



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Coffee

Thank you to all of you who attended the coffee morning with Mrs Lee, the Learning Communities Parent Support Advisor (PSA). The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th October at 9:00.

Police Visit

We had an excellent visit from PCSO Karen on Wednesday. She explained how the police use forensics to solve crimes and then finger printed all the children!

Federation Video

Peter Cooper, the Learning Communities media technician has been working with some of the older children this week to add the finishing touches to the federation's digital prospectus. We hope that this will be on the federation website in the near future. Peter has recently uploaded the 'Federation Open Day' video onto the website and this can be viewed online at: <http://www.westexmoorfederation.org.uk/>

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to those of you who contributed to the non-uniform day today. We have raised £11 in aid of the North Devon Hospice. Which I think is not bad considering most of us (including me) forgot!

Swimming

The year 3 children from across the federation have enjoyed their first two swimming sessions at South Molton swimming pool. They children have been working on their

swimming skills as well as building friendships with peers across the federation.

Young Play Leaders

Charlotte and Shaun have been selected to go with Barbara to go on a playtime leadership course on Wednesday 30th September.

Listening to Children Read

Thank you so much to those of you who have offered to come into school to listen to the children read. Marian and I would like to warmly welcome you in to do this at any time convenient to you as we can always find someone who could be listened to so please just turn up!

Volleyball

We have been sent a flier about Volleyball. Every Saturday from 9:00-10:30 there will be a volleyball club at North Devon College for any children under the age of 11. Each session will cost £2. For more details please call Denise Austin on 07773382305 or see www.academyofbeachsports.org.uk

School Dinners

Please put payments for school dinners in a sealed envelope for Wendy which is clearly marked with your child's name. Money can be paid every Monday or in advance to suit you either termly or half termly. To take advantage and celebrate the news that Scorse Foods are now producing 'Freedom Food Accredited Turkey' Devon County Council have decided to switch week 3 of the autumn term's menu from roast chicken to roast turkey.

Walk to School Month

We know that it is very difficult for many of you however, it is walk to school month in October and we would like to encourage as many of you as possible to swap the car for your feet if you can at some stage during the month.

Year 6 Application Process for Secondary School

The online application facility for year 6 pupils, transferring to secondary school will be open from 1st September until 16th October, 2009. A reference copy of the Next Step booklet will be available shortly, with more copies available if necessary from the Helpline, 0845 115 1019. If you have concerns about the admissions arrangements please email:

cyp.choiceadvisers@devon.gov.uk
or call the Choice Adviser service on 01392 381296. It is very important that application forms, either online or paper are submitted by 16th October as requests received after this date for oversubscribed schools cannot be considered until the second round in April. This may mean children living in catchment, or with siblings attending cannot be offered their preferred schools on 1st March 2010. Admissions Officers will be in touch over the period, exchanging information and chasing parents who have not applied. They will also attend as many secondary Open Days/Evenings across the County as possible.

Kind Regards,

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