



West Exmoor Federation

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

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Welcome

Once again a new school year has dawned. I would like to extend an extra warm welcome to Michael Ford, Ewan Cotterell, Kimberly Ford, Alex Walters, Thomas Alexander, Isabella Leeman, Harvey Smith and Holly Young who have joined our reception classes across the three schools. Welcome also to Rory O'Brien, Michael Finch, Matthew Finch, Shakeira Warne, Oliver O'Brien, Ben Brown, Tom Brown, Nicole Brown, Sarah-Jane Burrough and Caytlan Wells who have joined us in other year groups across the schools. I would also like to welcome Sophie Huggins, Julie Ansell and Nicola Hellier (our new teachers), Clair Medhurst (teaching assistant) and Yoli Budd (lunchtime supervisor). Children and staff, both old and new, have all quickly settled into the routine of the term and the children have made an excellent start to their learning.

Harvest Celebrations

Parracombe Primary School celebrated Harvest at Christ Church on Friday 12th September with poetry, song and prayer. The church looked absolutely wonderful as our service coincided with the flower festival – a true celebration of all things bright and beautiful! Kentisbury will be celebrating with a service in school on Friday 10th October. The service will be followed by an Apple Lunch for children, staff and parents/carers alike. The apples used will all have been harvested from the school

garden. Lynton will also be giving thanks for Harvest on the 10th with a service at St Mary's at 2.30pm. All members of the community are welcome to join us.

Friends of Parracombe School

Many congratulations to all those who worked so very hard creating the prize winning float themed 'Under the Sea'. The float was awarded first prize in the Best Children's Float category at Combe Martin. It also received first prize in the Prettiest Float category and won overall at Ilfracombe! I'd like to wish them GOOD LUCK, with their entries at Barnstaple and South Molton.

Kentisbury Village Show

Many congratulations to Anthony Burdett, William West, Liam Mills and Jacob Bartlett who were awarded first, second, third and highly commended in the Village Show poetry competition. Congratulations also to all of the Kentisbury infants who entered the competitions, many of whom won prizes. The judges, Mr and Mrs Fowler were overwhelmed by the number of entries from the school and presented all the children with a finger puppet.

School Clubs

A wide variety of clubs are running this term across the three schools. In Lynton we are offering dance, music, sport and a school newspaper club. At Parracombe we have infant gymnastics, whole

school ball skills, gardening, arts and crafts and guitar club. Whilst at Kentisbury a craft club and ICT club will be running.

Autumn Topics

This term children within Key Stage One will be studying the topic, 'Ourselves', whilst those in Key Stage Two focus upon 'Celebrations'.

Northcott Theatre

Later on this month the Year 2 children from Lynton and Kentisbury will be visiting the Northcott Theatre in Exeter. The children will be watching How the Giraffe Got Its Neck, performed by the Tall Stories Theatre Company.

Year 5/6 Residential

After half-term the children within Year 5 and 6 will be going on their annual PGL residential. This year they will be visiting Marchants Hill in Surrey and will also visit Stonehenge en-route. During the week they will have the opportunity to participate in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities such as climbing, abseiling, archery and quad biking. I am sure that this will, once again, prove to be a great success and that all of the children will greatly benefit from the experience.

Kind Regards,

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