



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing - Together we Love Learning'

Autumn Term 2018 - Newsletter 3 - 12th October 2018



Quick Reminders

PARENT CONSULTATION is next week - please remember to sign up

Final numbers for the **PANTOMIME** are required by the Queen's Theatre on Monday. If you have not returned your child's reply slip, please do so on Monday otherwise your child will not be able to go.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES - Parracombe & Kentisbury @ Christ Church on Tuesday 16th October (10.30am) and Lynton @ St Mary's on Thursday 18th October (8.30am). Donations of tinned/dried food much appreciated for the Northern Devon Foodbank.

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the half-term break I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I have been of our children over the last few weeks. All of our children have made an excellent start to the new school year. Their behaviour has been exemplary, their enthusiasm for learning has been wonderful and there is a real buzz of purposeful learning across the federation. It's been an absolute joy to spend time in the classrooms watching the children so actively engaged and this has been very much endorsed by our external education management advisor, Susan Theobald, who has been working with me across the federation over the last couple of days.

VISITING AUTHORS - JOHN TOWNSEND AND CLAIRE BARKER

Last week it was an absolute pleasure to welcome John Townsend and Claire Barker to the federation. John visited Lynton and Parracombe and enthralled the children with his amazing jokes and slightly scary tales. Claire visited Kentisbury and talked about how she sets about writing stories, even showing the children some of her notes and drafted writing. Both authors were fabulous with the children and extremely inspirational. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Appledore Book Festival for making it possible for both of these internationally renowned authors to visit our schools and who knows, it may just have inspired some of our children to aspire to become authors themselves!



ROBERT MITCHELL - OLYMPIC HIGH JUMPER



Earlier this week we were extremely lucky to have Olympic athlete, Robert Mitchell, visiting the federation. All of our children took part in a sponsored fitness event and he certainly made them work hard to earn their sponsorship money! Robert also talked to the children about his journey from a school boy who first discovered he had a talent for jumping when he leapt over the school wall during a game of chase, to a world class athlete. He also talked about the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle in order to look after our bodies including diet, hydration, exercise, limited screen time and relaxation. He was extremely inspirational and all of our children thoroughly enjoyed the time that they spent with him. Thank you so much for supporting your children and sponsoring them to take part in this event.

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DOGS

I would like to politely ask parents/carers with dogs to ensure that they are kept under control when you are collecting your children from school or the school bus. They should not be allowed to jump up at other children, even if they are doing so in a playful manner. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

SCHOOL BUSES

If your child travels on any of our school buses, can you please ensure that they arrive in good time for the scheduled departure of their bus. Over the last couple of weeks, a number of children have been arriving late on a regular basis. This has a detrimental effect on all of our children as the children on the bus are arriving to school late, delaying the start of the day for the rest of school. I have instructed all of my bus drivers to ensure that they now leave on time, even if all of their children have not arrived. I have also reminded them that, for safety reasons, they are not allowed to stop along the roadside to collect children who are walking to the collection point. I hope that you can appreciate the importance of ensuring that the school buses run on time and thank you for your assistance.

PARKING

Parracombe – I would like to remind all parents/carers to please use the village hall car park when dropping off or collecting children. Cars should not be parked in the road where they are blocking access to residential properties and restricting the free flow of traffic. Please park considerately to enable us to maintain positive relations with our neighbours.

Kentisbury – Please can all parents/carers ensure that they use the village hall car park for dropping off and collecting children, parking considerately and making the best use of the space available. Cars should not be parked in the staff/minibus parking area as access to this area is required at all times, especially at the start and end of the school day. If your child is picked up by extended family members or friends, could you please ensure that they are aware of these parking arrangements.

Lynton – All children arriving at school by car should be dropped off in Bottom Meadow Car Park so that they can access the school via the rear playground. Park Smart Permits are available from Vikki in the office. Children should not be dropped off outside of the main school entrance as this endangers the safety of those children who walk to school. It is also not permissible to park on the yellow zig-zag alongside the school wall or on the double yellow lines adjacent to the library.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break. I very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th November.

With Best Wishes,



Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

In collective worship we have been thinking about the life of Jesus and how the many teachings of the Bible enable us to embody CARIS.

Streams & Young Buds



In English, KS1 will be writing their versions of Funny Bones by changing one of the places the skeletons will go. You can help at home by reading the story and encouraging your child to think of different places that the characters could go. It could be any setting so they are free to use their imaginations!

In Maths, we have been focussing on making 1 or 2 digit numbers using resources. Some of the children have found thinking about tens and ones very tricky. You can help to support this learning at home by counting out any objects you have and 'partitioning' them into tens and ones so that your child can see the meaning of these numbers in various contexts.



