



# West Exmoor Federation

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

*Summer Term 2018 – Newsletter No 9 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018*

## Quick Reminders

Lynton Bicentenary Service – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Whole Federation Sports Day in Parracombe – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Forest School for Streams - 29<sup>th</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July,

## Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

### DEVON COUNTY SHOW & OCEANFEST

With SATs now behind them, Year 6 have been enjoying some well-earned days out. They marked the end of SATs week with a trip to the Devon Show; it was a truly wonderful day with so much to see and do. To name but a few, we watched the Monster Trucks; handled birds of prey; tried our hand at surfing; watched a police dog display; experienced the world of virtual reality; met Jack Sparrow; had some fun in the fair; and enjoyed ice-cream! The children have also spent a day at Oceanfest in Croyde. During the day they took part in a Code-Breaker challenge; enjoyed an intensive Zumba workout and entered into a Beach Flag Relay competition. Well done to Seb C for getting into the finals despite being up against some very tough competition! On both days, the behaviour of our children was exemplary and I was extremely proud of them. They really are excellent role models to our younger children and perfect ambassadors for the federation.



### MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS – HARMONY CONSTANT AND CHARLOTTE TAYLOR

I am delighted to tell you that Harmony Constant will be visiting Lynton on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, whilst Charlotte Taylor will be visiting Parracombe on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will be serving afternoon tea in River's Class from 2.45pm onwards on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and from 2.30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at Parracombe. We warmly invite you to join us so that you can meet Harmony and Charlotte and help us welcome them to the federation.

### USE OF IMAGES

I would just like to remind you about our policy regarding the taking and use of photographs at events such as Sports Day, the Summer Production and our Church Services. We are more than happy for you to take photographs and/or video at these events for your personal use only. We ask that images of children other than your own are not posted onto social media sites or circulated in any other way. We have a number of children whose parents do not wish their child's image to be placed on the internet; to do so would be a breach of their privacy and may result in us having to prohibit the taking of photographs at future events. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

### ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

By now your child should have brought home their 50p 'start-up' money for our Enterprise Challenge (unless their class has chosen to work collaboratively). It has been lovely to talk to the children about the imaginative schemes that they have for making their money grow with car cleaning, cookie baking, mucking-out, dog-

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walking, lemonade making and the sale of good as new toys being just a few of their ideas. Please remember that your child should return their initial 50p, together with any additional money raised, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### **THANK YOU**

It is with much sadness that I have to advise you that Julia Pring will not be returning to the federation in September. Julia has been on sabbatical throughout this academic year but, for on-going personal reasons, is not able to return. I am incredibly appreciative of all that Julia has contributed to the federation over the years. Her genuine care for our children has been second to none and I greatly miss her wisdom and ability to creatively seek alternative solutions to even the trickiest of challenges. I wish Julia and her family well and hope that at some point in the future she may be able to return to the federation.

### **NEW TEACHING ASSISTANT ROLE**

I am delighted to be able to tell you that Gini Hynes will be returning to the federation after the summer break. She will be taking on a new role across all three schools and working in collaboration with our SENDCo, Nicola Smith, to support our children with their learning and emotional well-being. Gini will, however, continue to run Forest School on a weekly basis – details regarding this will be sent home early in the new term.

### **PART TIME TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY – 38 weeks per year, 27.5 hours per week**

We are currently looking to appoint a new teaching assistant to Kentisbury Primary School to support and work alongside our existing team. We are looking for someone who is motivated has a passion for learning and high expectations for all children. If you are creative, have excellent communication skills, are a team player, possess a sense of humour and feel that you have what it takes to make a difference to the lives of our children, we would like to hear from you.

If you would like to be considered for this position, please apply in writing, including a full CV and two referees, to the Executive Headteacher, Jayne Peacock, Kentisbury Primary School, Barnstaple, North Devon, EX31 4NG. Applications may also be sent to [jayne.peacock@westexmoorfederation.org.uk](mailto:jayne.peacock@westexmoorfederation.org.uk). Applications should be received by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. If short-listed, you will be invited to spend some time in our Reception/Key Stage One Classroom and take part in a short interview.

