



# West Exmoor Federation Newsletter

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Dear Community

## Ofsted

I am delighted to be able to tell that both Lynton and Parracombe have now received their Ofsted Reports and both were extremely positive. I was particularly pleased to find that Ofsted regarded the quality of teaching and learning and the leadership and management to be good at both schools, as was the overall quality of provision, personal development and well-being of the children and the care, guidance and support that each school offers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff across the federation for their relentless dedication and hard work, without which such pleasing judgements by Ofsted would not be possible.

## SAT Results

I am delighted to report that each school within the federation has achieved outstanding Key Stage Two SAT results this year, and subject to a number of papers that we have submitted for re-marking, they may improve even further!! A full review of our performance data will appear after the summer break.

## Mill Adventure

A large number of children in Year 3 and 4 from across the federation enjoyed a fantastic residential at 'The Mill' where they took part in many climbing activities, orienteering, shelter building and nature trails. The trip was highly successful and we look forward to repeating the trip in the future.

## Work Experience

Last month we were lucky to have been joined by a number of work experience students from Ilfracombe College. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Laurence Freer,

Lauren Hope, Zoe Coulthard, Nicola Jackson and Adam Harris for all their hard work and wish them luck as they choose their future careers.

## Book Day

At the end of term, children across the federation enjoyed a Book Day at Lynton. During the course of the day the children designed and made book marks, wrote book reviews, designed new book covers for their favourite books and wrote profiles about their favourite book characters. The highlight of the day was enjoying a story telling workshop with professional story teller, Steve Manning. His was truly captivating and the children were hanging on to his every word - I very much hope that he will be able to return to the federation before too much longer.

## Music Mix

Fourteen children from across the federation took part in the Devon Music Mix festival at Westpoint. They participated in a steel pan workshop, enjoyed performing in a junk band and watched performances by a professional Samba band, didgeridoo player and Funk band. They also took part in the 'big sing and dance'. The day was such a success that next year we hope to take all of the children from across the federation.

## Good Luck

The end of this school year sees us say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on to their secondary education. I would like to wish the following children continued success and happiness as they move on in their learning journey - Aidan Jackson, Bethany Jackson, Charlotte Fry, Eleanor Brown, Ellis Lydon, George Falkiner, Isabelle Perry, Jade Cooke, Leah Jenkins, Max Rose, Natalie Lethaby, Sam Rigby, Tom Squire, Jozef

Budd, Johann Goode, Micah Lincoln, Laura Puttick-Glover, Jenny South, George Stanbury, Harvey Thomas-Davies, Tina Burdett, Joseph Caley, Makore Taylor, James Fletcher-Vernon and Lizzie Watt.

## Welcome

I am delighted to welcome three wonderful new teachers to the federation, all of whom will take up their place in September. Tom Parkin will be joining Lynton to enable us to return to two classes within Key Stage One, both with less than 20 children. Julie Ansell will be joining Parracombe to cover Lisa Hamer's maternity leave and, finally, Sophie Higgins will be working across the federation to provide consistency in non-contact time for my leadership time. I would also like to welcome Clair Medhurst and Yolanda Budd to the federation; they are joining Parracombe as a teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor respectively.

## Parracombe Goodbyes

At the end of this term we will very sadly be saying goodbye to Jean Druce, Anita Freeman and Kate Stanbury. Jean has worked at Parracombe for nineteen years as our administrator and her departure will leave a great void. Anita has also been a wonderful asset to the school for the last thirteen years, working alongside the foundation stage children, and will be very much missed by staff and children alike. Kate has been our lunchtime supervisor for the last seven years and will also be missed by us all. I would like to thank Jean, Anita and Kate for their dedicated service to Parracombe School and wish them all luck in their new ventures.

Kind Regards,

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