Rivers & Oaks

The past couple of weeks have been very exciting for the federation. We welcomed John Townsend, a children's author, in for the day. We really enjoyed his talk. The children found him very interesting and funny. As did we! In addition to an author visiting the federation, we have been very fortunate to also welcome Robert Mitchell, a British athlete who

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competed in High Jump. The children thoroughly enjoyed the small workshop he did with them and have learnt some very valuable lessons about health and fitness. We would also like to thank all of those who were able to raise money for the cause.

In year 3 and 4, our Maths learning continues to focus upon number and place value. We are beginning to consolidate our learning and strive for deeper meaning within application. After half term, the children will be moving on to focus on addition and subtraction. Within this sequence the children will begin to look at a variety of methods and strategies to add and subtract.

We have now finished writing our instructional texts, and what a good job the children have done. I definitely think an alien would be able to make a cake following our instructions, so well done Oaks and Rivers ☺. We also had a great time making our pizzas by following the year 5 and 6 instructions. Our next sequences in English will focus on writing an informative piece of text about life as an Anglo-Saxon. We ask that, if possible, over the next few days and over the half term the children research areas about life as an Anglo-Saxon and share their findings with the classes. For example; Who were the Anglo-Saxons; Childhood; Food and Drink; Kings and rulers; Homes and weapons etc.

Just a quick reminder to make sure your children are reading and practising their spelling and times tables whilst at home.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Johnston, Miss Constant and the rest of the year 3/4 team.

Sports News



Earlier this week, eleven of our Year 2's represented the federation at the Ilfracombe Learning Community Football Development Festival. They played three matches and won 2 out of the 3, going through to final against Woolacombe School. The children, as always, were a true credit to the federation. They played exceptionally well and the tactical element that they have been developing through their PE and rugby with Rugby Tots was evident throughout their games, as was their team spirit and good sportsmanship.

We would like to thank Emma and Adam Payne, who came along to help and support. Well done Year 2!

Little Berries News

We are looking to have a Halloween tea party week commencing Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st and Thursday 1st November so we would love all children attending on these days to dress up in fancy dress if possible.

We will be having a fun filled week with lots of games and face painting, followed by a tea party at afternoon snack time. If your child can not for any reason have face paint on them, please let us know!

Kind regards
The Little Berries team

Admin



Flu Immunisations

Hopefully you will have seen the communication with the date and online consent link for the Flu Immunisations for children in Reception to Year 5. These will be on the 29th November 2018 in each school. Please can you ensure you have completed the consent by **Thursday 22nd November** to ensure the nurses have enough time to assess the information before arrival. You may have trouble accessing the online portal on certain mobile phones, especially Samsung, so it is recommended that you use a computer or tablet to complete the consent form.

We have also been asked to share the following poster to encourage as many children as possible to have the nasal vaccination.

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Earlier this year, our beautiful son, Coby, died from flu. He was just nine-years old and lived with us here in Devon.

Like every child, Coby was a special little boy. He loved maths, computers and playing with his friends. We miss him every day and our life is not the same without him.

We don't want anyone to go through what we've been through. That's why we're urging parents to get their child vaccinated against flu.

With thanks and best wishes,

Louise and Jamie, Coby's mum and dad



#ThumbsUpForCoby

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to help protect children against flu.

Children from **reception to year five** will receive a consent form from their school, via letter or online. **Consent forms must be completed for your child to be vaccinated.** Many parents have already returned their forms.

If your child is aged **2 to 4**, or has a **long-term condition**, like **asthma** or **diabetes**, **contact your GP** and book them in for a vaccination. Clinics are available now and are filling up.

Protect your child and those around them now. Get the flu vaccine.

www.NEWDevonCCG.nhs.uk

Parent Consultation Evening

Parents consultations are on 15th October from 3.30pm for all apart from Year 1 & 2 at Lynton, which will be on Wednesday 17th October from 3.30pm. If you are yet to select your time slot please put your name down on the lists or call the office and we will be happy to do this for you.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in year 6, you will need to apply for their secondary school place by **31st October 2018**. We have been informed that several families are yet to apply. As many secondary schools in Devon are experiencing growth, it is essential that applicants apply on-time. Late applications may be disadvantaged and miss out on a place at their local or preferred schools. It is therefore essential you make an on time application for the best chance of securing a place at one of your preferred schools.

The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you do not wish to or can't apply online, you can contact the admissions customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request a hard copy of the form.

Holiday Clubs

We are pleased to inform you that we will be holding two holiday clubs, during the half-term. A Forest School club on the 31st October and an Art and Craft club on the 1st November, providing we have enough interest. These will run from 9.00am to 3.00 at Kentisbury School, but we will be running a minibus from Lynton leaving at 8.30am and returning at 3.30pm. If you are interested, please contact your school as soon as possible, so that we can then make a decision as to whether these will be able to run.

