



# Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

## (Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sending this newsletter out early this week so you are aware of some of the up and coming events which will be taking place in school.

### Visitors

Since the last newsletter, we have been visited by the Chief Executive of Shropshire County Council and Neil Kingham (Former DG at the Department for Communities and Local Government). They were very impressed by the federation and all that we are doing.

### Parent's Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended parent's evening. If you were unable to attend last week and would like to see your child's class teacher, please see them to arrange an appropriate time.

### Thank you

Thank you to Miss Connibear for donating material to the school.

### Activemark Award

We have been awarded the 2009 award as recognition for the fact that every child at school receives two hours of high quality PE each week. We are now the proud owners of the healthy schools award, activemark award, artsmark award and are now hoping to achieve the eco-school award in the near future.

### Gardening

Today, class 1 visited Rosemoor Garden's where they learnt about growing vegetables. We are looking forward to seeing them put their learning into practice in our gardening plots! Mrs Fuller would like to request that all children come to school with wellies on their art / D&T day (Tuesday for the infants and

Wednesday for the juniors) as gardening will be done in these lessons. Also, children need a painting apron (an old adult's shirt is perfect).

### World Maths Day

We will be celebrating world maths day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March by taking part in some online mental maths competitions with children across the globe.

### World Book Day

To celebrate, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will hold a range of book activities in school. The children (and staff) are encouraged to come to school dressed as a book character. At the end of the day the children will be given book tokens which they can use to buy special world book day titles.

### Fair Trade Fortnight

Devon is a fair trade council and has decided to support fair trade fortnight by joining with other schools in a world record setting attempt for the most bananas eaten in a 24-hour period! The council are substituting the cookie on the menu on Friday for banana split. If you would like your child to have a school lunch on this day so they can be part of the record attempt please let Wendy know by Wednesday morning so that Kaye can order the correct number of bananas from her supplier.

### G&T Art Day

On 12<sup>th</sup> March, gifted and talented children from across the Federation are meeting at Lynton to work with the art co-ordinator from Ilfracombe college on the theme of the global world and what it means to us.

### Red Nose Day (13<sup>th</sup> March)

This year we ask the children to come to school dressed in red for a £1 donation. We will also be encouraging

the children to do 'something funny for money' by telling jokes and showcasing any talents they would like to share with the school.

### Gardening Day

The PTFA are kindly reviving the pond area for us. They are holding a gardening day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10:00-3:00 and would very much appreciate your time and support. We could do with some people power to dig, plant and sow grass, flowers and shrubs and some help in making some animal shelters, bird tables and feeders. Please come along as and when you can and bring with you any tools you think we may need as well as any off cuts of wood which could be made into shelters and feeders. Jayne and Colin Peacock are kindly providing refreshments.

### Dragons

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, Michelle from Arlington Court is coming into school to ask the children to once again make dragons for the National Trust's St George's Day celebrations.

### Art Competition

We have been sent details about an Exmoor Art Award. If you are interested please see the poster on the board in the entrance hall.

Kind Regards,

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