



# West Exmoor Federation

*'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'*

15.09.2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of a new school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and managed to make the most of the somewhat inclement weather that we were blessed with! It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They all look so incredibly smart – thank you for helping us to uphold our uniform policy. Without exception, the children have all made an excellent start to the new academic year. They have quickly settled back into the routine of school life and have been incredibly focused upon their learning from the outset. I have been particularly impressed by how well our new reception children have taken to school life – it is as though they have always been with us.

As always, the start of the new school year has got off to a busy start. Across the federation, our theme for the term is 'The Bold and the Brave'. In Key Stage One the children will be focusing upon people who help us, whilst in Key Stage Two the focus will be upon World War I and II. To start the term off, all of the children enjoyed a wonderful theme enrichment day at Lynton where they were joined by a soldier and nurse from WWI. The children had a wonderful day finding out about how soldiers and nurses helped during WWI, as well as learning about some of the hardships endured during the war. The children were incredibly engaged throughout the day and asked some really probing questions.



Should you wish to discuss any school matter with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Although I am not in each school on a daily basis I am always contactable by phone and if you would like to meet face-to-face an appointment can be made through Vikki, Mel or Jacqui. Alternatively, I am more than happy to be contacted via my email, [jayne.peacock@westexmoorfederation.org.uk](mailto:jayne.peacock@westexmoorfederation.org.uk)

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock  
Executive Headteacher

*Our theme this term for Collective Worship has been 'Our Planet and its People: Thinking Globally'. Throughout the term we have thought about issues around the world relating to water, food, refugees and natural disasters. We have considered the need for peace and prayed for world leaders in the hopes that the world may one day live as one.*

## **Class News – Streams**

The children have settled in brilliantly over the first 2 weeks of term. We have been so pleased to see the children coming in every day with huge smiles. Thank you all for your support and positivity.

## **Names on items**

Unfortunately, some children have lost items of clothing, PE kits, book bags etc. Please make sure that all items are clearly named. Even with the best will in the world, things do occasionally go missing but without a name it is extremely difficult to return items. We have permanent markers in school if you do need to quickly name items whilst at school.

### **Snacks and drinks**

Just a quick reminder that all children need to bring a water bottle to school each day with plain water. We have a lovely water dispenser should children need to refill during the day but please take the bottles home each night and give them a warm rinse.

### **Reading books and reading diaries**

It is great to see so many of you reading with your children and getting into a good reading routine early in the year.

You may have noticed some of the foundation children will be bringing reading books home with no words in them. At this early stage of their reading journey the children need to practice telling stories verbally. Please ask your child to tell you a story using the pictures as a prompt. As the children learn their first phonetic sounds over the next few weeks they will be bringing books home with words in too.

This year we are only using one reading diary. Although the children will be reading at school most days and their diaries will be signed by a member of staff they need to read at home in order to progress in the reading challenge. The children gain certificates and stickers by reading at home, the certificates are awarded for each 25 nights that the children read. If they read for 225 nights, they will earn book voucher at the end of the school year.

### **Curriculum and homework**

Over the next few days we will be sending out this term's homework tasks and curriculum so you will be able to support your children's learning at home.

Mr Mackenzie

### **Class News – Rivers**

We have had a good start to the year in Rivers class and we have all had a fantastic time at Lee Abbey this week.

Our theme this term is based on the world wars. We had an action-packed day last Friday where the children luckily got to meet a soldier and a nurse from the war. This day really brought to life the topic and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. In English, we are writing instructions for growing our own vegetables. The children have planted their own lettuce or pepper plants this week and we are looking forward to watching these grow. In English, you can help your child by encouraging them to read every night at home.

Our Maths topic this term will be on number and place value. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction towards to end of the half term. Each week we will complete a Magic Maths Times Table quiz and the children will have the opportunity to earn certificates for each level they reach. You can help your child in Maths by ensuring they learn their times tables.

In art, we have created our own paintings and collages of poppies. The children have started to learn how to cross stitch and have persevered well with this task. We have created some wonderful poppy patterns as a result.

On Tuesdays, please may I ask that the children come into school wearing their PE kits as we will be doing Tag Rugby until the Christmas holidays.

Many thanks  
Miss Martin

### **Class News – Oceans**

We've been tailoring our timetable to suit us this week and after discussion, oceans have decided to do more maths. We have elected to include an element of maths within our physical activities and through our science, theme and creative lessons. Christine has agreed to help us with sewing again, for which we are very grateful and Emma will be popping in to help us learn German after half term again which we are excited about. Music is a shared interest across the class so we're going to have a go at small group guitar lessons for 20 minutes at lunch, once a week. And we will be working with the choir master of Exeter cathedral this term as well. This is all in addition to our residential on the week commencing the second of October and our project with the Royal ballet.

