



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to you all. We have had a somewhat abnormal start to the term with the snow and ice but are pleased to be back to normal again now. We have produced learning packs for the children that can be emailed out to you if we have more snow so the children do not miss out on too much learning time.

Christmas

Christmas seems so long ago but I think it is well worth mentioning how well the children performed in the run up to Christmas. I was pleased to receive an email from the church thanking us for attending the carol service, a letter from a lady congratulating us on our performance at Arlington Court and I think the nativity was one of the best yet. It was lovely to see so many of you joining us at these events so thank you for coming along.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Cox for their kind donation to the school.

Athletics Tournament

On Thursday, Amy.R., Charlotte and Joshua went to Ilfracombe College with other members of the federation to take part in an athletics tournament against other schools in the learning community. I am delighted to announce that the Federation came 4th. Well done to all those who took part.

Travel Plan

At the moment we are trying to get accredited with Devon County Council Travel Wise award. To help us Vicky Francis will be coming in and working with the children on Monday to discuss travel issues in the area.

Fire Safety

The fire service will be visiting the school on Tuesday to talk to the children about fire safety.

Swimming Gala

In February there will be a learning community swimming gala. In preparation for this on Wednesday we will be holding speed trials across the federation so we can select a team to go to the gala. Charlotte, Jessica, Victoria, Sarah, Amy.M, Joshua and Shaun have expressed an interest to go to the speed trial.

Macbeth

As you are aware from the letter which went out explaining what theme learning the children are doing in Key Stage 2 this term the children are studying Shakespeare. So on Monday 25th January, year 6 are going to see a production of Macbeth.

High 5 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 27th there will be a learning community netball tournament. We will be selecting a team in the near future.

PCSO Karen

We are looking forward to our next visit from Karen on Thursday. A parent at the Christmas Fayre notified her that not all children are wearing seatbelts on their journey to and from school. May we take this opportunity to remind you to ensure your children are putting theirs on.

Note from the PSA

Dear All, I am now based in the Community Room at Ilfracombe C of E Junior School and will be holding drop in sessions there every day between 8.30 - 9.30 and weekly coffee mornings. I will be available Mon - Thurs from 10.00 onwards and if you would like to arrange any parenting

activities in your school I am happy to meet with you to discuss how I could assist. I look forward to hearing from you. All the best, Bev Lee
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Parking

When the weather is not icy please can I ask you not to park at the front of the school as it makes it hard for tractors to pass.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements and Educational Transport Policy

The annual admission arrangements consultation in Devon will be live online from 21 December 2009 to 1 March 2010 at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. This is the opportunity for all schools, parents, neighbouring local authorities, community groups, dioceses and Members and officers of Devon County Council to review the proposed arrangements. Comments and suggestions for amendment are invited for the attention of Andrew Brent. The consultation will include all aspects of admissions including Planned Admissions Numbers, the requirement for a revised Fair Access Protocol and for in-year co-ordinated admissions and the designated areas for those establishments with a designated area. All children entering the Reception class of a primary or infant school will be offered a place for September 2011. The proposals, amended as necessary as a result of the consultation, will be presented to Cabinet Members of the County Council in April 2010. The planned admission number determined for Kentisbury for 2010/11 is 6 and the planned admission number proposed for Kentisbury in 2011/12 is 6.

Kind Regards, Clare Cooke

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