



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Dear Parents/Carers

13.11.2017

TWO MOORS FESTIVAL



Just before half term we were extremely privileged to welcome Andrey Lebedev and Losif Purits to Lynton School. Andrey and Losif performed a guitar and accordion recital to all of the children within the West Exmoor Federation as part of the Two Moors Festival. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see two highly talented, international musicians play a variety of classical music and reinforcing the value that we place upon music within the curriculum. The children thoroughly enjoyed the recital and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Two Moor Festivals for enabling this to happen.



CHURCH TO SCHOOL WEEK

Last week saw children from across the federation taking part in our bi-annual Church to School Week. The week enabled us to reflect upon the links between our schools, our churches and our wider community. It also allowed us time to further consider CARIS and to make connections between each aspect of CARIS, our churches and our day-to-day lives. During the course of the week the children visited St Thomas' Church, Christ Church and St Mary's. Our Year 6 children also explored the churches of Martinhoe, Countisbury and Brendon, comparing and contrasting these three very different church buildings. On Thursday the children came together at St Mary's, Lynton, where they shared what they had learned throughout the week. One thing that stuck me was how many children said they had enjoyed being in church without having to do anything! So often when we take the children to church they are worrying about performing to an audience but their visits last week enabled them to explore and reflect without this pressure. I would like to thank Rev'd Samantha for her support and enthusiasm during the course of the week, as well as Keith and Marjorie at Martinhoe and Carol and Mary at Christ Church who hosted visits to their respective churches.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Friday, it was lovely to see all of our children take part in our annual Service of Remembrance at Woody Bay Train Station. It was an extremely moving service with some of our older children reading out a number of poignant poems and letters of thanks that they had written. The children laid crosses and poppies in the garden of remembrance before boarding the train for a short return trip to Killington Lane. The service seemed even more moving than usual with all of the children dressed as evacuees – thank you so much for all of the time and effort that you put into creating their costumes. It certainly generated lots of discussion as to how it might have felt to have been evacuated and very much brought this period of history to life for even our youngest children.



Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock, Executive Headteacher

Our theme this term for Collective Worship is 'Hope and Aspiration'. Over the last few weeks we have been thinking about community and remembrance. We have been thinking about the how people within our communities support one another and giving thanks for those who make sacrifices to support other people.

Class News – Streams

Items from home

We have noticed lots of toys and other items coming into school. Unfortunately, there has been a few incidents when these have been lost or damaged. Please could you discourage your children from bringing these things into school.



Santa's Workshop

We shall be decorating the role play area as Santa's workshop in the near future. We are asking for any donations to help turn it into a festive wonderland. If you have any wrapping paper, bows, gift boxes, labels, Christmas cards, decorations etc. We would be extremely grateful for any contributions.

Curriculum focus

In our English lessons we will be writing our own super hero stories. The children will be developing their understanding of narrative story structures. They will also be exploring new and interesting vocabulary, particularly adjectives. It would support your child's learning if you could spend some time talking about the super heroes that they have been creating. Take the opportunity to tell your child about your favourite super hero too! Maybe tell each other super hero stories? This is a great opportunity to introduce some interesting vocabulary.



Christmas Nativity

It is that time of the year again! This week we will be sending out letters regarding costumes and lines that the children will need to learn. This year we will be performing 'Hey Ewe'. It is the nativity story told from the perspective of a very curious sheep. There will be 2 performances on Tuesday 12th December at 10:30 and 17:00 at St Marys Church. The nativity is performed as part of the whole school Carol Service.

Thank you

Thank you to Eve Parkinson, Kelly Peacock, Pat Taylor, Naomi Gubb-Fradgley and Mrs Oxenham for all your continued support with the children's learning
Mr Mackenzie



Class News – Rivers

Our Maths topic at the moment is on addition and we be moving onto subtraction before the Christmas holidays. It has been recently announced that there will be a times table test at the end of year 4 so it is very important that the children are learning all of their times tables. 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.

In English we are focusing on poetry and we will be writing our own Remembrance Day Poems. The children are enjoying creating some beautiful imagery in their writing and I am looking forward to reading the results. We will then be moving on to writing letters based on the war.

This week has been Church week and the children have had the opportunity to learn about the different types of churches. We have also been on a trip to explore our local church so the children can understand all the features at a deeper level. A selection of the children enjoyed adding their own prayers and thoughts to the Church display. We have also been focusing on CARIS and how this impacts on our actions within school and the wider community.

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. Also, please may the children remember to bring their school clothes into school to change into for the rest of the day. Thank you,

Miss Martin.

Class News – Oceans

English:

Continuing with our theme of world wars one and two in oceans we are now starting to prepare to write our first narrative in English. We are using the arts to develop our descriptions and images so we are doing lots of drama, dance, art and music to explore our senses and emotions with regards to this theme. Following on from our residential we have also been looking at how the wars affected our local communities and we have been remembering the fallen at Woody Bay station and trying to re-enact how it must've felt for evacuees.

How to help:

We need to be extending our vocabulary. So if you're remarking on the colour of the trees at this time of year for example, it would be great to expand the description of colour from orange to auburn or orange like a burning fire just to get us thinking of a higher quality of description.

