where I am now in life and faith. The first theme was "waiting". It's a theme I associate with Advent of Lent – but it is good to be reminded that Jesus actually tells his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit – for something mysterious and unknown. Many of us will have experienced or be experiencing all kinds of "waiting" but we don't live in a very patient culture. The disciples responded to Jesus' command by gathering together and praying

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together. I wonder if we can take note of their example and look out for those among us who are “waiting” for something and offering our company and support? Can we pray for all who are waiting? For our own patience and for positive patience in the world around us? Perhaps then, we can discover, like the disciples that the waiting prepares us to receive whatever will come in its own time.

God bless,
Samantha

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Chivenor Soccer School Development Centre Summer Program

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
TRAIN LIKE A PRO
11 - 15 YEAR OLDS
8.30AM - 1.30PM
CHIVENOR PITCHES

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
GIRLS ONLY
SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP
8.30AM TILL 1.30PM
CHIVENOR PITCHES
8 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE
WEDNESDAY'S

LITTLE SAINTS
EVERY THURSDAY
FIRST SESSION 4TH JULY
3 - 5 YEARS OLDS
CHIVENOR
£4.00 PER SESSION

CAMP 1 - 29TH, 30TH & 31ST JULY
CAMP 2 - 5TH, 6TH & 7TH AUGUST
CAMP 3 - 12TH, 13TH & 14TH AUGUST
CAMP 4 - 19TH, 20TH & 21ST AUGUST
CAMP 5 - 26TH, 27TH & 28TH AUGUST

1 DAY - £16
2 DAYS - £29
3 DAYS - £40
PER CAMP

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EXETER CHIEFS SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS
AUGUST

20th - North Petherton (Backs Camp)
20th - North Petherton (Forwards Camp)
21st - Tor RFC
22nd - Sandy Park
27th - 28th Redruth RFC
29th - Ilfracombe RFC
30th - Bridgwater RFC (girls only)

5th - Truro RFC
7th - Bridgwater RFC
8th - Bridport RFC
13th - Penryn RFC
14th - 15th - Sandy Park
16th - Minehead RFC
19th - North Petherton

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BARNSTAPLE
July: Tues 30th,
Aug: Mon 5th, Tues 6th, Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Mon 19th,
Tues 20th & Tues 27th.
Park School, EX32 9AX (10am - 3pm)

MARWOOD
Aug: Weds 7th, Weds 21st
Marwood Primary, EX31 4HF (10am - 3pm) **Multi Sports**

BRAUNTON
Jul: Weds 31st
Aug: Weds 14th, Weds 28th
Braunton College, EX33 2BP (10am - 3pm)

ILFRACOMBE
Ilfracombe College, EX34 9JB (10am - 3pm)
Aug: Thurs 1st, Fri 2nd, Thurs 8th, Fri 9th, Thurs 15th, Fri 16th, Thurs 22nd, Fri 23rd, Thurs 29th & Fri 30th

> All Courses £15 one day / £27 for two >
> Boys & Girls aged between 5-14 years
> Further information? Email Clem.bennelick@ecfc.co.uk

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