



West Exmoor Federation

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

January 2009

Dear Community,

Welcome to the new calendar year. I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and that the New Year has, so far, been kind to you.

Pantomime

All the children very much enjoyed their annual trip to the Pantomime at The Queen's Theatre. There was much singing, clapping, heckling and general audience participation as we followed the adventure of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Birthday Celebrations

The 1st January saw the Federation celebrate its second birthday. It seems hard to believe that two years have passed since we pioneered federation within Devon. Over the last two years the Federation has grown in strength and stature and is now being used as an exemplification of good practice throughout the country. It has certainly been an exciting journey for us and I remain convinced that federating is the only way forward for small, rural schools. My Governors and I very much look forward to nurturing the Federation as it continues to flourish in order to provide the very best for the children within our community.

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to Linda and Jim Watt who have spent many weekends at Kentisbury clearing the pond area and putting up a new fence. The area looks superb and the school is very excited about creating a pond

environment on the now blank canvas.

Kentisbury Visit Rosemoor

At the end of last term, the Kentisbury Key Stage 2 class visited Rosemoor Gardens. During their visit they learnt about weaving and dying with plants. It was an extremely enjoyable day and hopefully the children will be able to continue their experimentations back in school.

Presentation to Governors

Well done to Katrina Cocks, Courtney Smale, Maisie Squire and Rebecca Wilford for the wonderful presentation that they gave to the Governing Body at their last meeting. The girls delivered a clear, confident and precise presentation about the benefits of the new laptops within school and the fundraising that took place in order to fund them. The girls were an absolute credit to themselves and they should be very proud.

Exmoor Zoo

Early this month the children from the Federation will be paying a visit to Exmoor Zoo. During their visit they will have the chance to meet the keepers and get close to the animals. I am sure that it will be a much enjoyed experience for all.

Year Six Transition

The transition programme to secondary schools is now well and truly underway for the Year Six children. Heather Wheeler, from Ilfracombe College, has been into each school to meet the Year Six

children and Peter Cooper will also be working with the children on an ICT transition project. Heather answered many of the children's questions about college life and will continue to support the children through the coming months.

Federation Schools Council

The Federation Schools Council met at the end of last term for their second meeting of the school year. During the meeting the children agreed that they would make a promotional DVD about the schools within the Federation. Once completed it will be placed upon our website so watch this space!!

Open Day

Following the great success of our Federation Open Day for head teachers, governors and member of the local authority throughout Devon, we have decided to put on a similar event for the local community. Throughout the day we intend to show case the outstanding work that is taking place across each school within the Federation and give our local community reason to be proud of the excellent education that we provide. The day is planned to take place on Thursday 18th June and will culminate with a celebratory event, as yet to be decided. Watch this space for further information!

Kind Regards,

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