



# West Exmoor Federation Newsletter

May 2008

Dear Community

## Life Education

At the end of last term children within the federation visited the Life Education Centre. The Education Centre, run by a qualified teacher, delivered an age appropriate health educational programme to specific year groups. The sessions were designed to encourage the children to adopt a positive attitude towards their health in order to assist them in making informed decisions about their life style. Topics covered included healthy eating, appropriate use of medicines, bullying, tobacco and alcohol. The children who attended the centre all gained a great from it and I would like to thank the Town Council of Lynton for allowing the Education Centre to be sited in Bottom Meadow car park free of charge.

## Police

At the end of last term, PCSO's Karen and Vicky visited Kentisbury School and spent the afternoon getting to know the children. They enjoyed lunch with the infants before gardening alongside the key stage 2 children – a real community activity enjoyed by pupils and police alike!

## Africa

As a finale to last terms topic on Africa, children within the federation had the opportunity to learn alongside each other.

Amongst other things, they enjoyed an African dance workshop with a lady in traditional African dress. This is truly testimony of the benefits of federation whereby we can share expertise and expenses to provide enrichment activities for the children.

## Auction of promises

At the end of last term, the Lynton PTFA organised an Auction of Promises at the Blue Ball in order to raise money for the Lynton School Laptop fund. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who gave their time, money and/or expertise to the event. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we raised a staggering £1228! This takes the total of money raised so far to just over £5000 which is a phenomenal fundraising success by such a small school in just 6 months.

## Rugby Success

Well done to Joseph Caley, of Kentisbury School, who has recently been extremely successful in a rugby competition. As a result, his team is now going to play at Twickenham! Good luck to Joseph and his team.

## Car boot sales

Two sales will be taking place at Blackmoor Gate Market Field in aid of local organisations: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - proceeds to Kentisbury Parish Magazine and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - proceeds to

St Thomas's Church. Sellers' arrival time 11am, buyers 12pm. Both events will be weather permitting.

## TA Appointment

I am delighted to welcome Stacy Conibear to Kentisbury School. Stacy will working as a teaching assistant with children who have special educational needs. Stacy previously worked at Beaford Primary School. She has an excellent background in PE and hopes to train to become a teacher in the near future.

## Outstanding Work

One of the true delights of working with children is their never ending capacity to amaze me. I would like to share with you a poem written by Tina Burdett, I am sure you will agree that it is absolutely stunning!

*Exhausted, worm out, sleepy,  
Painful, helpful, weepy,  
Struggling with the water,  
With you or your daughter.*

*Boiling, red-hot, blazing,  
Scorching, sizzling, roasting,  
Trekking through the arid sand,  
With several bucketfuls in your hand.*

*Finished your unpleasant trip,  
Take a drink, take a sip,  
For tomorrow you will take the pain,  
Take that journey again and again.*

Kind Regards,

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