



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Eid-UI-Fitr

On Wednesday to celebrate Eid (the end of Ramadan), and to fit in with our 'celebrations' topic work, Mrs Freer very kindly cooked up a feast for the juniors. On this day Muslims party with friends and family, share a meal and have lots of sweet things to eat. The juniors ate figs, dates, olives, pitta bread, humus, cousous, tzatziki and falafel. All the children enjoyed tasting the foods and wishing each other Id Mubarak which means have a happy and blessed Eid. They also enjoyed listening to Mrs Freer's account of the time she spent living in Dubai and hearing how the Muslims of the Untied Arab Emirates celebrated Eid. We have sent images of our celebration to the Journal so hopefully they will be in next week's paper.

Toffee Apples

The Infants have also been cooking up delicious eats. With the apples picked from the fruit trees in school they have made toffee apples. They have also weighed and bagged some apples and are selling them in the entrance hall as part of their maths learning. They managed to sell a few bags to the governors at the last full governors meeting!

Governors Meeting

Thank you Luke, Charlotte, Jake and Will for coming back to school at 7:00 last Thursday to deliver a power point to the governors about 'our links with the community'. Miss Conibear has kindly displayed a copy of it in school if you would like to see it.

Parent Workshop

Thank you to Sue Townsend, Debbie Dapling, Frankie and Simon Young and Jennie Leeman for coming to the workshop yesterday. We talked about paired reading, maths games, spelling strategies and homework. If any of you were unable to attend and would like some information please come into school and we can give you copies of the things we discussed. Thank you to Mrs Lee and Miss Streather for facilitating the talk. We also talked about how to

pronounce letter sounds. A demonstration of the articulation of phonemes can be found at www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/local/clld/las/phase_two.html

Thank You

Thank you very much to Angie Batty for donating some beads to the school. Thank you also to all of you who sent in WW1 artefacts and information showing we live in a multicultural society. We have displayed all of these things around the school. Please come in and see them and share with our learning. Thank you also to Sue Townsend for donating some spices to the school. Kaye has promised to cook up an Indian feast with them. Thank you also to Angela Martin for donating some rug wool to the school.

Federation School Council

The first joint Federation school council meeting was held today at Kentisbury. The North Devon Journal came along to document this special meeting as we could be the first school in the country to have such a council! Please look in the Journal for the article as well as a photo of the Reception children in the new school starters section.

Music Lessons

Sarah Jones held her first set of music lessons today. She will come in every Friday between 1:30 and 3:00. So far Danny, Laura, Andrew and Amy M. are having lessons. If anyone else is interested please come in and see Sarah.

Performances

Yesterday Mrs Freer very kindly took the year 6s to Pilton College for a poetry recital. The poet did raps and many humorous poems and the boys came back very enthused about poetry. Year 2 will be going to the Northcott Theatre to see 'How the Giraffe Got its Neck' on 9th October.

Harvest Celebrations

May I remind you that we will be holding our harvest lunch / apple celebration at school next Friday at 11:00. We are very pleased that many of you are joining us as well as members of the Pre-School and Reverend Les Austin. We (pupils, parents, friends, staff) have

received an invitation to the Harvest Festival at St Thomas Church on Sunday 12th October at 6pm. Some of the children will be taking part in the service and there will be refreshments and an auction of produce after the service. We are collecting tins, biscuits, fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc for the service in a box in the entrance hall.

Information for Year 6 parents

You should have received a letter direct from the Admissions Team providing you with your child's Unique Identifying Number for online applications as well as a transport entitlement leaflet, a choice advisor leaflet and a schedule of open days. We have been written to by the team to remind you to apply online for your child's school place by using either the online application form from: www.devon.gov.uk/eal/dgfl/forms/education.html or a hard copy obtained by calling 0845 155 1019. The team is unable to consider late applications and pupils may lose the local school place if it is oversubscribed so please apply before the closing date of 24th October.

Laptop Competition

Mr Dickinson has discovered a site where children can win a laptop by identifying six well-know locations in Devon. It is a competition run to try and get more young people using libraries. The entrance form can be downloaded at www.devon.gov.uk/libraries/thezone

3D A Chance To Dance

We have been sent details about a dance project to be held in Devon. If your child would like to join a dance group please see the information on the table in the entrance hall.

Half Term Activities

Simonsbath House Outdoor Centre are running a programme of events for half term. I trust you received your flier, if not there is a spare in the entrance hall.

Attachments

Please find attached to this newsletter a flier about a Rock 'n' Roll performance and a data collection sheet which we ask you to fill out and return to us so we can update our records.

Kind Regards, Clare Cooke

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