



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Dear Parents/Carers

24.11.2017

SCHOOL MEALS QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete and return our School Meals Questionnaire. If you have not yet done so, but would like your views to be taken into consideration, please return your completed forms by Friday 1st December. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you early next term.

CHRISTINGLE

We will be holding a Christingle Service at Christ Church, Parracombe on Monday 4th December at 4pm. Children at Parracombe and Kentisbury will be making Christingles for the Service. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible attending this service; it is always such a lovely way to start the Christmas season.

INTO FILM FESTIVAL

All of our children have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Lynton Cinema this week. Key Stage Two watched Swallow and Amazons, whilst Key Stage One were treated to Sing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Prior for hosting the Festival – it was such a lovely experience for everyone.

WATCH YOUR SPEED

I have noticed that some parents/carers are driving rather quickly along the narrow roads approaching Parracombe and Kentisbury Schools and within the vicinity of Lynton School. Although you are permitted to drive up to 30 miles per hour along these roads, I urge you to cut your speed to no more than 20 miles per hour in order to ensure the safety of our children. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

PADDLING, SNORKELLING & DIVING



Have you heard your child talking about Paddling, Snorkelling and Diving at home and wondered what on earth they're talking about? If so, let me try and explain. The National Curriculum puts great emphasis upon children showing mastery within their learning, rather than simply rushing off ahead as soon as they have purportedly understood something. As a staff, we have grappled with how best to explain this to the children and, having explored a number of ideas and strategies, we have settled upon Paddling, Snorkelling & Diving! If a child is paddling they have a basic understanding of a concept or skill. They are most able

to name, describe, following step-by-step instructions and prescriptive methods to complete a task. Once they are snorkelling they are working at a more advanced level. They are able to use their learning to solve problems and are able to explain their methods. At the deepest level of understanding the children are diving. They can solve non-routine problems using their learning, appraising their success, explaining concepts and hypothesising. At a basic level, '2 + 2 = ?' is a paddling question. This becomes a snorkelling question if the maths is required to solve a problem, for example, 'Jack has 2 cats and Jill has 2 dogs. How many pets do they have altogether?' or if it needs to be applied in a different way, eg, 4 - ? = 2. At a mastery (or diving level) a child might be asked, ? + ? = 4. How many different possibilities can you find? We talk openly to the children about whether or not the tasks they are completing are asking them to paddle, snorkel or dive and actively encourage them to think about the depth of questions that they are asked, or ask of others. Why not try having a go at home? Perhaps you could apply this to the questions that you ask your child when they are reading to you and even ask them to grade the level of your questioning! If you would like to find out more about Paddling, Snorkelling and Diving please ask your child's class teacher.

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

Our theme this term for Collective Worship is 'Hopes, Dreams and Aspiration'. Over the last few weeks we have been thinking about our community and how the people within it support one another. We have also been thinking about prayer, why prayer is important to us and places within our community where we can pray.

Class News – Streams

Santa's workshops donations

We have only had one donation so far. We would appreciate any decorations, wrapping paper, gift tags etc that will help to make a magical role play Santa's workshop.



Curriculum Focus

In maths we are looking at sequences. If you could practice counting up in 2's, 5's and 10's that would consolidate their learning at school. To make it more challenging you could start counting up from a number other than zero or counting down in 2's, 5's and 10's.



Polar Express Pyjama Day

On Wednesday 13th December we will be having a pyjama day and watching the Polar Express. To make the day more magical we will all be wearing pyjamas, eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate with squirty cream and marshmallows! This is a special Christmas treat to celebrate all the children's hard work in the lead up to the Christmas service.

Mr Mackenzie

Class News – Rivers

In English, we have been writing some beautiful poems. The children have worked hard to create some fantastic emotive language and we have performed our poems in class. We will be moving on to writing letters as an evacuee. We will be focussing on showing emotion in our writing.

In maths, we are focusing on the formal column method in subtraction and problem solving. We will be focusing on subtraction up until Christmas. After Christmas, we will be focusing on multiplication and division.

The children had a great time viewing Swallows and Amazons at our local cinema in Lynton. We then created our own survival guides for life on a desert island.

Many thanks,

Miss Martin

Class News – Young Buds

I would like to start off with a huge thank you to all of you who donated items for the Shoebox Appeal. Young Buds donated a total of 7 shoeboxes between them which will be enjoyed by children all over the world this Christmas. The class enjoyed a tour of the operation in action last week and are looking forward to finding out which countries their shoeboxes ended up in.

Our Children in Need biscuits were also a massive success and all of Young Buds' hard work certainly paid off. We raised a huge £81 just from biscuit sales and a further £23 from non-uniform donations. Again, thank you so much for all of your support, we couldn't have done it without you!