Our learning is focused on the basics for the first part of our academic year. This means recapping what we know about the phases of phonics, the basics of place value, sentence construction and handwriting before extending

our knowledge. We will be exploring negatives and rounding through measurement and sentences through instructions.

Thank you in advance for your support and help this year,  
Sarah Adams

### **Class News – Young Buds**

Firstly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents for helping the children to have such a successful start to the new school year. All of Young Buds have settled in wonderfully and are all embracing school life to the maximum already. We all had a brilliant day at Lynton School last Friday for our Wow Day about the war. Young Buds particularly enjoyed their workshop with a soldier who taught them what life was like for a soldier of war during WW1.



This week, as part of our theme 'All About Me', the class have been sharing what they did during the summer holidays and some have brought in some lovely photos which they thoroughly enjoyed showing their classmates throughout the week. Years 1 and 2 also used their photos to help them write about their adventures.

Next week, we will start a sequence of English work based on a story called 'Bear on a Bike' and in Maths we will be working on numbers.

Weather permitting, Forest school will continue on Wednesdays. Young Buds had their first session this week and made portraits of themselves out of twigs, stones and anything else that they could find in the environment.

Please can all children have full PE kits in school every week. Unfortunately, children will not be able to partake in Rugby Tots on a Monday if they do not have a PE kit in school so it is vital that they have one. Please also ensure that your child has a coat in school every day as the weather is so changeable at the moment and has gotten quite cold all of a sudden.

We have had the majority of parents sign up to ClassDojo already which is brilliant. If you haven't got around to doing this, please do by Monday so that we can get it up and running for the whole class. We will be giving Dojo points alongside our credit system with a focus on independent learning, so it would be great for every child to be on there and for all to get the rewards from it.

Sally Pile.

### **Class News – Oaks**

Welcome back to everyone at the start of a new and busy term. Welcome also to our year threes and Miss Johnston. It is lovely to see how everyone has settled quickly into life at Parracombe, keen to explore our new topic based around World War One and Two.

Over the next few weeks, years five and six will be investigating place value in maths. We will focus on the value of each digit within six-digit numbers and work through different problem-solving strategies. In English, we will be focusing on the language and grammar required in order to write instructions.

Lisa Hamer

### **Little Berries News**

#### **Little Berries/After School Care**

We are pleased to announce that we are now opening our Little Berries Pre-School all year round, with the exception of the Christmas week and a week in the summer holiday, when we will be closed.

We hope to continue to run the Summer and Easter holiday clubs, as we have done in the past, but if you require care for your child/ren during other school holidays, please speak to one of the Little Berries Practitioners, giving them as much notice as possible. They will then try and meet your specific holiday needs.

### **Vacancies**

Senior Foundation Stage Practitioner (Level 3/Teaching qualification desirable) for 3 days a week (27.75 hours per week)

Deputy Foundation Stage Practitioner (Level 3) for 2 days a week (18.5 hours per week)

Foundation Stage Playworker for maternity cover for 10.25 hours per week

Foundation Stage Playworker - casual hours to cover for holiday and sickness

Best wishes,

Your Little Berries team

### **Admin News**

#### **School Dinner Payments**

Please remember that school dinners for children in Key Stage 2 (year 3 to year 6) are £2.30 per day. 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.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Don't forget breakfast club is available from 8am at all three schools. Breakfast is provided and includes toast and cereal, fruit juice or milk. The cost is £2.50 per child per session. **Places need to be booked with the office the day before at the latest** to ensure there is a staff member available to run the club.

#### **Vacancy – Kentisbury Primary School – Cleaner**

There is a vacancy for a cleaner at Kentisbury School for 9.5 Hours per week for 41 weeks a year at £9.75 per hour. For more details please contact Devon Norse on 01392 351162 or their Divisional Manager Jason Day on 07587 031152.

#### **Vacancy - Lynton Primary School – Relief Catering Support**

We are still looking for a small number of local people to join a 'supply bank' to provide short-notice cover in the kitchen in the event of either Jayne or Vicky being absent. If you would be interested in joining our supply bank, please contact Jayne Hoskins via Lynton School on 01598 753309.

#### **Kentisbury & Parracombe School Photographs**

Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Monday 25th September to take the children's individual school photos. If you have more than one child at the school, they will also have a picture taken together.

If you have children who attend both Kentsisbury and Parracombe Schools and would like them to have a picture together, you are welcome to bring them (and any younger siblings) to Kentisbury Village Hall from 8.30am, where the photographer will take family groups first. Parracombe children would then need to be taken back to Parracombe for lessons.

The photographer will be visiting Parracombe School later in the morning.

