

West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Spring Term 2019 – Newsletter 11 – 22nd March 2019



Quick Reminders

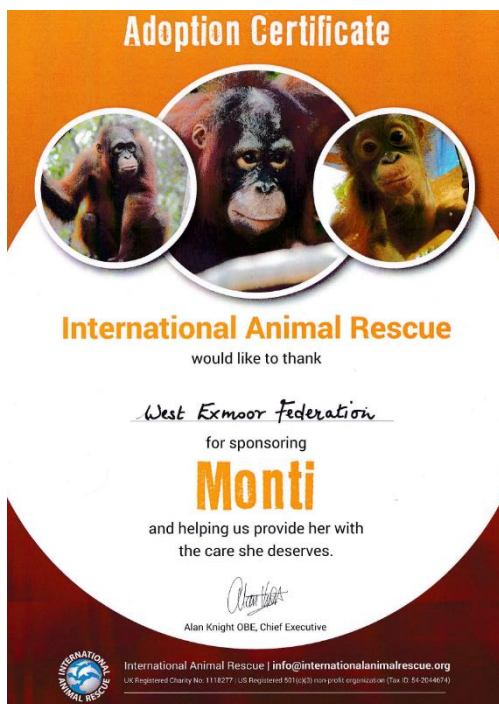
5th April End of Term
23rd April Children return to school

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

As another term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for the continued support that you give to the federation and our children's learning. As always, I have been incredibly proud of the efforts that the children have put into every aspect of school life this term. The recent Easter Services, including musical performances, the amazing dance performance at Lynton and the fantastic gymnastics displays at Lynton and Kentisbury have really showcased the breadth of experiences that our children enjoy across the federation. The children's home learning this term has been outstanding and I have been incredibly impressed with how passionate they have been about protecting the environment.

MEET MONTI



A couple of weeks ago Henry and I were at VegFest in Brighton. Whilst there Henry spent his pocket money 'planting trees' in Borneo to support International Animal Rescue and their endeavours to protect orangutans. For each tree 'planted' Henry was entered into a draw to win a goody bag and was incredibly lucky to win the draw. Part of his prize was to choose an orangutan to adopt and Henry decided that he wanted the adoption to be for federation rather than just himself. He chose Monti because she is good teacher and looks after the younger orangutans, showing them how to forage and build nests; you can read more about Monti at the end of this newsletter. Over the coming year we will be able to follow the exploits of Monti as we continue to be courageous advocates for the fragile planet that we inhabit. The impact of deforestation on rainforests and jungles, especially for palm oil, has sparked the interest of our children throughout the term as they have considered how this affects endangered wildlife. Monti will enable us to have a direct link with an organisation that is actively trying to protect this species. International Animal Rescue have produced a short film about their work which is designed for primary aged children which you may wish to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5H4njMJCII&feature=youtu.be>

After Easter we will be supporting Orangutan Conservation by taking part in the 'Bake a Cake, Save an Ape' Campaign – more details to follow after the holiday.

I hope that you all manage to enjoy the Easter break and that you have the opportunity to spend some quality family time together. The children certainly deserve a well earned rest in preparation for the long and busy summer term to follow.

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock, Executive Headteacher

In collective worship we have been thinking about courage and hope and how these values help us to stand up for what we believe in, even when being an advocate is challenging. We have also been thinking about Lent and how aspects of CARIS can be found within the Easter Story and how we can apply these values to our daily lives.

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Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Streams & Young Buds

Next term's topic

Next term the children will be learning about Vikings. In KS1, we will be learning about the myths and legends surrounding Norse mythology. The children will also be learning about world weather, seasonal change and locating/identify countries and continents. As part of our learning in geography/history we will be learning about the life of Christopher Columbus and his achievements.

Toys

Can parents remind children not to bring any toys into school. Although, this has not been discouraged in Foundation we feel it is now the appropriate time in the school year to stop this. We have spoken to the children about this. Please support the school by stopping any rogue toys getting brought in!

Reading books

Can parents please make sure they are only taking books from the coloured book band that their child has been assigned. The children are assessed to ensure the books are challenging but they should be fluent with 90% of the text. We are finding that children have read many of the books before they have been assigned a particular book band. We are asking parents to only take 1 book out at a time and 2 for the weekends. We recommend re-reading a book to improve fluency, this is particularly important in Foundation and Year 1. Please use other books from your home or library to read if you would like more reading material. Thank you for your support in this matter, the staff work extremely hard to create a supportive reading system to ensure children become fluent happy readers.



Saplings & Young Buds beach clean trip

Saplings and Young Buds enjoyed a wonderful visit to Combe Martin beach and museum last week. They were joined by Tamsin (Rie's mummy) and her colleague from the Environmental agency and worked alongside the Combe Martin museum staff. They completed a beach clean, sorted the materials into different groups and were fortunate to take part in a dye drop which showed them how pollution runs from our fields and streets into the river and then washed into our oceans.

They had also joined them the previous day and used a model to show them the process as well as looking at the water cycle with the children – A huge 'Thank you' to them both for making the trip an amazing opportunity for the children!

PTFA and Parent support

A huge 'Thank you' for the continued support from the PTFA committees. The committees have had another busy term including organising the Chocolate bingo at Lynton and the Easter egg hunt at Kentisbury for Kentisbury and Parracombe.

Finally, a big 'Thank you' to those parents who came in to work with the children when making their Mother's day gifts at Kentisbury.

Year 3 & 4 - Rivers & Oaks

Well done all for a wonderful term at school. You have all worked exceptionally hard and should be very proud of yourselves. It has been very busy over the last few weeks! Children from both Parracombe and Lynton represented the federation at Swimming Gala at Ilfracombe with Evie Hobbs getting through to the final. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the parents who supported us on the day!



