



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Uganda

Lynton School has had links with a school in Uganda for a number of years. Parracombe and Kentisbury schools are now going to be linked with it too. We will be mailing to the school in Uganda on 26th September and then we'll await some correspondence back!

Big Draw

I have been asked by Mrs Peacock to pass this information on to you. There will be a 'Big Draw' organised by Drawn to Devon at Parracombe School on Saturday 11th October between 11am & 4pm. It is open to children, brothers and sisters, parents/carers, friends, family, etc. The day will result in a 3D Rainbow being created that will be exhibited around Devon. Teresa Councill at Parracombe has more details if you would like them. If children are unable to attend the day, then they can still take part by bringing into school any photographs that have been taken in Devon. Collection boxes will be set up in each school as a BIG bank of pictures is needed!!

Gifted and Talented

At the moment, we are updating the Federation's Gifted and Talented register based on results of tests, teachers assessments, observations or information provided by external specialists, performance during extra curricular activities and information provide by parents re children's achievement outside of school. If you think your child could be gifted and/or talented please let us know. I have created a leaflet for parents/carers detailing how you can help your child if you think they are 'gifted and/or talented'. If you would like a copy, some are available on the table in the entrance hall.

Meetings

Thank you for your attendance at the PTFA meeting and parents open meeting yesterday. Minutes of the PTFA meeting will be circulated in due course.

PTFA picnic lunch and fun afternoon

The event that was due to be held on Sunday has been cancelled due to bad weather.

Eco-School Green Flag Award

We were pleased to receive an email this week to say that our application for the green flag award has been received and an assessor will be sent to us in due course to see if we have met the criteria for the award.

Lost and Found

Mr Mugford has found a brooch in the car park and Linda Watt a 'Me to You Bear 'S' off a keyring. We have both items in the school office if they are yours.

Federation School Council

We have created a joint Federation school council. One representative from each year group of each school in the Federation will meet regularly. The first meeting is on 3rd October at Kentisbury School. I am pleased to announce that William, Charlotte, Luke, Daisy, Vicky, Rosa and Holly have been elected to represent Kentisbury. The children presented manifestos and then the rest of the class voted for who they thought would make the best councillor.

Addresses

I was surprised that most of the children in school do not know their address. Please can you make sure your children know this (including postcode) as it is an important life skill which they need to know.

Hand Foot and Mouth

Debbie Dapling has informed me that there is hand foot and mouth going around the playgroup at the moment. Please can I ask you all to be vigilant for early symptoms in your children (sore throat, blisters in the mouth, bumps on hands and feet) and if your children contract it, keep them at home until all the blisters have gone.

Music Lessons

The children really enjoyed the music recital by Sarah Jones yesterday and many had a go at playing the instruments. Sarah will be charging £6 per lesson and needs 3 children to sign

up in order for her to come and teach at Kentisbury. If you would like your child to take up this opportunity please return the slip on the letter she sent home to school by next Friday (26th September).

Martial Arts

We have a new PE expert working with us from Ilfracombe college; her name is Carmel Bal and she has taken over from Nathan Gosling. She has sent us information telling us that there will be a Martial Arts exhibition this Sunday (21st Sept) at North Devon Leisure Centre from 2pm - 5pm. Entry is free and she encourages you to go along.

Thanks

Thank you very much to Angie Batty for donating a pineapple to the school. Kaye prepared it for us and we all enjoyed a slice of juicy pineapple at break time on Tuesday! Thank you also to Wendy Russell for her continued support in the Infant and Junior class on a Thursday and Friday.

Peer Mediators Programme

We are introducing a programme for year 6 children across the Federation to facilitate solutions to playground disputes. The children will have three sessions of training plus one further session for those who want to be peer mediators at their school. The session will be run by Niki Morris-Fuge and she will be supported by PCSOs Karen and Grace. The first session is on 2nd October at Lynton.

Parent Workshop

Mrs Lee and I will be hosting a 'how to help your child at home' workshop on 2nd October which you are all invited to. We will be talking about reading, spelling and attitudes to learning.

Bags

I would like to remind children that they are only to bring book bags into school. Larger rucksacks are to be left in the Pavilion as there is not enough room in the book bag boxes for larger baggage.

Kind Regards,

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