



# West Exmoor Federation

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

Summer Term 2021 – Newsletter 7 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



## Quick Reminders

### Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful children, staff, governors and to you, our amazing parents and carers. This has been a year like no other as we have all navigated our way through uncharted waters. At times it has been extremely challenging, but your unwavering support has eased the way and for which I am unreservedly grateful.

Throughout the year the resilience shown by our children has never failed to amaze me. They have moved, almost seamlessly, between learning at school and home as a consequence of lockdowns, bubbles bursting and periods of household isolation. As I said to Year 6 earlier this week, the determination, resilience and tenacity demonstrated by all of our children, intertwined with their ability to remain positive and optimistic in the face of adversity, will set them in good stead for the highs and lows that they will encounter in life and enable them all to be whatever they want to be.

I very much hope that you all enjoy the summer break and manage to enjoy some quality family time with one another and very much look forward to welcoming you and children back to school in September.

Take care and keep safe.

Jayne x

## Reception , Year 1 & Year 2 – Raindrops, Streams, Saplings and Young Buds

It's unbelievable to be writing a newsletter for the end of the summer term, where has the time gone?!



This term, the children read the story Somebody swallowed Stanley. They wrote their own versions of the story and learnt about the threatening effect plastic has on the natural environment and the wildlife that lives within it. The children looked at the importance of recycling and then at a range of art made from recycled materials. Following this, they used recycled materials to design their story character. They used their word processing skills to finish their stories, then displayed them on the wonderful seascape art they had created.

Children thought about their own local history and learnt about the Lynmouth flood disaster. They used the amazing facts they had learnt from local people who had lived through the disaster and their trip to the Lynmouth Flood Memorial hall to write newspaper articles.

We have had a wonderfully busy half term with local visits, swimming lessons, recording our own class songs, and various other trips!

The children have earned a well-deserved rest, we wish them a safe, sunny, happy summer holiday, and look forward to seeing them refreshed and ready for their return to school in September!



Warm wishes from the Key Stage 1 team.

## Key Stage Two

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### **Lower KS2 – Young Buds, Oceans and Rivers**

It has been a very busy end to a very busy year! We have really enjoyed our swimming sessions at West Buckland and being able to use their big sports hall for our Sports Day events has been great fun.

We have been learning about the Lynmouth Flood and are very grateful to the Exmoor Park staff and the Lynmouth Flood Memorial Centre for their time and engaging talks. It's so vital for us all to keep in touch with our local heritage and history.

The children have all worked hard with the end of year production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and we are hoping to be able to share this with you all very soon!

As staff we are going to miss our Year 4's as they make the next step in their Primary education, but are also very excited to begin a new journey with our new children in September.

Have a lovely summer and a well earned rest!

### **Upper KS2 – Oceans and Forests**

Another school year comes to an end. For our year 5 and 6's this has been a year to remember, a year they will never forget.

It has been great to have some time to reflect on the wonderful year we have had. We are so grateful for each and every moment that we have had with you all. Our time spent supporting each other through Lockdown has made us all the more closer and has made saying goodbye all the more difficult this year. Year 5, we can't wait to get you back in September and continue our awesome journey together. We have so much planned for the new year...we'll be kicking off the year with a military assault course and Victorian school day experience.

Have a brilliant summer everyone, it's been a blast!

## **Sporting News**

### **North Devon Schools Show Jumping**

We would like to congratulate the Federation Showjumping Team of Mia Harris, Blake Goodman and Jack Payne, who all rode excellent in the Team competition on Sunday 11th July. The team were placed 2nd and will now go onto the grand final in September. Well done also to Jack for being placed 6th individually.



## **Admin**

### **Updated 2021/2022 School Term Dates**

There is an additional bank holiday next year (3rd June), for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which is during the May Half Term. Therefore, we have a day added to our holiday, which will be taken at the end of the Christmas break (4th Jan). The updated calendar can be found on our website and Class Dojo.

### **Menu for Autumn Term**

Hopefully you will have received the updated menu with the correct dates on that cover the first half of the Autumn Term, the menu will remain the same as the Summer Term menu until October half term, please ask your school administrator if you would like a paper copy of the menu.

### **School Uniform**

School Threads have reminded parents to order school uniform for September as early as possible to ensure they have enough stock to be able to meet demand and fulfil orders before the start of the school year.

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### Devon Norse Vacancy for Cleaner at Parracombe

Devon Norse are also looking for a cleaner at Parracombe school, please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

### **Diary Dates**

23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	End of Term
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Back to School

### **Community**

#### Exmoor Forest School Holiday Club

Exmoor Forest School are running a holiday club for rising 5's to 11 year olds on Thursdays & Fridays from 05.08.2021 to 27.8.2021. Children will spend all day outdoors enjoying a variety of different activities from orienteering to cooking to using tools. The Forest School ethos will be followed in that each session is child led and ensures that all children build their resilience and self-esteem.

We have spaces limited available on Thursdays but still have some spaces on each Friday. There is a discount for more sessions booked at the same time, prices can work out from just £24 per day.

Children come along with a packed lunch, plenty of snacks and wearing suitable clothing for the day's forecast, some may wish to bring spare change of clothes in case of getting completely muddy or wet! Being outdoors all day children tire quickly. All staff are enhanced DBS checked, paediatric first aid qualified, safeguarding trained and have years of experience of working with Primary aged children. Children are the centre of our day allowing them to do as little or as much as they wish. We are here to provide positive memories for the young people of our community to take away with them for years to come.

In September, Adventure Club will start up again, this is a block booking of 6 weekly sessions on a Saturday morning. This is for all age children up to and including 11 years old. We will also be holding a Bat evening in the October half term and tree planting opportunities in November.

Please do not hesitate to contact Naomi for more information 07722 080 923 or visit Exmoor Forest School's website, Facebook page or Instagram to also follow what we are up too.

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**Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!**

Visit your local library this summer to take part in the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge. This year The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create an exciting challenge which will inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join the Wild World Heroes for an exciting adventure in the fictional town of 'Wilderville'. Through reading books, collecting rewards and learning all about our planet, Challenge participants will help the Heroes make Wilderville a greener place to live. With stickers to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. Children who manage to read 6 or more books will earn a special medal and certificate.

Wild World Heroes launches on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July and runs until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021. You can find out more here [Devon Libraries](#) or here [Torbay Libraries](#)



**Devon Norse  
Careers**

we're **hiring...**

**Cleaner – Parracombe Primary School**

A fantastic opportunity to join our quality driven cleaning team, giving you the chance to work for a national service provider with excellent opportunities and benefits.

**9 Hours per week, Monday to Friday,  
Afternoon job, key holder £8.91 Per Hour**



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# Tennis Camps Summer Holidays 2021

*Develop your child's tennis whilst having fun, making friends & playing games.*

*Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in great locations.*

## Junior Camp

5 - 14 yr olds | 10am - 1pm | £20 per day\*

## Tiny Tots Camp

3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £6 per day

*\*For every full day purchased on our Junior Camp, bring a friend or sibling for free to either the Tiny Tots or the Junior Camp!*

## Summer Holiday Dates

Wk 1	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 2	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnstaple & Braunton
Wk 3	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnstaple
Wk 4	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Barnstaple

## Locations

Barnstaple	Park Lane Tennis Club, Rock Park, EX32 9AH
Braunton	Braunton Tennis Club, Wrafton Road, EX33 2BP



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