



West Exmoor Federation

'Passionately pursuing educational excellence with our children and community for their lifetimes'

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Dear Community

Audit

I am delighted to be able to tell you that last month the federation was audited by the Local Authority. It is the first time we have been audited as a federation. Five key areas relating to finance and administration were audited over a three day period and, in all aspects, the federation was deemed to have achieved a high standard. This is a wonderful achievement bearing in mind that the auditor has only been able to rate one other school so highly in the last three years! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wendy Heywood, Betty Wilde and Jacqui Skelton-Norrish for all their hard work and collaborative efforts – without their dedication such an outcome would not have been possible.

Thank You

I would like to say a special thank you to the youth team at Lee Abbey who continue to come in and take assembly at Lynton for us on a weekly basis. We really do appreciate having such a special link with the Lee Abbey Community. I would also like to big thank you to Pat Wood and the Sunday School who have brightened up the flower tubs around the school at Lynton. They look absolutely stunning and are a wonderful reminder of the fact that summer is just around the corner.

Kentisbury Library

The school library service has recently visited Kentisbury School to assist Nicola Smith with sifting, weeding and sorting out the books. Clare Cooke and her family have since painted the library and, with the lovely displays that Stacey

Connibear has put up, the children now have an exciting and stimulating library area to enjoy. The library includes a section for reference books and picture books, together with a large selection of early years/key stage one books and more challenging books suitable for those children within key stage two. I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to transform this part of the school. It is lovely to see the children immersing themselves in the world of books within such a welcoming environment.

Key Stage Two Shared Learning

The Key Stage Two children of Parracombe and Kentisbury have recently started working together on a more formal basis. For one day a week they are forming a larger peer group within which they are then taught by specific subject specialists within the federation. It has been wonderful to watch the children develop their friendships whilst engaging in highly stimulating, challenging learning.

Vouchers

Each school within the federation is collecting Tesco, Sainsbury and Flora vouchers. If you do not already do so, we would be extremely grateful if you could please collect these vouchers and hand them into reception at your nearest school. Each year we are able to acquire a good range of additional resources through the various schemes. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

National Science Week

At the end of last month, children from across the federation participated in a National Science Week. During the course of the

week the children took part in a variety of scientific investigations and learnt about the solar system when we were visited by Explorer Dome, a mobile planetarium. However, the high-light of the week was, without doubt, the judging of the family challenges that entailed designing and making an insulating space suit for Space Ted and creating and launching a water rocket. Thank you to everyone who engaged so enthusiastically throughout the week and, in particular, to Jim Doherty who organised the entire week.

Sports Relief

On the 19th March the children from across the federation participated in Sports Relief at Holman Park. Each child ran or walked a mile whilst sporting a red, personalised Sports Relief t-shirt that they had each designed and created. Thank to Nicola Hellier for organising the event.

Federation Easter Service

On 31st March the children will be marking the occasion of Easter by joining together at St Mary's in Lynton for an Easter Service. During the service the children will tell the story of Easter through prose, poetry, dance, drama and prayer. If you are able, please feel free to come and join us and help us celebrate this special time in the Christian year. The service is due to start at 11am and afterwards the children will join together for a celebratory lunch at Lynton School.

Kind Regards,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

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