



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Summer Term 2018 – Newsletter No 10 – 13th July 2018

Quick Reminders

Swimming Programme - 16th July, 19th July & 20th July

Y6 Leavers' Camp – Kentisbury School – Monday 23rd July (BBQ for parents from 6.30pm)

Lynton Leavers' Service – St Mary's – Wednesday 25th July @ 1.30pm

Parracombe Leavers' Service – Christ Church - Thursday 26th July @ 1.30pm

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

My goodness me, what a busy end to the term it is. There has been so much going on, but it is wonderful to see our children gaining so much benefit from the extensive enrichment activities that we have been offering them. I have been incredibly impressed by how well our children have been coping with the ever-changing timetable to accommodate all of these events; true testament to their impeccable behaviour, even when they are hot and tired! Thank you children – you are a real credit to yourselves, your families and the federation.

YEAR 6 CAMP & BBQ FOR PARENTS/CARERS

On Monday 23rd July we are inviting our Year 6 children to take part in an overnight camp at Kentisbury. All equipment will be provided. The children will just need to bring warm, old clothes suitable for camping (including sensible footwear), waterproofs in case of rain, basic toiletries, torch and change of clothes for Tuesday. We are also inviting parents/carers to join us for a 'Bring-and-Share' BBQ at 6.30pm. This will replace the buffet that has followed the Leavers Service in recent years. Please look out for the consent form and return to school by Friday at the latest.

LEAVERS' SERVICES

We will be holding our annual Leavers' Services on Wednesday 25th July for Lynton children at St Mary's and Thursday 26th July for Parracombe & Kentisbury children. Both services will be held at 1.30pm and you are warmly invited to join our Year 6 children as they mark this rite of passage onto the next phase of their education.

BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Bicentenary Celebrations at Lynton last month. It was a wonderful occasion to mark 200 years of a school within Lynton. To celebrate the bicentenary, the children took part in a special service conducted by the Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend Robert Atwell at St Mary's Church, Lynton. During the service the children marked the occasion with songs, poems, reflections and prayers. Following the service, the Bishop led a procession down to the school where he rededicated our current building. Councillor Frankish, Town Mayor, then unveiled our beautiful mural which was commissioned by the PTFA to commemorate this memorable event. The mural was designed by local artist Helen Purrington-Bolton and depicts the local environment of Exmoor within which our federation nestles. A stair-case of books represents the pathway of learning which leads our children successfully into the future. The values of our federation, CARIS (meaning love), is clearly represented on a signpost leading towards Curiosity, Achievement, Respect, Inspiration and Support through which we seek to nurture our children to be the very best they can be and to equip them with the skills that will enable them to flourish within an ever changing world. The mural concludes with the tree of knowledge, with the fruit being represented by handprints of every child and staff member within the school.

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All of our children from across the federation thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the bicentenary and after a delicious cream tea each child was presented with a wristband by the PTFA as a memento of the day. Thank you to everyone who made this special celebration possible, especially the PTFA.

SPORTS DAY

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Sports Day earlier on this half-term. It was a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you the Parracombe & Kentisbury PTFA for providing refreshments and to those parents/grandparents who assisted with setting up. Thank you also for Jill Kelly who co-ordinated the day and to Jayne, Vicky and Trish to providing lunch at the field. The day was a closely won contest with Green Hairstreaks in 4th Place (530 points); Red Admirals in 3rd Place (558 points); Cloudy Yellow in 2nd Place (587); and Holly Blue in 1st Place (654 points). Many congratulations to all who took part!



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Wow! Wasn't the children's performance of the Sound of Music absolutely amazing? I am so incredibly proud of our wonderfully talented children. Every single child from Reception through to Year 6 did remarkably well – I think we have a few budding stars of the future within our midst! Thank you to everyone who made this fabulous event happen and thank you to everyone who came along and supported our children – what an experience for them all.



ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE – EXTENDED TO 23RD JULY!

Just a reminder that we have now extended the final day of our enterprise challenge to Monday 23rd July. All children must return their 50p start-up fund, together with any money that they have made, in a sealed/named envelop by Monday 23rd at the very latest. Any child that has at least doubled their start-up fund will then be given their 50p back. There will also be a small prize for those children who have raised the most money to support Shilangu through their enterprise. Thank you for supporting your child with this project – it has been fantastic to see so many different mini-enterprises being set up and, who knows, we may well have some budding entrepreneurs in the making!

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 truthfulness and Agape (Christian Love) as exemplified by **CARIS**.

