



# Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

## (Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I would like to take the opportunity in this newsletter to tell you about our busy start to the Spring Term.....

### Exmoor Zoo

This week, the children from the Federation have been paying visits to the Exmoor Zoo. During their visit they have had the chance to meet the keepers and get close to the animals. It has been an enjoyable experience for all and a fantastic opportunity for the children to continue to forge friendships across the Federation.

### Golf

On Tuesday, Parracombe School joined us for a golf session with Mark Davis from Ilfracombe Golf Club. The children learnt how to dribble with a golf club and I was told by the children that 'it was fun!' We are fortunate to have Mark join us for three more sessions and he hopes to plan a celebration of skills acquired at Ilfracombe golf club when the weather warms up.

### HMI

On Monday and Tuesday Bradley Simmons from HMI came and did a survey inspection of the Federation which he found to be good across the board. His full report will be available on the

Ofsted website after half term and we will send a copy home to each of you as soon as it becomes available to us. We are all incredibly proud of our achievement in this survey inspection and feel it is a true reflection of all the fantastic work that is going on in the Federation.

### Transition

I have recently sent a letter to the pre-school inviting parents to bring their children up to school for lunch on any day they wish. This will be a fantastic transition opportunity for the pre-school children and it will also help keep our pupil numbers for school meals up! Transition activities are also happening at the other end of the school with Heather Wheeler, Peter Cooper and Bev Lee regularly coming into school to meet with year 6. Some of the children have already been up to the college for taster sessions and Heather plans more of these in the future.

### Child Care

Jo Fuller an ex-teaching assistant from Lynton is offering child care services. She has put a flyer up on the board in the entrance hall.

### Rabbits

Market Veterinary Centre in South Molton has written to notify us that they are

supporting National Rabbit Week. They are offering all rabbit owners a free health check (by appointment) as part of this week starting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. To book your free check call 01769 572176. They are also holding an art competition for children 11 and under. Entry forms can be collected from the surgery or downloaded from their website. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative drawing or painting of a rabbit.

### Emergency procedures if the weather conditions are bad:

Any decisions will be made locally by the school Emergency Officer, Wendy - Tel. 883223 who will attend school if both of the teachers are unable to get in. There will be four options: a delayed start, afternoon school only, no school or one class only. Listen to Radio Devon or Lantern FM for closure details.

### Jayne's Newsletter

Just a reminder that Jayne writes a newsletter each month which goes into the local parish magazines and onto the West Exmoor Federation website: <http://www.westexmoorfederation.org.uk>

Kind Regards,

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