Maths:

In maths we have been extending and deepening our knowledge and use of addition and subtraction and in the coming weeks we will be exploring and consolidating our knowledge and use of multiplication and division. We are trialling the use of all times tables set to pop songs in the mornings and will be continuing to use maths magician timed worksheets to learn our times tables fluently. The focus for this term is fluency and accuracy in all four functions.

How to help:

Please help us learn all our times tables. Chanting them, writing them, testing them, will all help. The app we are using in School that does this for you is called maths rocks. It is expensive at £9.99 but it does all times tables to modern, very catchy, songs and does provide tests.

Regards,

Sarah Adams Lemon

Class News – Young Buds

Welcome back Young Buds!

It has been lovely to see the children return after the half term holiday with big smiles and eager to learn. We welcome to our class, Ali who has joined Reception and Lilly who has joined our Year 1 class – we hope you enjoy your time with us!

Well done to all of those children who read lots over the holidays; Lara and Parker have completed their 25 nights of reading and Henry Peacock has completed his 50! Keep it up! In literacy we are going to be focussing our story writing on Super Heros, the problems they face in the story and how they overcome them. You can help with this by picking out various sentence starters and talking about what happens in the stories that you read at home. In maths we are pattern sniffing. What patterns can they see? The Year 1's and 2's are also counting in 2's, 5' and 10's. Can they count in these whilst out and about or at home?

Our shoebox collection is now in the basket in the school corridor. Any donations are greatly received as we hope to make up our class shoeboxes with the children, ready to deliver to the distribution centre next week.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Sally Pile and Jill Kelly.

Admin News

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.

With many thanks,

Wendy, Jacqui, Mel and Vikki

Governors



West Exmoor Federation is looking for a parent Governor to join our existing board of governors.

Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education and a full and diverse governing body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. Volunteering as a governor is a great way to contribute to your local community, meet new people and improve the lives of local children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use.

You will become part of a team of successful governors working together to support the Federation.

There are many training opportunities within the federation and beyond to help you fulfil this role.

Governing bodies are responsible for the strategic management of a school and will make decisions about a wide range of issues.

The core responsibilities involved are:

Ensuring accountability, acting as a 'critical friend' to the Head Teacher, monitoring and evaluating the school's progress, Budgetary allocation and control Planning for the long term future of the school, Setting the school's aims and values and Appointing senior members of staff including the Head Teacher.

For more information about this very worthwhile role and an informal chat please contact Jacqui Skelton-Norrish (Clerk) 01598 763338.

Dates for your diary

17.11.2017	Children in Need, Evacuee costumes
02.12.2017	Choir singing at late night shopping
06.12.2017	Christmas Lunch
06.12.2017	Parracombe and Kentisbury Home Learning Celebration at Kentisbury
07.12.2017	Choir Performing at Woolhanger Manor in evening, details TBC
08.12.2017	Lynton Home Learning Celebration
12.12.2017	Lynton Nativity and Carol Service, 10.30-11.30 and 5.00 – 6.00 @ St Mary's Church
13.12.2017	Kentisbury and Parracombe Nativity and Carol Service, 10.30 - 11.30 and 5.00 – 6.00
14.12.2017	Federation Trip to the Pantomime @ The Queen's Theatre

COMMUNITY

Bingo at the Bowls Club, 17th November 2017

A group of Lynton Parents (who will hopefully form part of the new Lynton PTFA once a new chair is appointed) are holding a Bingo night at Lynton Bowls Club this Friday 17th November. All proceeds will be donated to Lynton PTFA towards the School's Bicentennial Celebrations. If you would like to book a seat, please see Vikki at Lynton School office. Tea/Coffee will be available on the evening for a donation but feel free to bring your own alcohol. There will also be a raffle, any donations towards the raffle would be greatly received.



NIGHT!

BINGO @ THE BOWLS CLUB

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

EYES DOWN at 8PM

£10 For a Night of Entertainment

Lynton PTFA are raising money to help fund the bicentennial celebrations at Lynton School in 2018.

Come and join us for a wonderful night of bingo. Many fabulous prizes to be won including 'winner winner' roast dinner for two at the Beggars Roost, Hamper from J&R foods, Meat donated by Besshill Farm, a pamper hamper plus much much more...



Now the winter season is approaching, please see the poster below with advice regarding the Norovirus.



Stop norovirus spreading this winter

Norovirus, sometimes known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the **most common stomach bug** in the UK, affecting people of all ages. It is **highly contagious** and is transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces, an infected person, or consumption of contaminated food or water.

The symptoms of norovirus are very distinctive – people often report a sudden onset of **nausea** followed by **projectile vomiting** and **watery diarrhoea**.



Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the virus.

People are advised to:

- Wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and drying them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Not rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus

An infection with norovirus is self-limiting and most people will make a full recovery in 1-2 days. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Do not visit either A&E or GPs with symptoms as this may spread the virus.

Further information and advice is available from NHS 111, including an online symptom checker at nhs.uk.

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SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUB

2D Stop Motion Workshop

Saturday 18th November @ Barnstaple Library

A BUG'S LIFE



Unleash your creativity in this fabulous workshop to create a film starring bugs & creepy crawlies using 2-D stop motion animation. Share the final movie with friends and family. Get close to real-life critters, learn about their amazing life cycles & other activities.

Suitable for all primary school aged kids. £15 per child.
Choose between am (10-12) or pm (1-3) session. Book via the website:
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Or email: sciencedipity@outlook.com



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