Our school and all its personnel are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Best Wishes,



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 thinking about patience, happiness and understanding.**

### **Streams & Young Buds**



#### **Intra House Tennis**

It was an absolute pleasure to accompany all of the children on our federation trip to Tarka Tennis to take part in the tennis tournament. Both Young Buds and Streams did us proud, as they joined together to form partnerships with each other to represent their houses.

#### **Intra House Tag rugby**

The competition continued the following week when the classes came together again to take part in the Intra house Tag rugby festival which had been rescheduled due to the snow. It is so lovely to watch the friendships

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develop as the children become more familiar with each other at the various events throughout the year. This was shown with exemplary sportsmanship!

Well done to Holly Blue who are the proud winners of the Tag rugby competition.

### School Play

Preparations are well underway for both the Bicentenary service which will be on Monday at St Mary's Church in Lynton, as well as the practicing that the children are doing for our summer production. Please do contact Vikki, Mel or Jacqui if you are yet to order tickets.

### Sports day and much more.....

A reminder that Sports day is next Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Parracombe Park. The day will involve house teams taking part in a carousel of events in the morning followed by traditional races in the afternoon. Please do join us if you can!

Finally, the calendar is fit to burst with various other events taking place between now and the end of term. Please keep a close eye on Classdojo and we will endeavour to keep you as updated and reminded as possible!

Many thanks,

Mrs Kelly and Mr McKenzie

## Rivers, Oceans and Oaks

### What we are getting up to in Key Stage two

#### Out & About



Our day at Tarka tennis was fantastic and enjoyed by all. Hopefully the facilities and event have inspired the children. Everyone was engaged and fully involved during the day and it was a pleasure to see children refining their accuracy and focus in competitive doubles matches. The year 6 are out and about again this week after their trip to Oceanfest last week they are off to a life-skills event in Barnstaple on Thursday and having a beach safety day at Puttsborough on Friday.

Monday is also the bicentennial celebration for Lynton school and we hope you can share this with us at St. Mary's church Lynton at 13:00.



#### Key Stage 2 Curriculum Focus



We are all working on measurements, area and perimeter which allows us to really use maths in practical contexts. In years 5/6 we are using it to explore garden design and then we will look at volume and capacity whilst creating packaging for our own new brand of cereal. Throughout the rest of this term we are focussing on exploring and explaining our maths so that we can show that we really understand not only the core principles underlying what we're doing but also how we can efficiently apply our knowledge in the real world.

**How you can help:** it would be useful to look at and discuss the information put on food packaging so that children start to gain an appreciation of the style and quantities used in standard

food packaging.



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Our English at this time of year is concentrating on drama. Our play rehearsals are developing well and we are (as I am sure you are all aware) very excited about the play.

### Activities



Just ahead of Sports day (next Wednesday, Parracombe playing fields) we have had a run of sporting events. We had a very successful intra-school Tag Rugby competition this Wednesday which was fiercely contested by all members of KS2 and thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to John our Rugby coach who organised the event. It was brilliant to watch teams fine tune their strategies as the event progressed, to use more width on the pitch and capitalise on their team's strengths.



### Admin

#### Are you tick aware?

Ticks are small spider-like creatures that feed on the blood of animals, including people. They are found in woodland, grassland and moorland where there is a dense vegetation layer and can be found in some urban parks and gardens.

#### Most tick bites are harmless

So, don't panic. Most tick bites are harmless and only a small number of ticks are infected with the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. A tick can only cause Lyme disease in humans if the tick has already bitten an infected animal.



#### How do I remove a tick?

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers or a tick-removal tool – you can buy these from some pharmacies, vets and pet shops.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
3. Slowly pull upwards, taking care not to squeeze or crush the tick. Dispose of it when you've removed it.
4. Clean the bite with antiseptic or soap and water.

You must visit your GP if you've been bitten by a tick or visited an area in the past month where infected ticks are found, and you get flu like symptoms – such as feeling hot and shivery, headaches, aching muscles, nausea or a circular red rash, resembling a bullseye. Treating Lyme disease is easiest when diagnosed at the earliest point. In most cases you will be given a 3 week course of antibiotics. It is important to finish the course of antibiotics even if you begin to feel better.

