



Kentisbury Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Visits and Visitors

Year 6 children had an informative visit from Mrs Barnes where they were able to ask her questions and are now looking forward to going to the college on Wednesday for their induction day where they will experience lessons and lunch at the school and meet their tutor group.

The federation was visited by Barry Bainbridge (Consortium of All-Through Schooling), Helen Bird (Department for Children, School and Families) and Sarah Coleman (National College of School Leadership) last week. They came to see a successful federation in action and we have received thank you letters from them. Below are some quotes from them:

'I thought your displays were brilliant and I liked your gardens where you were so busy planting vegetables. Your bug home was the first I have seen.' (Sarah Coleman)

'I can honestly say I have not stopped talking about you all since I got back to the office. It was wonderful to see your federation first hand. The pride you and the children have in it and the principal place it has in the operation of all the schools was so evident. You have created a wonderful leadership team, which really is creating opportunities to develop and grow talent from within.' (Helen Bird)

Year 6 went to Oceanfest and I hear from them, 'it was the best school trip ever!' and year 5 visited West Buckland School where they did some singing.

We had our first Federation Open Day and Sports Day last week. Miss Conibear has displayed photos of the day in school so please come in and see them and Peter Cooper has made a

DVD of the day which we will be sending home for you as soon as they have all been copied!

Miss Conibear and myself went to the Barnstaple Guildhall on Friday night to collect the school's highly commended conservation award. The panel was particularly impressed by our work on recycling and creation of natural habitat within the school grounds which has earned us the eco-schools green flag award.

We have also had a federation visit to Westpoint for the music mix event. The children experienced an incredible day of Music and Dance, featuring a mix of professional musicians, community musicians and performers from primary and secondary schools. In total over 100+ concerts, performances and workshops took place, representing every music genre from rock and Beat Box to Samba, Salsa and classical.

Finally, some children went with their parents to Arlington Court yesterday to do some art with Tim Saunders - the National Trust resident artist.

Dance Workshop

There will be a dance workshop at Studio 20 this weekend on Sunday 28th June between 10:00-1:00. It will be a Body Popping Workshop by Dan Thompson the under 18 Body Popping UK Champion and is available for any child between 9 to 13. Please call 01271 862019 to book your place.

Staff goodbyes

At the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to Miss Huggins (Leadership Team cover teacher), Mr Mugford (science teacher at Kentisbury), Mrs Fuller (HLTA at Kentisbury), Mr Dickinson (TA at Kentisbury and Parracombe) and Mrs

Medhurst (TA at Parracombe). I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of these members of staff who have all done so much for the federation. Mrs Peacock will be writing to all parents/carers in the near future explaining how staff from across the federation will be redeployed to ensure each class has appropriate support in September.

Thank you

Thank you to Sue, Debbie, Linda and the children who joined me to stain the pavilion and sheds yesterday.

Up and coming event information

The Key stage 2 trip to Arlington Court, Tuesday 30th June will take place between 9:30-12:00. Please bring your child to school as normal and then Kirstie, Wendy and myself will drive them to Arlington. We will then return to school for lunch. The children will be finding out about archeology and doing a 'dig' so please send children into school in clothes you don't mind getting muddy!! Michelle from the National Trust suggests that this will involve dirt and so the children's tetanus jabs should be up to date before they dig!

Dates for your Diary

30.06.09 - KS2 trip to Arlington Court, PTFA meeting at 2:00
01.07.09 - Yr 6 induction day to IC
03.07.09 - School Reports out
10.07.09 - Sarah doing a music celebration assembly with all her students at 9:00
17.07.09 - End of Term - picnic lunch (Please let Kaye know if you would like to order one!), school v parents rounders match, leavers presentation and the school's 80th birthday celebration and cake cutting

Kind Regards, Clare Cooke

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