



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Spring Term 2019 – Newsletter 9 – 15th February 2019



Quick Reminders

Don't forget to sign up for **Parent Consultation Evening** – Monday 25th February @ Lynton & Kentisbury, Tuesday 26th @ Parracombe, Wednesday 27th @ Lynton & Parracombe, Thursday 28th @ Kentisbury

World Book Day – Dress as your favourite character and/or bring in a prop - Thursday 7th March

Book Week Parent Participation sessions:

Parracombe – Thurs 7th March 1.30-3.00

Lynton- Friday 8th March 1.30-3.00

Kentisbury – Monday 4th March 1.30-300

Please return reply slip to the office if you will be attending

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

As this half term draws to a close we reach the mid-point in what is already proving to be a very positive academic year. I am so proud of our children who never fail to outstand me with their overwhelming desire to support one another, their incredible thirst for knowledge and their genuine determination to do their very best in every aspect of school life – we are so very lucky. I hope that you all manage to enjoy some quality family time over half term and that our children are able to recharge their batteries in preparation for the next half of the school year.

NORTH DEVON ABILITY GAMES



Last week a small number of our children represented the federation at the North Devon Ability Games. They had an amazing day and had the opportunity to try out lots of new sporting activities including fencing, lazer shooting, wheelchair football and taiko drumming.

ILFRACOME ACADEMY TRANSITION CHOIR

Our Year 6 children from both Parracombe and Lynton have been invited to take part in a Transition Choir and Performance Project being organised by Ilfracombe Academy. Mrs Cooper, from the academy, visited the federation last week and after just an hour or so of working with our children the quality of singing was absolutely incredible. Miss Constant will continue working with our children on the set pieces before Mrs Copper returns later in the term to prepare them for a final performance which will take place in St Christopher's Hall with all of the other feeder schools and academy students. This really is a wonderful opportunity for our children to meet and sing with older singers and other year 6s, and experience performing in the academy's new performance space in preparation for their transition to the academy later in the year.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP GOES TO CHURCH



This week it has been lovely to take Collective Worship to Church at both St Mary's and Christ Church. So often when our children go to church it is to 'perform' and, as they identified during our Church to School Week, they are not able to fully enjoy the beauty and stillness of the church building. With this in mind we thought that it would be



a good idea to hold Collective Worship in church once a term and the feedback from the children this week has been very positive. It was lovely that a number of governors and parishioners were able to join us too and we very much hope that

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we can continue to build upon this next term with Kentisbury visiting St Thomas' and parents also being invited to join us.

YEAR 5/6 LEE ABBEY TRIP

Our Year 5/6 pupils are enjoying a wonderful end to their half term as they visit Lee Abbey today for an exciting day of outdoor adventure activities. Thank you so much to Lee Abbey for enabling this for our children, we are extremely appreciative. Watch this space for a full report of their day's adventure after the half term break.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICES

On Mothering Sunday (31st March) there will be special family services held at Christ Church, Parracombe (9.30am) and St Mary's, Lynton (11am) to which all of our families are warmly invited. Children attending will be given a small posy of flowers to present to someone who cares for them during the course of the service. It would be lovely if some of our families were able to attend one or other of these extremely child friendly services.

With Best Wishes,



Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

In collective worship we have been thinking about Creation. We have been thinking about plants, animals and places that are special to us and how we can help to look after them. We have been praying for those plants and animals that face the risk of extinction because of the action of humans and seeking courage from God to be advocates for the world that He created.

Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Streams & Young Buds



Streams, Young Buds and Saplings have learned lots this half term about the effects that rubbish pollution has on the environment and have shown particular concern for the animals that plastic in the ocean impacts on. Our theme will continue throughout the spring term when the children will learn more about the history of plastic.

In English, Streams and Young Buds have finished their explanation texts where they have been explaining what happens to our rubbish and how it can end up polluting the ocean.

In Maths, Streams and Young Buds have now finished their money sequence however, their learning does not stop there! Please do give your child opportunities to pay for items in shops with coins; challenge them to work out how much they need and then how much change they will get.

Saplings continue to learn about place value and number bonds to 20.



Don't forget to keep up with daily reading during half term and there are spellings to keep the children busy too. We will set some Mathematics assignments which will be linked to your child's current learning; so if the children are at a loose end next week, there is always a bit of school work for them to get on with.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all in a week.

Your KS1 team.

Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks

It's the end of half term! Well done everyone for their amazing work! This term, we have written letters to the local community, explaining why plastic pollution is destroying our environment. A chosen letter from the class will be in March's copy of the Lyn Valley News so take a look! The front cover has also been designed by Rivers... what an amazing achievement! To compliment this unit, the class took part in a beach clean at Lynmouth, picking up 83 pieces of litter.

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The day was a great success and the children released messages in a bottle to try to track litter distribution. Why not take part in a beach clean over the half term for part of your home learning?



