



West Exmoor Federation Newsletter

Date: 5/3/10 Term: Spring

Newsletter Number 4

Dear Parents/Carers

Federation News

Joint newsletter

We have found, over the past months, that much of the information in each school's newsletter is the same. Therefore we have decided to write a joint newsletter. This will not only emphasise all the learning and collaborating that is done across the three schools, but also inform you all about anything going on in the other schools or events you or your child/children might like to attend.

Embedding Learning

Two children from each year group came together this week to take part in an initiative that looks at learning attitudes, styles and opinions of children. Children across the Federation met at Lynton to talk with Jackie Rudman. The information gained from the discussions will go towards the Federation's development plan and structuring learning within the Federation.

Audits

The Federation had a financial audit last week. It is the first time we have been audited as a Federation. There are five areas in the audit and we came out as high in all of them. This is a huge achievement as the audit has only given this out to one other school in the last three years. Well done to Wendy,

Betty and Jacqui for all your hard work and collaborative efforts.

PE Kits

There is a common theme across the Federation of children forgetting to bring in their PE kit. Please ensure that children bring in their kit as they will not be able to participate in many of the activities without it. Could you also ensure that the children have a named water bottle in school filled with water and not juice or squash please.

Early Years Gymnastics

Reception children across the Federation will be starting their sessions of gymnastics this Tuesday 9th March. Jody Davie would like to remind all parents that the children will need shorts, tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt. They will be leaving from Lynton at 9:15 am and returning for lunch. The final session will run on 4th May when parents will be invited to come along, watch and celebrate their children's accomplishments.

Year 6 taster session

Year 6 visited Ilfracombe College on the 24th February. They stayed for lunch and took part in a D&T lesson. They also met Helen Wheeler, the Head of Transitions at the College.

Key Stage 2 Boosters

Parracombe and Kentisbury have had a very successful joined booster group. The children enjoyed being taught subjects

by the Federation's subject specialists and learning in larger peer groups.

One to One Tuition

Selected children across the Federation have been benefiting from the government initiative that offers extra tuition to able pupils to give them an additional boost. The Scheme started after half term and will run through to the end of next term.

Orienteering

Year 4 and 5 went to Ilfracombe College last week for an orienteering morning. They had a lot of fun working with some of the pupils from the college and children from other primary schools in the Ilfracombe catchment area.

Vouchers

The schools are collecting Tesco, Sainsbury and Flora vouchers for schools at the moment. Please save up your vouchers and hand them into the reception or class teacher of your child's school. Each year we gain a great deal of resources from these schemes.

Whistland Pound

Whistland pound are organising a taster session on Saturday 13th March 2.00 - 4.00pm. This event is free and suitable for families with children aged 5-12 years. Booking is essential To find out more or to book your space: Telephone: 01598 763 706 or Email:

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Lynton news

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. The day has moved to a Tuesday afternoon. We are hoping to extend our contact with youth team over the coming months.

I would also like to bring everyone's attention to the pots of flowers around the school. These have been kindly tended to by Pat Wood and the Sunday school children.

IEP Reviews

We would normally be starting to arrange IEP meetings about now. As we have just had parent consultations we will be restructuring this so that we have an IEP review in the autumn term and another at the beginning of the summer term. This will be along side the usual 2 parent consultations and the school report. As ever, if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your child or any other issue, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or arrange a meeting with Mrs Chope (Lynton SENCO).

Kentisbury news

School Nurse

The school nurse was in to weigh and measure the reception and year 6 children. She should have

visited everyone within the next couple of weeks.

School Library

The school library service has been into school to sort through all the books and Mrs Smith has worked hard sorting through resources in there. Mrs Cooke and her family were in over the half term painting the library and with the lovely displays Miss Conibear has put up the children now have an exciting and stimulating library area to enjoy that includes a reference section, picture book section, Early Years/KS1 reading section and KS2 reading section. Thank you to Mrs Cooke's family for their support.

Themed food

Kaye will be cooking themed lunched this half term to tie in with the school theme of Great Britain. On Wednesday the children will be served roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and Victoria sponge for pudding. Over the following weeks the menu will cater for cuisine from Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Parracombe news

Gambian Letter

Firstly, thank you to everyone who donated clothes and cuddly toys, they are winging their way to Gambia. The children have received their first letter from their Gambian pen pal. The children are now incredibly keen

to write back to her, telling her about life in Parracombe.

Swimming

Year 5 will be starting their weekly swimming sessions this Friday at South Molton. The children will be joining the year 5 children from across the Federation for six weeks.

Lunchtime cookery club

Lunchtime cookery club has started up again and takes place on Tuesdays. If you haven't yet brought in your £1 donation please do so as soon as possible so that ingredients can be bought.

Future dates

National Science Week - 15th March

Mobile Planetarium - 16th March

Sports Relief - 19th March

Federation Easter Service - 31st March

Last day of term - 1st April

Kind Regards,

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