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Streams & Young Buds

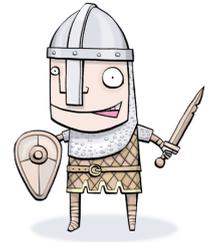
Swimming



The children have been working extremely hard in their swimming lessons. We have been very proud of their effort and behaviour throughout the sessions and travelling to and from the pool.

Thinking ahead to September

In September we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons, Vikings and the how England became the country it is today. We will be looking at important figures such as Alfred the Great and events such as the Battle of Hastings. As part of our history topic, we will also have a theme of 'Who do you think you are'. We would like children to find out their family history and present it in class. One of the home learning tasks will be to create a family tree. If possible, please start to find out some information which your child will be able to use in their learning. As part of the family research you could find out more about a certain occupation they had or an event they were part of.



Homelearning

In preparation for our Homelearning assemblies, please make sure all home learning has been brought in by the end of this week. This will ensure that the children can present it to their class before the assembly.



Summer reading challenge

Last week we received a visitor from the library. This year's library summer reading challenge is now available to sign up to. It is a fantastic way to encourage your child to read over the holidays. It is also a free scheme so it is a wonderfully inexpensive way to keep the children occupied over the summer!



Rivers, Oceans and Oaks

Out and About



Associate Governors are a group of 12 upper Key Stage 2 pupils based in both Parracombe and Lynton who have worked hard this year to develop clear channels of communication for pupils to voice their opinions about their learning. Our Associate Governor team were invited to give a presentation at Robinswood Primary school in Gloucester this week. It

was a brilliant opportunity for us to meet up with other Associate Governors and discuss how our schools are similar and how we do things differently. The pupils discussed ways in which they could continue to work closely with the teams from 11 other primary schools over the internet next year



Curriculum Focus: As the school year comes to an end, we are focussing on covering areas that may have caused problems over the year and recapping place value, times tables and the basic four functions through measurement and money. The year 3 and 4 classes are also learning about length and perimeter.

How you can help: it would be useful to practice times tables with your children as much as possible.

A special thanks must go out to our amazing cast, who put on a brilliant show this year. We are reflecting on this year at school during English lessons. The year 5s are writing prayers and wishes for the year 6s whilst the year 6s are preparing their leaver's books and writing up their school memories in readiness for their Leaver's services. Over the next couple of weeks, the children in year 3 and 4 will be practising their story writing skills and writing an adventure based narrative.



Activities

We are still very busy with sport. As if the World Cup and Wimbledon weren't enough the West Exmoor Federation is swimming and the year 5/6 are developing their skills and strategy for the annual upper Key Stage 2 basketball tournament at the end of our sessions in West Buckland.



In addition to ball skills and strategy, years 3 and 4 are focusing on teamwork and how we can use these skills in a range of sporting games.

Admin

Summer Holiday Clubs

Unfortunately, we are sorry to inform you that we are unable to offer any clubs this year, during the summer holiday, due to other commitments by staff. However, we are pleased to inform you that West Berry Federation are offering places at their Summer activity sessions, which are to be held at West Down Primary School. If you are interested, please see the attached letter from Westberry Federation, with the details.

Autumn Term - After School Clubs

You will have hopefully received the Autumn Term After School Club letter, please can you complete and return the form with any payment as soon as possible.

School Uniform

Our current school uniform supplier Dawes, have informed us that their uniform will only now be available to purchase online, through their website www.schoolthreads.org. A 10% discount is available from them on uniform ordered by the 15th July (please quote WESTEXFED18). We have samples of the various sizes, which are available in each school, should you wish to try these for size. To help save delivery charges, on orders sent out to parents, we have arranged to receive a bulk delivery at each school, every half-term and will inform you next term the dates by which orders will need to be placed online, for the school delivery.

We are also pleased to inform you that Excel Embroidery at Excel House, Wilder Road, Ilfracombe, EX334 8BS, will also be stocking the West Exmoor Federation uniform, at very competitive prices. As we currently purchase the Federation yellow hoodies from Excel, we know that their garment quality is good and this will give parents the opportunity to choose their preferred supplier.

Excel Embroidery's uniform will be available either from their shop, or online www.excelembroidery.co.uk. They are in the process of adding details of our uniform to their website, where their prices can be viewed. Initially they will print the uniform to order, which can then be collected from their shop or sent out to you within 10 working days. When they have established the stock that they will require to meet the needs of the Federation, uniform will be available within a week.