In school, we have been working on our fraction knowledge, looking at equivalence and problem solving. Homework will be sent home for the holidays which includes aspects of what the children have covered in Maths and English.

Next term looks busy but thoroughly enjoyable. On the 25th of April, the children are visiting Lynton cinema to watch Louisa and on the 24th of May, Rivers are taking part in a sponsored sleepover for the Devon Air Ambulance at Lynton school. Details will be given later towards the time.



We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

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Year 5 & 6 – Oceans and Forests

Out & About

The Easter service was on Tuesday 2nd April and it was a wonderful morning. The children performed some inspirational songs, prayers and drama performances. We would like to thank you for your continued support at our church services.



Curriculum Focus



Our home learning assembly on plastic pollution was a huge success. We were all very impressed with the children's creations. Next term, our topic will be Vikings and 'Let me Tell You a Story'. In maths we will be focusing on translations, co-ordinates and ratio and proportion. In English we will be finishing our narratives and editing and improving our work.

Due to our theme also being 'The Secret Garden', Oceans have also had the opportunity to practice their narrative writing this week. We have created our own short stories and performed them to the rest of the class. The children greatly enjoyed their writing and their expression has been fantastic.



Activities



Year 5 have finished their forest school sessions. These sessions have incorporated art, gardening and den building. Most recently, we have tried some cooking which the children were about to make and sample. We have also been very lucky with the weather for these sessions.

Our School Production

Our School Production this year will be Lion King and we are all very excited to start rehearsing.

We will be holding auditions for 5/6 pupils for Lion King the first Thursday back after the Easter holidays (Thursday 25th April).



Sports News

Federation Show Jumping Team

Children from Parracombe school took part in the first North Devon Schools Show Jumping League on 24th March hosted at Coxleigh Barton. The West Exmoor Federation team consisted of Abi Payne, Tiarna Falco, Tegan Jordon & Mia Jordon and they all had a great day. They were the first team to compete in the new 50x70m arena which included jumps used in the Rio Olympics. They finished a respectful 5th place in both classes and can now build on this for next time. The next date for the team jumping is the 28th April.



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Admin

Thank you from Gini



Please can I say “thank you” to all parents and staff of the West Exmoor Federation for such an amazing bench celebrating Jodie. Gini

For Sale

Grey 3 Drawer Filing Cabinet in very good condition.

Glass Pie Warming Cabinet in very good condition.

Both items are available from Parracombe school. A donation to the school for each item would be very much appreciated.

Please call Jacqui 01598 763338

Kind regards,
Wendy, Jacqui, Mel and Vikki

PTFA News

Easter Bingo at the Bowls Club

Don't forget Lynton PTFA are holding our annual Easter Bingo Night on Friday 19TH April 2019, eyes down at 8pm. £10 per person for a night of entertainment. The evening is always lots of fun with some fantastic prizes to be won. Booking essential, please call 07939 106758. Please book your table asap to avoid disappointment.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Lynton PTFA



Diary Dates

5 th April	End of Term
23 rd April	Children return to school
25 th April	KS2 Louisa Cinema Visit
25 th April	Year 5/6 Lion King Auditions
26 th April	2 nd Eden Project Instalment Due £35.00
28 th April	Federation Show-jumping Competition

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Charity Easter Fun Day

Saturday 13th April

11.30-2.30

St Johns Community Hall, Rose Lane,
Barnstaple



Craft Stalls

Raffle

Kids Creative

Cake Stall

Refreshments

Tombola

Book Stall

TENNIS CAMPS 2019

*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 2019

Easter: 8th – 18th April
May half-term: 28th – 31st May
Summer: 29th July – 23rd August
October half-term: 21st – 25th October

Tiny Tots Camp

3 - 5 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!*

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MONTI'S FACT SHEET



Monti arrived at the centre at the end of November 2009 when she was just 6 months old. The family who were keeping her claimed that the tiny orangutan had been found alone in the jungle and that they had taken her in, but we know in reality a baby orangutan is never left alone by its mother.

Monti was so young she needed round-the-clock care by our vets. When she started out in baby school, she relied heavily on her human carers for comfort and reassurance.

Now, Monti is one of the stars of the centre - her rehabilitation progress has been remarkable. She is a confident, clever and happy orangutan with excellent climbing, nest-building and foraging skills. She is a great role model for the other orphans at the centre and is very good at sharing her abilities with the younger orangutans.

When she is not teaching you can find Monti high in the trees, observing others. She keeps her distance from humans, which is excellent natural behaviour and bodes well for her future as a wild orangutan.

LIKES

- Mastering enrichment puzzles
- Making and using tools - such as leaves as umbrellas or opening coconuts with sticks!
- Taking daytime naps in the nests she has made

Our Orangutan Rescue project began in 2009 but it didn't move to its current premises until 2013. It is located in the village of Sungai Awan, near Ketapang in West Kalimantan. The centre was built on a large expanse of secondary forest and peat swamp, which we felt was appropriate for the younger orangutans in baby school and also the older orangutans on the pre-release islands.

The Orangutan Centre houses all of our orangutans and is also where we run all of our conservation programmes from. Thanks to the generous donations of our supporters and some private companies, we have some of the best equipped clinics in Indonesia which are capable of caring for all of our orangutans needs.



ORANGUTAN FACTS

1

Orangutans live in Indonesia and Malaysia on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra. The average lifespan for a wild orangutan is 45 years.

2

Male orangutans grow up to 1.5m in height and weigh up to 120kg. Females are much smaller they grow up to 1m in height and weigh about 45kg.

3

Females have their first baby at 14 or 15 years old after a gestation period of eight and a half months. Infants stay with their mothers until they are 7 or 8 years old - longer than any primate apart from humans.



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