



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Autumn Term 2018 – Newsletter 6 – 21st December 2018



Quick Reminders

7th January Children return to school
14th January London Residential Reply Slips to be Returned to School

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

Oh my goodness me, how on earth is the end of term already upon us? It has certainly been an actioned packed term and I would like to thank my staff and governors for their incredible support and hard work throughout the term. I am very proud of our federation and the amazing achievements of our children would not be possible without such a wonderful team working so effectively together. I would also like to say a massive 'well done' to all of our children – you are all absolute superstars. Your attitude towards learning has been second-to-none this term and even during the build up to Christmas you have remained focused and determined – I am exceptionally proud of you all.

PARRACOMBE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

It was lovely to see so many children attending the Christingle Service at Parracombe earlier this month. Thank you so much to Sue Rawle and Rev'd Rosie for organising the making of Christingles at both Parracombe and Kentisbury. This is always such a beautiful service and the children certainly enjoy lighting their candles and singing the Christingle Song!

HOME LEARNING CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our children at their Home Learning Celebration and many congratulations to all of our children for producing such a wonderful array of home learning. We are so appreciative of the support that you give your children with this aspect of their learning; not only does it support and enrich their current learning within school, it also sets them in good stead for secondary school as they are establishing a positive attitude towards homework. I look forward to seeing (and possibly tasting) the wonders that are produced next term.

LYNTON VISIT TO LEE ABBEY

Earlier this week the children from Lynton enjoyed an extra special treat. They were invited to Lee Abbey where they learned about the Nativity within a real stable setting. The children also had the opportunity to make Christingles. Thank you so much to everyone at Lee Abbey for making this possible – the children thoroughly enjoyed it and it certainly enabled them to reflect upon the Christmas Story in a very special and memorable way.

NATIVITIY & CAROL SERVICES

Thank you so much to everyone who has attended our Nativity and Carol Services this week. It was an absolute delight to watch the children re-tell the Christmas story. I was so proud of how well the children worked together; their singing, acting, narrating and musical performances were just wonderful. Well done children – you were fabulous.

PANTOMIME

What a way to end the week! The children had a fabulous time at the Pantomime (oh yes they did) with plenty of laughter, singing, cheering and booing. The 3-D effects were amazing, even though they made us all jump, and I think we all returned to school well and truly ready to start the Christmas holiday!!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and I hope that you have a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year. I very much look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday 7th January.

With Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

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In collective worship we have been thinking about advent and how this links with our CARIS values. We have been praying for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and for those who will be by themselves this Christmas.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Streams & Young Buds

As always, the end of the autumn term is extremely busy, we are so proud of all of the children for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout. We hope you enjoyed watching the nativity this week, we were so pleased to see so many parents there. Keep a look out for their Nativity photo in the North Devon Journal too.



We would like to say thank you to our lovely parents who have continued to support us by coming in to read with the children throughout the term. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



Your KS1 teams.

Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks

Well, it is the end of term! The children have worked tirelessly and we'd like to thank you for your ongoing support with their learning. The children were very busy with tests last week and all had a very mature attitude towards them. Well done! In English, we came to the end of our Narrative unit, focusing on planning and writing up their stories. Wow! Don't we have some very creative writers! In Maths, we have mastered addition and subtraction, practicing carrying over and exchanging.

We have had a brilliant last couple of weeks with the Home Learning Assembly, Dance Performance, School Disco, trip to Lee Abbey (Rivers only), Christmas Dinner, Nativity and the Pantomime.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and new year and look forward to seeing you all in January.

Year 5 & 6 - Oceans & Forests

English

Within English, we have been finishing our narrative topic. Last week, we were focusing on assessment and the children completed tests on reading comprehension, spelling and grammar. Towards the ends of last week, the children produced an independent write on a narrative piece.

Maths

Last week we were learning about division and we have recently moved onto long division. This week the children have completed tests on arithmetic and reasoning. It is important that we continue to build on our times table knowledge and fluency. Any support at given at home with this will be greatly appreciated. The children will have mathematics and English homework to complete over the Christmas holidays.

Home learning

Thank you to all the parents who attended and contributed to the home learning assembly. The children at Lynton created some wonderful performances based on their Anglo Saxon unit of work, whilst the children at Parracombe talked animatedly about how they had set about their home learning tasks. It was wonderful to see the very impressive creations on display.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break.

Admin

Year 3/4 London Residential

Please can you ensure that forms and deposits are brought in to school by Monday 14th January at the latest to enable us to secure the booking. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the admin team or Mrs Peacock.

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After School Clubs

Please can we remind you that payment for after school clubs is due when we return on Monday 7th January. Please can we ask that you send this in with your child in a named envelope or bring it in to the office. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Many thanks,
Mel, Wendy, Jacqui and Vikki

PTFA News

Lynton PTFA would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Bingo Event on Friday 7th December. The event was another resounding success but we couldn't do it without your support. We made a fantastic £498 profit. We are so lucky to have such a supportive community.

Diary Dates

7th January Children return to School
10th January Intra House Rugby Tournament (KS2 am @ Parracombe, KS1 pm @ Kentisbury)

Community

1st Lyn Scout Group

The 1st Lyn Scout Group will be holding a Children's Christmas Craft and Board Game Day, taking place on Saturday 22nd December at Lynton Primary School. The cost will be £15 per child with the day running from 10am until 4pm and all proceeds will go to the 1st Lyn Scout Group. Over 5's only, please bring a packed lunch a drink and a board game. Booking is essential and can be done at the school reception with a £5 non-refundable deposit being required at the time of booking.

The Scout Group will be back from our winter break on Wednesday 16th January, if your child would like to join us for the new year please contact the Group Scout Leader, Laura Whitfield, at gsl1stlyn@gmail.com or phoning 01598 752013.

Lyn Children's Party

Save the Date. The Lyn Children's Society Party is on Saturday 12th January, 2-5pm at the Town Hall. Invitations to follow at the start of next term.