#### **Little Berries**

Little Berries who attend the setting on a Monday will also be having their pictures taken. If your child does not attend on a Monday but you would like a photograph, you are welcome to bring them to Kentisbury Village Hall from 8.30am.

#### **Music Lessons**

There are currently spaces for piano or violin lessons on a Thursday within school. For more information, please email Jenny at [jennyayres@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyayres@hotmail.com)

### **Thank You from Kentisbury School**

A big thank you to Andy Charlesworth, Colin Peacock and Adam Payne for erecting the new shed and shelving at Kentisbury School. Your time was very much appreciated and will mean that the cost to erect the shed, can be saved for the purchase of curriculum items for the children.

With many thanks  
Wendy, Jacqui, Mel and Vikki

### **GOVERNING BODY UPDATE:**

Welcome to the Governing Body termly update about the work of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body of the West Exmoor Federation (GBWEF) act like a Board of Directors, making decisions about how the schools in the Federation are run and managed. They are responsible for making strategic decisions at a management policy level. They **do not** make decisions about the running of the school on a day to day basis. The GBWEF currently has a Chair appointed by the Local Authority, 2 Foundation governors 2 parent and 3 co-opted governors, supported by members of staff. There are, currently 4 sub-committees, of which a governor generally attends one, which meet termly, and the full governing body which all governors attend, also meeting termly.

Like the staff and children, the Governing Body has begun its' terms work. We met on Tuesday for our annual "housekeeping" meeting where we can deal with all the admin procedures we need to deal with. We were also able to put meetings and learning walks into diaries to ensure the smooth running of the full, and sub, committees over the year.

There are two learning walks planned for this term. They will focus on independent learning, and Maths, across the Federation. If any parent wishes to make any comment on these aspects of the Federations' work they can leave a note for my attention at any school office.

The Chair of Governors regularly meets with a small group of Chairs of other small North Devon primary schools, to discuss common issues, and to visit others schools to discuss educational provision.

### **INTERESTED IN JOINING US??**

We are always interested to hear from people who may be interested in joining the Governing Body, but are unsure what is needed, or whether they have the time/skills to contribute. So, why not TRY IT OUT. We can offer temporary posts as associate or co-opted governors where you could attend meetings, or shadow a governor to find out if this might suit you. We would particularly like to hear from people, though not exclusively, with an interest in grant applications/marketing, finance or community links. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity please contact the Clerk to Governors, Jacqui Skelton-Norrish on 1598 763338 or the Chair of Governors via any school office.

More information about the Governors can be found on the Federation website  
[www.westexmoorfederation.org.uk](http://www.westexmoorfederation.org.uk).

Jan Stokes, Chair of Governors, West Exmoor Federation.

### **Dates for your diary**

25.09.17	Individual & Family Photographs for Kentisbury & Parracombe
02.10.17	Y5/6 Residential Visit to Lee Valley, Hertfordshire
16.10.17	Two Moors Festival Recital @ Lynton for the whole federation
17.10.17	Speak Out/Stay Safe Workshops by the NSPCC
18.10.17	Parracombe & Kentisbury Harvest Festival @ Christ Church, tbc
19.10.17	Lynton Harvest Festival @ St Mary's, tbc
20.10.17	End of Half Term

# CHIVENOR SOCCER SCHOOL PRE ACADEMY

## OPEN FOOTBALL TRIALS

CHILDREN IN YEARS 1/2/3 FROM SEPTEMBER 2017

Braunton (Chivenor)	Bideford	Ilfracombe
4.30pm till 6.00pm	4.30pm till 6.00pm	5.00pm till 6.30pm
Chivenor Grass Pitches	Bideford College Sports Hall	Ilfracombe College Sports Hall
Starts 11th September	Starts 12th September	Starts 12th September
Continues every Monday	Continues every Tuesday	Continues every Tuesday
<b>Free!</b>	<b>Free!</b>	<b>Free!</b>

**Requirements for Players**

- Suitable Sporting Kit
- Boots
- Trainers
- Shin Pads
- Water Bottle

**All Coaches are FA qualified, First Aid trained and DBS checked.**

To book onto any of the trial nights, please contact either:

**Lee Barrow - Head of Development Centre - 07890018502**  
**Joe Broad - Lead Coach - 07861388360**  
**Josh Pearce - Lead Coach - 07969330107**

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 Chivenor Southampton Development  
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# YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

**5 - 14 YEARS (Boys & Girls)**  
 (looking to start age 12/13/14 group)  
**STARTS SATURDAY**  
**9th SEPTEMBER**  
 10-11:30 am  
 £2.50 a session

All Players must wear football boots & shin pads  
 Please bring a drink.

For more information contact Kate Brook  
 07977 121101

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