



West Exmoor Federation Newsletter

March 2008

Dear Community

Goodbye

I am sad to report that Des Morgan and Ray Cartwright have both recently resigned from their posts at Kentisbury. Des has been involved with the school for many years, both in a voluntary and paid capacity, as a sports coach and maintenance man. We will very much miss his football, rugby and cricket coaching skills, as well as his ability to turn his hand to any maintenance jobs that have been needed around the school. Ray has been employed through Devon Direct Services as our caretaker and always ensured that the school is sparkling and ready for learning. I would like to thank Des and Ray for the contribution that they have both made to Kentisbury School and wish them well in the future – we will miss them both.

Valentine Celebrations

The children at Parracombe marked St Valentine's Day by enjoying spaghetti bolognese and heart shaped biscuits, prepared by Teresa, before watching 'Lady and the Tramp'. At Lynton the children celebrated the day by having a Valentine themed non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day memorable for the children.

Music Specialist

The children of Parracombe and Kentisbury are now very fortunate to be enjoying a weekly music lesson from Dave Little. Dave is a local musician who can play a wealth of musical instruments. He will be working

on the children's singing and building upon their ukulele skills. We are very excited about the expertise that Dave brings with him and the children are looking forward to performing their music later on this year.

Friends of Parracombe School

A very successful Beetle Drive was held last month. We are now looking forward to 'Chocolate Bingo' at 6.00pm on Thursday 20th March.

Lynton PTFA

Well done to Countisbury House and the Lynton PTFA who managed to raise a staggering £183 at the Lynton farmers market. The money raised will be put towards buying a set of class laptops. I would like to thank everyone who supported the children at the market and also acknowledge the hard work of Joady Southwold. Summerhouse will be running the next stall on Saturday 1st March.

Flower Fairies!

I would like to thank the St Mary's Sunday School children who magically visited school last month and planted out our planters with beautiful primulas and hyacinth bulbs. What a wonderful surprise when we arrived at school on Monday morning.

Face Lift

As you are aware, Parracombe School is extremely successful but we all believe that a 'touch of paint' would be the 'icing on the cake'! As such, we are planning a painting weekend, where

volunteers come to school and help up paint the inside and outside of the school. We would like to arrange this for the Easter holiday. If you would be able to help please contact the office and we will prepare a list of volunteers and ensure that we have enough paintbrushes!

Chivenor Football

Once again children within the federation have the opportunity to participate in Chivenor Football Training. The training will be held at Holman Park on a weekly basis and, I am sure, will once again be a great success. It is wonderful that the children get the opportunity to be coached in football alongside professional football players

Finally

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to Laura Martin at the end of last half-term. Laura joined Lynton as a newly qualified teacher and has been a friendly and lively member of the team who will be greatly missed by staff and children alike. We are inviting Laura back at Easter to say a proper goodbye to her, but for now we would like to wish Laura and her family all the best in the future.

Kind Regards,

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