GDPR

Following the introduction of GDPR, the Federation's Privacy Notice for Pupils has been updated and that this can be found on the Federation website at www.westexmoofederation.org.uk

Year 5/6 Residential in September

The final payment is now due. We would be grateful if any outstanding monies be sent in to school as soon as possible in a named envelope, cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

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Lynton PTFA News



Come and join us for our annual Summer Fair. The children will be running game stalls, we will also have a bouncy castle, tombola, refreshments, uniform sale and hopefully a visit from the local emergency services and much more.

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 18th July. We would also be very grateful for any cake donations for the cake stall and any old uniform in good condition that you would like to donate. If cake and uniform donations could be brought to school for the morning of Friday 20th July that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Kentisbury and Parracombe PTFA

The PTFA will be holding a Summer Fayre at Kentisbury School, 3.15pm on Friday 20th July. There will be lots of fun and games for the children to join in with, plus face painting and second hand books, toys and uniform for sale. We will also be serving refreshments including strawberries and cream.

Please do come along to support the school and if you are able to donate any books/toys/uniform, please send into school by the end of next week.

As always, we would welcome any new parents to join us and will be holding a meeting to talk about the Fayre at Kentisbury School next Tues 10th, straight after school at 3.15pm. Meetings are very informal (we will hopefully be sitting out in the sun again!) You are most welcome to bring your children and any younger siblings.

Many thanks for your support,

Kentisbury & Parracombe PTFA

Diary Dates

9 th July	Swimming Programme Begins
23 rd July	Lynton Home Learning Celebration Assembly, 9am
23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Camp and Parents BBQ
24 th July	Parracombe Home Learning Celebration Assembly, 9am
24 th July	Dance Club Performance at Lynton. 2.45pm
25 th July	Lynton Leavers Service, St Marys Church, 1.30 – 2.30pm
25 th July	Kentisbury Home Learning Assembly, 9am
26 th July	Parracombe Leavers Service, 1.30pm – 2.30pm
27 th July	End of Term
4 th September	Children return to school

Community

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From the Rectory

Dear Friends,

Last week I enjoyed sharing a rather wonderful story with the children of our primary schools: “The Man Who Planted Trees” (by Jean Giono). It is a modern fable written in the wake of the Second World War, but the story begins in 1913 when the narrator, on a walking holiday, comes across a largely abandoned village in the foothills of the Alps. He is given hospitality by an old shepherd who surprises him after supper, by getting out a bag of acorns and counting out one hundred sound acorns. The next day he takes them out and plants them, one by one, in the valley. He explains he has been doing this for three years – planting over 100,000 acorns. Ten years later the man visits again, and by now the trees are saplings, the very old man has given up the sheep who might damage them, and become a bee keeper. The dried up river bed at the bottom of the valley is flowing as a small brook. Year by year, the narrator goes back, continuing after the old man has died. By then there is a flowing river, a lush hillside, and the abandoned houses have been rebuilt. The village is a flourishing community. Because a man imaginatively and faithfully planted acorns, a community is revived.

It made me reflect that so much of life is focused on what is *immediate* and brings quick results. This has its place and we can all think of times when a quick response is necessary. Sometimes though, I think it may be good to take a step back and look at the long view. Most of the most important decisions we make, and our significant commitments are about taking the long view: planting acorns whose growth and effect we won't fully know in our own life times.

I am reminded of this when I share in the joy of couples celebrating their marriage, or parents bringing children to baptism. It is also very humbling to share with those remembering a loved one the impact for good one person's life can have on those around them.

If we look around us, we can see how we now benefit from the “acorns” planted by those who have gone before us. We're celebrating the bi-centenary of a school in Lynton, using buildings provided by the great benefactors of the area, sustained by the husbandry of generations who've farmed here: all as a result of the generous commitment to a long view of life here from those who have gone before us.

So I am now wondering, how might we, in our turn, be those who “plant acorns” for the future of this place?

God bless

Samantha

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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

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Book: northdevonhospice.org.uk/events/hartlandsupersportssunday
Contact: Steven Cottle 07747 636 447 or by email: contact@abbeymidsummer.co.uk
Hartland Abbey, Hartland, Bideford EX39 6DT

www.abbeymidsummer.co.uk

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

 **Barnstaple Library**  **Summer Events**

Tuesday 14 August – 10.00-12.00
Design & make a 3D printed speech bubble badge 

Tuesday 14 August – 14.00-16.00
Design & make a Beano inspired laser cut prop 

Monday 20 August – 10.00-12.00
Design & make a slogan t-shirt

Monday 20 August – 14.00-16.00
Design & make a 3D printed speech bubble badge 

Workshops suitable for children aged 8+.
Booking via fablabdevon.org/childrens-workshops/
Tickets - £7.50 per child.

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