



West Exmoor Federation

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Autumn Term 2019 – Newsletter 4 – 15th November 2019



Quick Reminders

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



At 11am on 11th November, our Key Stage 2 children marked Remembrance Day with a service at Woody Bay Train Station. The engine, Axe, provided the poignant backdrop for our service whilst our children read poems that they had written about war and loss. As the Reveille broke our silence, our children placed poppy crosses into the garden of remembrance, many thinking about family members who served in the World Wars and subsequent wars around the world. As our service concluded, our children enjoyed a ride on the railway whilst contemplating the part that Axe played on the frontline and how the tranquillity of the Exmoor landscape today contrasts so greatly to the scenes of WWI that

they can only imagine. Thank you to everyone who joined us at this service, to Rev'd Samantha for leading service and to all at Woody Bay for enabling us to mark Remembrance in such a special way.

PUNCTUALITY

I would like to remind all prents/carers that the school day starts promptly at 8.45am. Children should arrive at school in good time for the start of the school day. Arriving late is not only unsettling for your own child, but can delay the start of the day for the rest of their peers. Late arrivals will be recorded as such, which may have an impact upon your child's attendance record. If your child travels on one of our minibuses it is also vital that they are punctual. They should arrive at the collection point at least 5 minutes prior to the departure time of the bus to ensure that the minibus can pull away promptly at the agreed time. I have advised all minibus drivers that they must leave on time and that stopping to pick up children who are late is not permissible. It is imperative that our buses run on time to ensure a prompt start to the day at both Parracombe and Kentisbury. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Can I please remind all parents/carers that images of children at school events, other than your own children, should not be shared on social media. Some of our children are not permitted to have their image used in this way and failure to follow our policy may result in us having to ban the taking of photographs or videos at school events.

TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY

Kentisbury Primary School is looking to recruit a teaching assistant to work 11.30am – 3.30pm, five days a week, term time only. Potentially, we would also require the successful candidate to run an after-school club between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, two evenings a week. The position will be within Key Stage 1 and will 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 and be committed to ensuring the physical, social and emotional well-being of our children through positive and active lunchtimes. 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, Kentisbury Primary School, Kentisbury, Barnstaple, EX31 4NG. 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: Monday 9th December.

BREAKFAST CLUB VACANCY

Lynton Primary School is looking to recruit a Breakfast Club Leader to work from 7.55am – 8.55am, Monday to Friday, term time only. The position will require the successful candidate to serve a nutritious breakfast and organise a range of physical activities. On the occasions when no children attend, the successful candidate will be directed by the classteachers to assist them in the preparation of classroom resources, etc. If you would like to be considered for this position, please

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Best Wishes



Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

In collective worship this half-term we are asking the Big Question, 'Why am I here?'. We have been linking this to our CARIS value of inspiration and using the stories of people called by God as our Big Stories.

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

We have had a very busy first two weeks back. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and see them settling back into the routine.

In English, we are working on narrative, in particular, Fairy tales. The children will be exploring all things Fairy tales by listening to a range of traditional tales, acting out the stories, considering the key features and coming up with their own versions as the next few weeks progress. They will be looking at alternative versions to the traditional ones and even considering the tale from an alternative perspective.....who knew that the wolf might have been innocent all along?!



In Maths, the children are continuing with addition and subtraction. Please do continue to log in to Mathletics at home. The level of fluency that this supports within school is incredibly valuable. It is always lovely to celebrate in Celebration assembly, when the children gain their award certificates for the various points.

Thank you to those of you who have supported Children in Need and we hope that the children enjoyed their day!

As always, thank you for the continued support with home reading, we are well underway with some children now gaining their 50 + nights - keep it up children!

Please keep an eye out for nativity news.....and maybe an ear for some sneaky snippets into some of the ever so catchy tunes as we begin to practice for the performance....more information to follow.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Your KS1 team

Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks

First of all, welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely break.

We would like to say a big well done to those children who took part in the Tarka Tennis Competition and the Cross Country and to MASSIVE well done to everyone for writing beautiful poems to read at our remembrance service at Woody Bay. You did great and represented the federation wonderfully.

I would just like to remind everyone that Rivers have PE on a Monday afternoon and a Friday afternoon and Oaks have PE on a Thursday morning. Please can we ensure that children have full PE kits with them on these days. Children who do not have a full/suitable kit will not be able to take part in these sessions.

Since returning to school after half term we have been focussing on addition and subtraction, choosing appropriate strategies in order to solve problems efficiently. In our English lessons we have begun to explore explanation texts. Our end piece of writing will be an explanation text explaining the process of how or why an invention works.

