



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Summer Term 2018 – Newsletter No 8 – 8th June 2018

Quick Reminders

Forest School for Streams - Friday 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June and 6th July

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

REVELS DAY



Thank you so much to everyone who joined us to celebrate Revels Day. Despite the rather drizzly weather the children did their upmost to lift our spirits with a wonderful Church Service followed by Maypole Dancing and plenty of fun and games at the park. Thank you to the 1st Lyn Scout Group for setting up camp, lighting a fire and providing all of our children with the opportunity to toast marshmallows – they were very much enjoyed by

everyone! Thank you also to the Parracombe & Kentisbury PTFA who provided much needed refreshments throughout the afternoon.

CHRISTIAN AID BAKE SALE

Wow! What an amazing bake sale we had at Revels. Thank you for the wonderful array of cakes that were so kindly donated. Year 6 made a sterling job of running the bake sale and raised an incredible £135.85 for Christian Aid. The money raised will be used to support families around the world who are displaced by hurricanes. For further information, please visit www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week

LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is Friday 27th July as stated on our school term dates and holiday calendar. Unfortunately, the wrong date (Thursday 26th July) was given on our termly calendar of events – wishful thinking on my behalf! If you have already made arrangements for Friday 27th July please advise Jacqui, Mel or Vikki and we will ensure that your child's absence is authorised. The Leavers' Service for Parracombe children will remain on Thursday 26th July and, subject to confirmation, it is now likely that the Lynton Leavers' Service will be on Wednesday 25th July to enable all of the Lynton Year 6 children to attend. Sarah Adams Lemon will be in touch with the Lynton Y6 parents individually to ensure that the new date/time is convenient to all before confirming more widely.

LYNTON FENCE

I just wanted to update you on the replacement of the rear playground fence. Work was scheduled to start this week but has been delayed again until the second week of July. We are currently in the final stages of negotiation with the Lynton & Lynmouth Town Council and North Devon District Council to secure a small area of Bottom Meadow Car Park to enable us to remove the current dog-leg in the fence. This will provide our Reception children with a larger enclosed area and will also give us a full-sized level court area within the rear playground to enable football, tag-ruby, basketball, netball, etc, to be taught and played more easily. I apologise for the further delay in replacing the fencing but we really didn't want to miss out on the opportunity of significantly improving our outdoor space for the sake of waiting a few more weeks. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Sarah Adams Lemon who has been instrumental in moving this initiative forward and also the Lynton & Lynton Town Council and North Devon District Council who have been so supportive and eager to help us

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facilitate these improvements. At the time the damage to our fence was far from ideal but it really is very exciting to think that something so positive may now have come of it.

SIHLANGU UPDATE

We have just received an update about Sihlangu, the boy who we have supported for a number of years through Challenge Ministries, Swaziland. As you may already know, Sihlangu arrived at Hawane Children's Home on the 1 January 2006, aged just 4, following the death of his parents. He has three brothers and two half-sisters. Sihlangu's name means 'protection or shield'. He now lives in a 'family-style' home with other children and is looked after by house parents. He attends Bulembu Christian Academy which offers an international-calibre education. He also has access to numerous clubs and after-school activities; all of which is possible due to the work of Challenge Ministries. Over the last term, Sihlangu has continued to do well at school. He has a particular aptitude for science, maths and social studies. He has recently enjoyed taking part in his school's sports day. His teacher reports that he is an extremely well behaved boy and a pleasure to teach. However, he could do with putting a little more effort into those areas of the curriculum that he finds less enjoyable!



KENTISBURY STAFFING

Sally Pile has now been signed off from work until the end of the academic year. However, she is hoping to be able to be able to make some short visits to school before the end of term. Lisa Hamer will continue to cover Sally's absence.

ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

On Monday, each child within the federation will be loaned 50p and tasked with making it grow as much as possible over a four week period. On Monday 9th July children should return their 50p, together with any profit that they have made. If they make at least 100% profit they will be able to keep the initial loan. The children can work independently or join forces with siblings and friends to 'pool' money and engage in a larger enterprise scheme. Suggested activities could include baking cakes or biscuits to sell; buying the materials to clean cars for a small charge; making ice-lollies to sell; making and selling craft items; setting up a shoe shine business; making lemonade; selling art work; running a garage sale; in fact, anything at all so long as it is safe and supported by an adult. During the course of the four weeks, any money made can be reinvested into the 'business', but any left-over stock will not be counted within the profit at the end of the project. As well as giving the children the opportunity to develop their financial numeracy, money raised from this challenge will go towards our continued support of Sihlangu.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jayne Peacock".

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

In collective worship we have been continuing to think about the values that are important to us. In particular, we have been considering caring for ourselves and others, as well as patience. We have been praying for those who are less fortunate than ourselves; for those who are ill; for those who are living in war-torn parts of the world; and for the environment.

Streams & Young Buds

Toys

There have been lots of toys brought into school lately. We have spoken to the children about this issue and agreed that toys should not be brought into school. If your child asks to bring in a toy, please remind them that they need to stay at home.



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Junior park run



If your child is interested in running why not give the Junior Park Run a try? It takes place every Sunday at Rock park in Barnstaple at 9:00am. Sign up online for free and the children's personal bests and total runs will be recorded among other things. The course is 2km which is a recommended distance for all primary age children. There is also a longer 5km Park run on Saturday mornings at the same location at 9:00am for any adults or confident children runners to try.