In maths, we have finished multiplication and division and moved onto area and perimeter. Can I ask that the children complete their homework as this will support their mathematical understanding? The homework consists of a perimeter and area activity as well as reciting a poem. A selection of poems has been chosen and sent home but if there is another your child would prefer to learn, please send a Dojo message to Miss Constant. Regarding spellings, please can the children recap all of the year 3/4 spellings we have covered (A to P). A selection of these will be chosen for the Friday back after half term. Have a wonderful half term!

Admin

School Dinners

All children in Key Stage 1 are provided with free school meals. Please remember that school dinners for Key Stage 2 children (year 3 to year 6) are £2.30 per day. Payment should be brought in to school on the day the meal is taken in a named envelope. Alternatively, you could pay an amount in advance for the term or half term for example. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

Residential Payments

If you haven't already, please could you return the initial deposit of £25 for the year 3/4 Residential to the Pinkery Centre as this was due on the 11th February 2019. The deposit of the £30 for the September 5/6 Residential to Eden Project is due on the 1st March 2019. Please send in payments to the school office as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

We hope you have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,
Wendy, Jacqui, Mel and Vikki

Governors News

Would you like to have a positive effect on the education of your child and future? If so, have you considered becoming a school governor? At West Exmoor we have a vacancy for a governor to join our talented and proactive Governing Body, who oversees all aspects of the educational provision within our three schools. This position is open to any parent, grandparent or carer of any pupil in any of our schools.

“I have a job, so haven't got the time!!!!” We can discuss how to use your skills effectively in a variety of ways, and we always schedule governor activities to suit the availability of our governors, so we have no strict meeting time or days, or visit times, but we fit these in as and when people are available. Did you know that the Government actively supports the public in becoming a governor, and fully supports businesses in allowing people time to do this important work? Speak to your HR department, if you have one, or go to the National Governing Body website at nga.org.uk for more information.

“I won't be able to make a difference!” Yes, you will. The Governing Body oversees the work of the Federation in all manner of ways, and you will be able to offer your opinion on school matters all year round.

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“I don’t have any experience!” You don’t need any experience. The essential essence of being a Governor is to bring the voice of the lay person into school decisions. All relevant training is provided for new Governors, free of charge.

“How can I contribute?” In a variety of ways; being a member of the full Governing Body; joining one of the 4 sub-committees; taking a lead on some educational aspect where you have knowledge, experience or interest; joining a learning walk, or sitting in on a class for a while, each term.

“I have a small child, or children so cannot make evenings!” Assistance for childcare is available in these instances. Do you want to find out a bit more about how you can influence your child’s future by becoming a governor? If you are interested, please, in the first instance contact me via any school office, or by e-mail at

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Jan Stokes; Chair. West Exmoor Federation Governing Body.

Diary Dates

15 th February	End of Half Term
25 th February	Children return to school
29 th February	Forest School begins for Year 5
4 th March	Book Week Begins
11 th March	Science Week Begins
15 th March	Family Science Challenge & Swimming Gala
2 nd April	Lynton Easter Service @ St Mary’s – 10.30am
4 th April	Parracombe & Kentisbury Easter Service @ Christ Church – 10.30am
5 th April	End of Term

Community

Local Half Term Activities

TENNIS CAMPS – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

*Learn the fundamentals of Tennis whilst having fun, making new friends & playing games.
Our dedicated, passionate & engaging coaches welcome all ages & abilities in the great location of Rock Park.*



Dates:
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019

Tiny Tots Camp
3 - 4 yr olds | 10 - 11am | £6 per day

Junior Camp
5 - 14 yr olds | 10am – 1pm | £20 per day

Location:
Park Lane Tennis Club,
Rock Park, Barnstaple EX32 9AH

To book: call 01271 600855 or email bookings@devonshiretennisacademy.com

www.devonshiretennisacademy.com

**For every full day purchased on our Junior Camp, bring a friend or sibling for free to either the Tiny Tots or the Junior Camp!*



Exeter City FC

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSES

Football & Multi Sports



BOOK ONLINE AT:
WWW.EXETERCITYCOMMUNITYTRUST.CO.UK

Barnstaple	Monday 18 th & Tuesday 19 th Feb Park School, EX32 9AX (10am - 3pm)
Braunton	Wednesday 20 th Feb Braunton College, EX33 2BP (10am - 3pm)
Ilfracombe	Thursday 21 st & Friday 22 nd Feb Ilfracombe College, EX34 9JB (10am - 3pm)
Marwood	Tuesday 19 th Feb **Multi Sports** Marwood Primary, EX31 4HF (10am - 3pm)

New Course

> All Courses £15 one day / £27 for two
> Boys & Girls aged between 5-14 years
> Further information? Email
Clem.bennelick@ecfc.co.uk



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POP-UP SPORTS

2019 FEBRUARY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5-12

Kingsley School, Bideford: 18th & 19th February
 Petroc College, Barnstaple: 20th & 21st February
9am-3pm

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 Each session is an hour and the first few tries are **FREE**.
 We have shallow sessions for the younger participants
 and deep water for more confident swimmers.

Sessions:

MINIPOLO	8-13 YEARS	7PM
JUNIOR	14-17 YEARS	8PM
SENIOR	18+ YEARS	9PM

We always look forward to seeing new faces.
 Come on down to say hi and have a go.

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