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Year 5 & 6 – Oceans and Forests

English

Since half term we have been focusing on our topic of poetry. We individually drafted and wrote poems that used personification and tried to enhance the range of vocabulary and figurative language we used within them. These poems formed the basis for our remembrance poetry for the service held at Woody Bay this week. Our poems were backed on special remembrance paintings we had created earlier in the week, to great effect.

Maths

We have recently finished our place value unit and will be moving onto Multiplication and Division. We know that we find long multiplication and division quite challenging so any additional work at home that could be done on this the better.

Science

This last week we have been learning about light travelling in straight lines. We have been introduced to a range of vocabulary and are starting to plan an experiment to investigate the changes in length of shadows.

Maths News

Top Ten Mathematics pupils

This list is the top ten students across the federation for the school year to date, but we will now be publishing the top ten students from the past two weeks in each newsletter. Well done to the children who have made it to the Top Ten. It is great to see the effort you are making to improve your maths skills.

Students	Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Livy W	15440	52	15492	8	1	
Joseph C	8030	250	8280	3	1	
Teddy K	6620	43	6663	3	0	
Darcey T	5810	209	6019	2	1	
Harry D	5190	0	5190	2	0	
Phillip C	4880	0	4880	3	1	
Abigail L	4770	42	4812	1	0	
Timea L	3960	266	4226	0	0	
Leigh S	3120	819	3939	1	0	
Tommy H	3690	0	3690	1	0	

Key Stage Two Times Tables competition

At Lynton School, the children from KS2 took part in a Times Tables competition morning. This consisted of a range of team and individual games which gave the children the opportunity to gain house points. It was a fantastic morning and the children entered into each challenge with enthusiasm and positivity. We were particularly proud of the children's team work and support for one another. The morning finished with an individual challenge. The top four students who went on to earn points for their house were Caitlin GF, Evie H, Chloe B and the eventual winner and Times Table Champion Mya O.



Sports News

CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to our Cross Country Team who took part in the Barnstaple Schools' Cross Country Competition. Each and every one of our team did exceptionally well, completing a challenging course in difficult conditions; a special well done must go to Jack and Henry B who came 6th and 9th respectively in the Year 3 boys' race. Thank you to those parents and Governors who came along to support our children; it was very much appreciated.

PE KITS

There have been an increasing number of children attending without PE kit. As a result of this, our PE policy has been updated and can be found on the Federation website.

In summary, for Health and Safety reasons, any child who does not attend with kit will only be able to take part in the session as an observer. For those who forget kit on 2 or more occasions, a reminder slip will be sent home. Those children who have their ears pierced will need to remove earrings prior to any PE session, or using their own micro pore tape, supplied from home, cover their earrings prior to their session.

We thank you in advance for your support with this as we put safety of the children at the forefront.

Many thanks,
Mrs Kelly

Admin

Dance Club at Lynton

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you that I will not be able to continue with After School Dance clubs from January due to work commitments. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach dance at Lynton School and I am going to miss all of my "Diva's and Dudes" very much. I hope to be in a position to enable me to return in the future. Thank you to everyone who has attended Dance Club over the last three years, I have loved every minute.

Best Wishes,
Laura Dyer

Governor News

Meet the Governors: Victoria Squire - Vice-Chair of Governors & Foundation Governor (Lynton)



I was brought up in Lynton, I am married to Robin and we have two daughters: Haven, who is currently at The Ilfracombe Academy, and Aura, who attends Lynton Church of England Primary School.

I am a graduate from Central Saint Martins College of Art with an MA in Communication Design and Oxford Brookes University with a Postgraduate Certificate in Education.

My teaching career began at South East Essex College, later moving to North Oxfordshire College and School of Art, before I returned to the area in 1997 as a lecturer at the University of Plymouth.

I have held a number of roles within the university: course leader for the BA Hons Graphic Communication with Typography programme; Subject Forum Chair for Arts (responsible for liaising between the Faculty of Arts and University of Plymouth Colleges Faculty which validates undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Colleges across the South West and Jersey, including Petroc locally); a harassment advisor; an external examiner for BA Hons Creative Industries at Southampton University.

After having Haven, I reduced my working hours, and I am currently a 0.6 lecturer on the BA Hons Graphic Communication with Typography programme and Partnership Coordinator for the School of Art, Design & Architecture. I also lead the 'Message' research group and I am a co-founder and co-editor of the Message Graphic Communication

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Design Research Journal, published by the University of Plymouth Press. My research/design practice has been exhibited in the USA (most recently New York) and Denmark.

I joined the West Exmoor Federation as Foundation Governor in 2011 when Haven started at Lynton Primary School. Having a background in education, attending the school as a child, and with my two daughters being the fourth generation of our family to be educated at Lynton School, I wanted to be involved and contribute to the development of education provision for all children across the Federation.