Class Dojo

Thank you for all your lovely photographs sent through Class Dojo. It is a great way for children to share what they have been doing with the class. Streams will use this feature as part of our show and tell on Wednesdays. Young buds will continue to use Betsy and Bertie for show and tell.



Curriculum Focus

We are learning about measuring at the moment. This includes length, weight and temperature. Please take the time to explore these things with your children at home. Discussing the temperature gauge in the car, weighing ingredients whilst cooking or even measuring the height of the family would help develop your children's understanding in this area of the curriculum.

Transition

Children starting school next year have started to visit as part of their transition. As part of this transition we will be having afternoons when all of Streams will be taking part in activities with the new cohort to help them develop friendships.



Busy, Busy Busy!

The next 7 weeks are going to be extremely busy. There are lots of activities and events going on during school hours. Please keep an eye on the calendar of events and check emails and book bags daily. We will update you on any changes through Class Dojo.

Thank you

Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers at Lynton and Kentisbury School. We are so grateful for your continued unwavering support.

The staff would like to say thank you to all the parents and guardians for all your continued support. It is lovely to work in such a positive, supportive community.



Rivers, Oceans and Oaks

I would just like to say that I am very proud of all of our year 6, they really worked hard during the SAT's week. I would also like to say a big thank you to our year 5 who were very supportive and sensible during the week. We will be focusing on our writing over the next month and of course practicing our school production.

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Out & About

Revels Day at Parracombe Playing fields was a great success, even the drizzly weather didn't dampen our spirits. The crowning ceremony was held at Christ church in Parracombe, the short service was followed by activities on the playing fields at Parracombe. It was a warm-up for Sports day which is coming soon.

Curriculum Focus – Years 3/4/5/6

Our Egyptian Diaries on Tadeo Jones are finished and we are starting a short sequence on poetry. In maths we are starting our topic on angles and shape and we will then be moving onto area and perimeter.

Due to our theme also being 'Lights, Camera, Action', Rivers also had the opportunity to practice their acting skills. They created their own short plays and performed them to the rest of the class. The children greatly enjoyed the drama and their expression was fantastic.

The school production is also being rehearsed and we are starting to produce artwork, scenery and props for the show – we are all very excited!

Little Berries News

We hope you had a lovely half term. Before half term the children were taking full advantage of the glorious weather, exploring our beautiful surroundings as they played and learned. We had great fun celebrating the Royal Wedding. Little Berries loved making their own crowns and Union Flags. As the summer holidays are fast approaching, we will be asking you to express an interest about the childcare that you will need over the five week school break; please do contact us with your needs. In the run up to the holidays, we will be focusing on 'Under the Sea' where we will be looking in detail at all of the marvellous creatures in our oceans.

Admin

Sun Cream & Hats

We have been extremely lucky with the lovely sunny weather recently, long may it continue. Please can we ask that children arrive to school with sun cream already applied and please ensure they have sun hats with them and their water bottles.

Snack for After School Clubs

Unfortunately, we do not have any spare fruit at the moment to give to the children prior to the start of the after school clubs, so would you please send your child/ren in with a snack that they can have before the club they are attending starts.

Kentisbury and Parracombe PTFA

We have set up a new Facebook page to enable parents and carers to keep in touch and share ideas and information about school events. The PTFA will also be posting reminders and updates on fundraising activities, so please like our page to keep in touch and support your school. Search for Kentisbury & Parracombe School Parents and Carers Community Group.

Diary Dates

13 th June	Intra House Tennis Tournament
15 th June	Year 6 Oceanfest Schools Day
19 th June	Intra House Key Stage Rugby Tournaments
21 st June	Year 6 Junior Life Stills at Barnstaple Rugby Club
22 nd June	Year 6 Junior Lifeguard Day
25 th June	Lynton Bicentenary Service at St Mary's Church, 1pm followed by rededication and cream tea at Lynton School at 2pm
27 th June	Whole Federation Sports Day at Parracombe
5 th July	Summer Production

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9th July Swimming Programme Begins
 27th July End of Term
 4th September Children return to school

Community



All Stars Cricket, Bratton Fleming



Bratton Fleming Sports Club is running an All Stars Cricket programme. It is primarily aimed at children aged 5-8 years but can be extended to 9 year olds, it runs over 8 weeks for an hour per week. It is held at Comer Clarke Memorial Ground, N Devon, EX31 4RT, 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Tuesdays starting from Tuesday 12th June. The cost is £40.00 per child and includes a personalised Kit. Register at allstarscricket.co.uk or for more information email f.benbow@btinternet.com

JUST PLAY SPORTS WORLD CUP MATCH MANIA

BOYS AND GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3-6
 SATURDAY 23RD JUNE
 ORCHARD VALE SCHOOL, BARNSTAPLE
 11AM-12PM
 £4





Players and parents will also have the opportunity to have their photo taken with the world cup trophy on the day!

ALL children who attend will be placed into a draw to win a FREE England 2018 shirt

To book please text 07853008133 or email kwjustplaysports@outlook.com

World Cup Football Sessions

Just Play Sports are running a World Cup football session for BOYS and GIRLS in school years 3-6. The session is perfect for children who want to develop their football skills, meet new people, be active and have some fun. All children who attend the session will be entered into a draw to win an England football shirt plus have the opportunity to have their photo taken with the World Cup trophy.

Saturday 23rd June
 Orchard Vale School Field
 BOYS and GIRLS in school years 3-6 11am-12pm
 £4
 Please bring a trainers and plenty to drink

To book a space please email kwjustplaysports@outlook.com or message 07853008133

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