



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Staff

It has been lovely to see Mrs Peacock back in school and we are very pleased to welcome her back to the Federation. As a consequence, I will now be teaching the KS2 class for 3 days a week and Mrs Hamer will continue to teach for the remaining 2. I am sure you have all noticed that Barbara is not in school at the moment. She will return on the 1st December. To provide cover until then, Stacey and Kirstie will both be working full time so their continues to be a full time TA in both the EYFS/KS1 class and KS2 class. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Smith to our team and thank her for all her hard work she has put into school over the two weeks she has been with us. Finally we offer huge congratulations to Ben and Stacey who got engaged in half term. We wish them all the best in the future.

Dance Video

Mrs Lee and three students from Ilfracombe College have worked with the school to produce a dance routine which Peter Cooper has filmed. The dance includes many 'Brain Gym' moves and we hope the DVD will be of use to other schools who would like to use 'Brain Gym' in their curriculum.

Residential

Kieron, Lee and Shaun enjoyed their residential before half term. They went on night walks and nature trails, helped with cooking and cleaning, made bird boxes and had a number of evening activities including a talent show on the last night! I would like to thank the staff who attended as they were on duty practically 24 hours a day working incredibly hard to ensure the children had a fantastic time. Could all parents of the children who attended the residential check that a black Nike hoody was not picked up accidentally with their child's clothing. If you find it please return it to Lynton Primary School.

Halloween Party

Thank you to the PTFA for organising another fantastic Halloween party. I hear that it was a lovely finale to the half term

with fun for all which raised a good amount of money for PTFA funds.

Thank you

I would like to reiterate what Mrs Smith has already written - a huge thank you to Paul Harrison and Nicky Pierce for all their hard work in the school grounds over the past few weeks. I would also like to thank the people who came to the PSA meeting on Thursday.

Federation Council

Last week the federation council met for the first time. The Kentisbury councillors are: William, Holly, Imogen, Thomas, Sarah, Joshua and Charlotte. Well done to you for being elected by your peers as the best people to represent the school.

Lost property

We have a huge amount of lost property in the school at the moment. Please come and see if anything belongs to you. What is left on Friday will be offered to you all on a 'first come, first served' basis with the remainder being taken to a charity shop.

Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all the KS2 children who have had their Kennings published in a poetry anthology which will be on sale to the general public in the near future.

Clerk to Governors Post in Barnstaple

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School has a vacancy for a Clerk to Governors. They will be offering full training for a new clerk and as the outgoing clerk and previous clerk work in the school there will always be help on hand to offer advice and support. Details of the job and how to apply are on the notice board in the entrance hall.

Federation Open Day

On Friday we were joined by 30 head teachers and governors from Devon who are thinking about federating. They listened to our story of how we federated in January 2007 and what we have achieved since then. They enjoyed touring the three schools and commented on how the schools maintained their individual identity but clearly had themes running through all three. They also talked about how they could see federation had maintained schools in the three communities and

improved educational outcomes for the children. They thought Kentisbury's grounds were superb so thank you to everyone who has helped us maintain such a special learning environment.

Sports club

Ben and Stacey would like to stop sports club in December due to the inclement weather and nights drawing in.

Start of the day

Thank you to you all for embracing the new start of the day routine; it will save us all from getting chilly over the next months!

Admissions

For those of you who have children who will be joining the school in September 2010/January 2011 you need to apply by 15th January 2010. The online application facility opened on 1st November and can be found at:

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline>

If you cannot access the online facility you can apply via the First Step Booklet which can be obtained by calling: 0845 1551019.

Free school meals

Please could you let us know if you are eligible to claim for free school meals even if you choose not to as it affects our funding.

Christmas

We have many exciting Christmas events planned for the next weeks which we hope you will all be able to attend. Please see below for details.

Dates for you diary

18.11.09 Yr6 Anti-Bullying Day
20.11.09 PTFA meeting 3.00
24.11.09 Theatre Alibi Performance
25.11.09 Yr 3&4 Multi-Skills Festival
11.12.09 PTFA Christmas Fayre
11.12.09 Carols at Arlington Court 6.30
13.12.09 Carol Service at the Church 6.00
14.12.09 Christmas Lunch
15.12.09 Nativity in the Church 2.00
16.12.09 Pantomime at the Queen's Theatre
18.12.09 End of Term
04.01.10 Start of Term

Kind Regards,

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