



# West Exmoor Federation Newsletter

April 2008

Dear Community

## Farmers Market

Well done to Summer House for their efforts at the Lynton Farmers Market last month. The children raised over £120. The stall was run entirely by the children and great fun was had by all. The challenge is passed on to Southcliffe House for this month's market.

## Science Week

The children at Lynton marked National Science Week with each afternoon being dedicated to a range of practical science activities. The week culminated in a special science assembly that was attended by some of the parents/carers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Doherty for organising the action packed week.

## Guardianship

The Year 6 children of Lynton, Kentisbury and Parracombe have once again started on the annual programme of Guardianship with the National Trust. They will spend three days working with Steve Proud and will try their hand at coppicing, rock pooling, sweep netting and kick sampling in and around Woody Bay and the Heddon Valley. This always proves to be a highly educational experience for the children – watch this space for their reports next month.

## Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Each school within the federation is now collecting Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers for computer and sports equipment alike. I

would like to thank everyone who has already sent in vouchers – please keep up the good work!

## Swimming Gala

Many congratulations to those children who participated in the Ilfracombe Swimming Gala last month – they did themselves and the federation proud. The Gala was very well attended and an event raffle raised £70 for the Ilfracombe Lifeboat Service.

## Easter Celebrations

The children at each school within the federation marked Easter in their own unique ways. At Parracombe the PTFA organised a very successful Chocolate Bingo; at Kentisbury the children had an Easter egg hunt followed by an Easter Fayre and at Lynton a special Easter Service was held at St Mary's Church during which the children performed poems, an Easter drama and spring songs.

## Count Back Kid

The junior children of Kentisbury very much enjoyed a trip to the Queen's Theatre last month to see 'The Count Back Kid' – a mathematical Western. They certainly enjoyed it and plans are afoot for further theatre visits to be made by all of the children within the federation.

## Minibus

The federation minibus has proved to be an invaluable hit since its delivery in November. It has certainly made many more local trips more feasible, both in terms of organisation and cost. Within the next few weeks it will

be sign-written in order to promote the federation as we are 'out-and-about'. I would like to thank Heidi Baker for assisting us with this.

## Burundi Bears

The children of Kentisbury have recently taken part in the Burundi Bear project in order to raise funds for children living within Burundi. Funds are raised by selling hand-knitted bears. I would like to thank Mrs Heywood and Mrs Green who have knitted in excess of thirty bears between them! Thank you also to Marjorie Fuller, who has co-ordinated the project within school.

## Her Majesty's Inspectorate

Lynton was visited last month by HMI as part of their on going monitoring following Ofsted in May of last year. The visit proved to be extremely positive, with the quality of teaching and learning being reported as good with higher attaining pupils enjoying a greater level of challenge. HMI also acknowledged that pupils have a real sense of ownership of the current theme of 'explanation' and thoroughly enjoy having to explain how they find an answer to a problem, articulating their thinking well. I would like to thank all of the staff and children of Lynton for their continued hard work and dedication to learning.

Kind Regards,

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