In literacy, we are continuing to write narratives to do with superheroes. You can still help at home by reading as many superhero stories with your child as you can as this will help broaden their ideas and develop their own superhero stories.

Last week, Travis' Great Granny came into school to talk to the class about her experiences during World War 2. Young Buds learned a lot from her and really enjoyed being able to ask her questions about the war. Thank you for coming in and to Travis' Gran for also coming with her.

It is the nativity time of year again! Please look out for letters regarding costumes that we will be sending out this week and lines that the children will need to learn very soon. This year we will be performing 'Hey Ewe'. It is the nativity story told from the perspective of a very curious sheep. We will be performing twice on Wednesday 13th December. First at St

Thomas' church in Kentisbury at 10.30am and then again at Christ Church in Parracombe at 5.00 pm. We are really looking forward to it and hope that you are too.

Are you able to help with reading in the classroom at any time during the week? If you are, please let us know as we would love some help to hear our children read at school as frequently as possible. We will be able to offer you a brief phonics workshop to boost your confidence with helping the children to sound out correctly which will benefit your own child too. Please get in touch if you'd be interested in helping.

Finally, a gentle reminder that our school day is 8.45am - 3.15pm. Children that arrive before 8.30am or stay after 3.15pm will need to access the provision provided by Little Berries or access after school clubs. These are chargeable. Also, Young Buds start their morning work at 8.45am. This is the time I plan for responding to marking, target specific learning that the children require or pre-teach children that I feel will benefit from a booster before a lesson commences. It is a vital part of the teaching day so please ensure your child is in school ready to learn at 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sally Pile and Jill Kelly.

Class News - Oaks

At the moment we are focusing on formal written methods and mental strategies to solve number calculations. 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 Mathsmagician Times Table quiz and the children will have the opportunity to earn certificates for each level they reach.

This week in English we have focused on figurative language and the effect that it has in writing. We are thoroughly enjoying this and the children have generated some cracking similes and metaphors J.

In science we are continuing to investigate living things. We have moved onto the process of pollination and the role that plants and other living things have in this process.

On Wednesday the children were given the opportunity to visit the local cinema to see the latest version of Swallows and Amazons, which is based in the 1930s. After the film, Oaks became movie critics producing a critique of the film and a poster explaining what they had learnt about life between the two world wars. They have all given some great reviews and made links to what they knew and what they now know about life in the early 1900s. I wish I had seen it.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Johnston

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

Lynton PTFA

We are holding our annual School Disco at Lynton on Friday the 8th December from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. Look out for the poster going home next week.

Governing Body Update

Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor following a recent resignation. Applications of interest are welcome from any parent/guardian or grandparent of a pupil at any of the Federation schools. The generic requirement is attendance at 3 Full Governing Body meetings per year, each starting at 5pm and ending no later than 7 pm, and a termly meeting at one of the 4 sub-committees, again lasting no more than 2 hours. No previous knowledge/experience of education is required, as all necessary training will be provided free of charge. The post is voluntary, though reasonable expenses, including, where appropriate, childcare costs, can be claimed.

If you are interested in a position to influence your child's education please contact the Clerk to Governors Mrs. Jacqui Skelton Norrish on 01598 763338, or the Chair of Governors Mr. Jan Stokes via any school office.

Dates for your diary

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
08.12.2017	Lynton School Disco. 4.30pm – 6.30pm
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

The choir children have been invited to sing at Woolhanger Manor in the evening on the 7th December 2017. There will be a letter with full details sent out early next week. If parents would like to attend, please see the poster below for ticket details.

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SOUTH WEST

Start your festive season with
a very merry
Christmas concert

Full of Christmas cheer, festive songs, mulled wine and mince pies, and a very special Christmas guest. A perfect Christmas evening for the whole family to enjoy.

Thursday 7 December 2017
Doors open 6.45pm, seated by 7.15pm
Woolhanger Manor, Exmoor

The concert is set in the beautiful music room at Woolhanger Manor overlooking the stunning surroundings of Exmoor National Park and raises money for Children's Hospice South West.

Performances by: Vocal Accord, Anchors Aweigh, Lynton Primary School
To book call 01271 325 270: £10 per person (children under 14 free)

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Caffyns Farm Presents.....

Christmas Craft Fair

Dec 3rd 2017

Over 13 stalls confirmed and Borderline
Morris Dancers will be performing.
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
available

along with the usual food, tea and coffee.

Also, Father Christmas
will be stopping by to wish you all a
Merry Christmas
and to take orders
depending on your behavior!

The fun begins at 11am and will run
Through until 5pm

Exmoor Coast Holidays and Exmoor Trekking Centre
Caffyns Farm, EX35 6JW Lynton
01598 753967



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A NON TRADITIONAL TAKE ON AN OLD TALE

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
7.30PM PG

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
2.30PM & 7.30PM PG

AT BRENDON VILLAGE HALL

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