### Lynton PTFA News

#### Bicentenary Service, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Hopefully you will have all seen that we have our Bicentenary Service celebrating 200 years of Education in Lynton on Monday at St Mary's Church in Lynton at starting at 1pm. At approximately 2pm the Bishop of Exeter will lead a procession down to the playground where he will re-dedicate the school and the new mural will be revealed by the Mayor. We will then serve a cream tea for all children and adults. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

#### Raffle Prizes and Cake Donations

It is that time of year again when we are planning for the Summer Production Raffle and the Summer Fair. We would be extremely grateful for any donations for raffle/tombola prizes. Please can we ask that prizes are brought to the office by the 4<sup>th</sup> July. There will also be a cake stall at the summer fair where a few of the children



will be selling cakes, we would be extremely grateful for any cake donations. If they could be brought to school for the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July that would be much appreciated. Stay tuned for more information about the Summer Fair shortly.

**Thank you for your Support.**

## Kitchen News



### Bicentenary Bangers

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

To celebrate 200 years of education in Lynton there will be a special change to the menu.

Sausages or Quorn Sausages

With

New Potatoes and Fresh Salad

Jacket Potatoes available as usual

**200**  
1818  
2018  
**YEARS**



### Bag Meal

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

School Sports Day this year is at Parracombe Playing Fields and children will be having a bag meal. The choices are:

Tuna Fishcakes or Veggie Burger

With

Crispy Potato Wedges and Carrot and Cucumber Sticks

Jacket Potatoes Not Available Today



## Diary Dates

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|---------------------------|--|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> June     | Lynton Bicentenary Service at St Mary's Church, 1pm followed by rededication and cream tea at Lynton School at 2pm |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June     | Whole Federation Sports Day at Parracombe  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July      | Summer Production 1pm and 5.30pm at Lynton Town Hall.  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> July      | Swimming Programme Begins  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July     | End of Term  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September | Children return to school  |

## Community

Mid-Summer  
CHARITY WEEKEND  
AT HARTLAND ABBEY

**SUPER  
SPORT  
SUNDAY**

at the abbey

**SUNDAY 24 JUNE**  
HARTLAND ABBEY

10K & 3K FUN RUNS • INFLATABLE WIPE-OUT ASSAULT COURSE  
SPARRING SESSION WITH TOMMY & JACK LANGFORD  
CLIMBING WALL • ARCHERY • FOOTBALL • ASSAULT COURSE  
BOUNCY CASTLE • ROWING & CYCLING CHALLENGE  
FOOD & DRINK STALLS • LOCAL PRODUCE STALLS  
BBQ • MUSIC • CREAM TEAS • BAR

PLUS CLASSIC & SUPER CAR SHOW!

FUN RUNS: £15 adults £5 under 16's  
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Contact: Steven Cottle 07747 036 447 or by email: [contact@abbeymidsummer.co.uk](mailto:contact@abbeymidsummer.co.uk)  
Hartland Abbey, Hartland, Bideford EX39 6DT

[www.abbeymidsummer.co.uk](http://www.abbeymidsummer.co.uk)

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### **Charity family fun day at NDDH – 1<sup>st</sup> July**

A charity family fun day to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of the NHS will be held at North Devon District Hospital on **Sunday 1 July 2018** from 10am-4pm. The day will be packed full of activities, with plenty of fun for all ages, including:

- Lots of kids' activities
- Tours of the hospital
- An entertainment stage with live music and dancing
- Food and drink from local suppliers
- Stalls
- Time capsule – write your message on a piece of history that will go into the foundations of the Cancer and Wellbeing Centre



Tours will include a teddy bear tour for children – are there any poorly teddies out there? If teddy has a broken leg, bring him/her along and see what happens to make teddy better. Teddy will take a trip to the emergency department and will be looked after by the NHS, including a plaster cast you can take home. Teddy will finish the tour good as new and be given a badge for being so brave!

The day is in aid of the Trust charity, Over and Above, and in support of the Cancer and Wellbeing Centre Appeal. It will be free to attend and park at the event, although donations to Over and Above will be very welcome. **For more information, please contact [ndht.charity@nhs.net](mailto:ndht.charity@nhs.net) or ring 01271 311772.**