Being a Foundation governor continues to be extremely rewarding as I endeavor to utilise my knowledge and skills in my roles as Vice Chair of Governors and Chair of the Ethos and Community Cohesion Committee. I am committed to developing the Ethos and Christian distinctiveness of the Federation and am passionate about actively supporting the Federation to achieve the very best education for all children.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If any parent of any pupil in the Federation would like to know more about the Governing Body, and its' work, with a view to becoming a governor could they please contact me on the contact below, or via any school office.

jan.stokes@westexmoorfederation.org.uk

Jan Stokes; Chair. West Exmoor Federation Governing Body.

Diary Dates

26 th November	Federation Fire Talks
2 nd December	Christingle Service @ Christ Church, Parracombe, 4 – 5pm
9 th December	Lynton Home Learning Assembly 9am - 10am.
11 th December	Parracombe Home Learning Assembly 9am - 10am.
13 th December	Kentisbury Home Learning Assembly 9am - 10am.
17 th December	Lynton Nativity and Carol Service, St Mary's church, 10.30am and 5.30pm
18 th December	Kentisbury and Parracombe Nativity and Carol Service, St Thomas' church, 10.30am and 5.30pm
19 th December	Federation Pantomime visit to Queens Theatre, Snow White

Community

Christmas at Barnstaple Library

Thursday 5 December 4.30-5.30 - Once Upon a Christmas with Boo to a Goose Theatre

Set in the home of a jolly old couple who, sat by the fireside and with puppetry and scents of Christmas spices, share their memories and stories of bygone days. Join in singing merry songs and making festive paper chains. Suitable for ages 2-8. Tickets £6. Book your place at the library.

Friday 6 December 10.00-12.00 - Pop-up cafe with Christmas singing by Pathfield School.

Join the Pathfield school pupils for some lovely Christmas singing at 11.00am as part of their Pop-up cafe in the library foyer with home baked treats and hot drinks.

Thursday 12 December 4.00-5.30 - Stories Under the Christmas Tree- Come and snuggle up for stories, songs and poems under our library Christmas tree and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate supported by our Friends group. Come in your dressing gown and pyjamas if you wish. Don't forget your teddy! Free session. Aimed at children and their grown ups. Everyone welcome.

Monday 16-Friday 20 December 10.00-12.00 - Make a bauble paper crafts - Join us each morning in the run up to the big day to make crafty festive paper decorations for our tree in the children's library. Suitable for all ages. Donations appreciated to help cover costs.

Saturday 21 December 10.00-12.00 - BFGs Christmas Coffee morning and Children's Crafts -Special Christmas edition of the Friends group regular coffee morning and children's crafts. Donations welcomed towards the craft costs. With Christmas tunes from The Voice Community Choir.

Monday 23 December 15.00-17.00 - A long long time Live screening show-Dartington Live & Reckless Sleepers

This winter show takes children and their families to space and back, surveying the imaginary delights of the zodiac, from wandering giants, to bears, sisters, birds, fantastical creatures, gods, monsters and more. A beautiful storytelling treat for all the family. Tickets £4 per person includes a craft activity. Booking via LibrariesEvolve.org.uk

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14th Saturday 10am - 11am 3D Printed Snowman- Design a snowman. Add a hat, scarf, buttons or carrot and then have it 3D printed. We can also add a loop at the top of your design so that you can hang it up and show to your family. Please collect your snowmen later that week. £5.50 ages 6-12

14th Saturday 11:30am - 1pm Tree Decorations- Customise your own Perspex or wooden tree decoration. You could put your name on it, a silhouette of a pet, your favourite animal or winter item. You can make any shape and style of decoration you wish all in time to decorate your house or tree. £7.50 ages 6-16

14th Saturday 1:15pm – 2:45pm Paint a 3D printed Elf - We will have some 3D printed articulated elf models that everyone can paint and decorate. These moving elf models will be an adorable addition to any shelf in December. Paint them however you like. Extra time has been allowed for drying but feel free to pick your models up later in the week. £7.50 ages 4-10.

Active Life Active Mind events at Barnstaple Library - Mon 13 Jan 2-3 - Explore with Go pros

Ever wanted to try out a Go Pro camera? We will be taking our Go Pros and exploring outside Barnstaple Library on the Castle Green and capturing some nature shots. Suitable for all ages. Free. Find out more and book via: fablabdevon.org

Tues 14 Jan 12-1 - Green screen envy - Ever wanted to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa or swim with the dolphins? Take some photos and edit using our green screen to show many different exciting and fun scenes. Suitable for all ages. Free. Find out more and book via: fablabdevon.org