Many thanks,
Mel, Wendy, Jacqui and Vikki

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Kitchen News

Please see our latest menu which will start after half term and will take us to the start of the summer term. If you have any questions about any of the options or have any meal suggestions for future menus, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jayne Hoskins
Kitchen Manager

MEAL MENU – WINTER 2018/2019 (WEST EXMOOR FEDERATION)

WEEK ONE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Starting 5 Nov • 19 Nov • 3 Dec • 17 Dec • 7 Jan • 21 Jan • 4 Feb • 25 Feb • 11 Mar • 25 Mar					
Main	Pasta Bolognese (served with seasonal vegetables)	Hunters Chicken (served with rice or new potatoes and seasonal vegetables)	Roast Gammon (served with seasonal vegetables and crispy roast potato)	Pasta Carbonara (served with seasonal vegetables)	Battered Cod Fillet of Fish (served with baked beans & golden fries)
Vegetarian	Veggie Pasta (served with seasonal vegetables)	Quorn Chicken (served with rice or new potatoes and seasonal vegetables)	Macaroni Cheese (served with seasonal vegetables)	Bubble and Squeak (served seasonal vegetables)	Quorn Sausage (served with baked beans and golden fries)
Jacket	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
Dessert	Fruit Bar	Pudding Delight	Fruit Bar	Fruit Bar	Biscuit
WEEK TWO	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Starting 12 Nov • 26 Nov • 10 Dec • 14 Jan • 28 Jan • 11 Feb • 4 Mar • 18 Mar • 1 Apr					
Main	Sausages (served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables)	Roast Pork (served with seasonal vegetables and crispy potato)	Tuna Pasta Bake (served with seasonal vegetables)	Roast Gammon (served with seasonal vegetables and crispy potato)	Salmon Fingers (served with baked beans & golden fries)
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Burger (served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables)	Roasted Vegetable Couscous (served with seasonal vegetables and crispy roast potato)	Vegetarian Autumn Casserole (served with new potatoes and seasonal vegetables)	Leek & Potato Pie (served with seasonal vegetables and crispy roast potato)	Quorn Sausage (served with baked beans & golden fries)
Jacket	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling
Dessert	Fruit Bar	Fruit Bar	Fruit Bar	Fruit Bar	Biscuit
Available each day: Pasta, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Milk & Water					

GF = Gluten Free; D = Dairy Free/Soya Free

PTFA News

Lynton PTFA are holding a cheese and wine evening incorporating our AGM on Thursday 8th November from 7.30pm at Lynton School. We would love to see anyone who is interested in helping out with the PTFA, even if you can only offer help occasionally. Any help is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference.

Diary Dates

15 th October	Parent Consultation Evening (17 th October - Lynton Year 1 & 2)
16 th October	Harvest Festival at Christ Church, Parracombe, 10.30am
18 th October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Lynton, 10.30am
19 th October	End of Half Term
5 th November	Children return to school
8 th November	Lynton PTFA Cheese and Wine Evening/AGM, 7.30pm at Lynton School
16 th November	Children in Need – Spotacular Bring and Buy Sale
12 th December	Kentisbury Home Learning Assembly
13 th December	Lynton Home Learning Assembly
14 th December	Parracombe Home Learning Assembly
19 th December	Parracombe and Kentisbury Nativity and Carol Service, St Thomas 10.30am, Christ Church 5.30pm
19 th December	Christmas Lunch
20 th December	Lynton Nativity and Carol Service, St Mary's Church 10.30am and 5.30pm
21 st December	Peter Pan Pantomime Visit, Queens Theatre, Barnstaple – All children need packed lunch
21 st December	End of Term

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Claire Barker- Author Talk & Book Signing




Get story-ready for Halloween! Come along and hear Claire Barker (author of the *Knitbone*, *Pepper*, *Ghost Dog* books) talk about her magical new series, *Picklewitch* and *Jack*. Suitable for 7-10s.

Barnstaple Library

Tuesday 23 October 10.30-11.30

Picklewitch has a nose for naughtiness, a taste for trouble and a weakness for cake. And unluckily for brainbox Jack – winner of the 'Most Sensible Boy in School' for the third year running – she's about to choose him as her new best friend . . .'

Tickets: £2 per child. Book at the Library in person. Places limited. Copies of Claire's books for sale. £8.99. Exact money very helpful.

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Creepy Crafts



Join in some spooky fun at our **FREE, drop-in craft session.**

Barnstaple Library

Wednesday 24th October
2.00- 4.00pm

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied at all times.

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TENNIS CAMPS – OCTOBER HALF TERM

*Learn the fundamentals of Tennis whilst having fun, making new friends & playing games.
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages / & abilities in the great location of Rock Park.*

Dates:
Monday 22ND – Friday 26th October 2018

Tiny Tots Camp
3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £5 per day
Junior Camp
5 - 14 yr olds | 10am – 1pm | £15 per day

Location:
Park Lane Tennis Club,
Rock Park, Barnstaple EX32 9AH

To book: call 01271 600855 or email bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com

www.devonshiretennisacademy.com

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