



# West Exmoor Federation

*'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'*

Dear Parents/Carers

10.7.15

It seems hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the academic year – where on earth has the year gone? We are certainly ending on a 'high' as I have great pleasure in announcing our best ever Year 6 SAT results! 100% of the children who sat the tests achieved a Level 4 or above in Reading, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar), Writing and Maths with 67% achieving a Level 5 in SPAG and maths and 83% achieving a Level 5 in reading and writing – both considerably higher than the national average. Well done to all of the children in Year 6 who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year to achieve such amazing results.

Final preparations are now underway for our Summer Production, 'Wind in the Willows'. Tickets for the evening performance have now sold out, but we do have a small number still available for the afternoon performance. If you are not coming to the evening performance, could you please ensure that your children are dropped off at the Town Hall between 5.45pm and 5.50pm. Thank you.

Looking ahead to next term I would like to tell you about a new Home Reading Scheme that we will be launching in September – R.E.A.D. I.T. Each child will be given an age appropriate reading booklet. The booklet will provide a record of your child's home reading with key milestones throughout the year being acknowledged and rewarded, eg, reading at home for 50 nights. The booklets are glossy and appealing and offer advice on how to support your child's reading at home. We hope that they will encourage regular reading habits, especially with our older children, and that they will be a useful tool for you to actively engage in the reading process, even when your child is a fluent and independent reader. A parents meeting to launch the booklets will be held early in the new term and I very much encourage you to try and attend in order that you can maximise the use of the booklets at home.

Over the summer I am sure that you will be purchasing new school uniform for your children. With the end of term nearly upon us the standard of uniform has inevitably slipped a little as children have out-grown existing uniform. However, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should wear a forest green sweatshirt or fleece with embroidered federation badge; a white or forest green polo-shirt with embroidered federation badge; and grey trousers, shorts, skirt (knee length) or pinafore dress. In the summer, girls may choose to wear a green checked dress. Sensible, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn with white or grey socks. For PE all children should have a pair of black shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls or trainers. We are also hoping to introduce a new PE hoody, PE t-shirt and cap for next term – further details to follow. Embroidered uniform, together with book bags and PE bags, are available from Samuel Daws & Co in Barnstaple.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout this academic year and wish you a happy and healthy summer break. I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to the federation in September.

With Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock  
Executive Head teacher

*Within Collective Worship our thoughts and prayers are currently with the family and friends of those people who lost their lives in Tunisia; children affected by war; and those who are not as fortunate as ourselves.*

## WEST EXMOOR FEDERATION GOVERNING BODY

Victoria Squire – Joint Vice-Chair of Governors & Foundation Governor (Lynton)



When my eldest daughter Haven embarked on her education journey at Lynton Church of England Primary School, I decided to volunteer as a school governor. I am married with two daughters now at the school; Haven aged 7 and Aura aged 4.

I have a strong interest in education being a lecturer at Plymouth University. My interests in primary education are within teaching and learning; how learning evolves through the key stages and prepares children for secondary

education and beyond. As the Lynton Foundation governor I am involved in how the school and Church liaise, bringing Christian faith into children's daily lives.

I have an MA from Central Saint Martins College of Art and PGCE from Oxford Brooks University. I am employed by Plymouth University as a Lecturer teaching on the BA Hons Graphic Communication with Typography programme and lead the 'Message' research group.

Prior to having Haven I worked full time and was course leader for the BA Hons Design: Graphic Communication with Typography programmes and was a harassment advisor. Within the role of course leader I gained skills in course approval (having written the undergraduate programme which was validated), curriculum development, assessment procedures, managing a team of full time and part time staff and managing budgets. Whilst having this role I was also Subject Forum Chair for Arts in the University.

As the Chair for Arts I was responsible for liaising between the Faculty of Arts and University of Plymouth Colleges (UPC) Faculty (University of Plymouth Colleges Faculty validates undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Colleges across the South West from Weymouth to Cornwall College and Jersey, including Petroc locally). Here I gained experience in strategic planning and implementation, UPC Arts budget management, being part of the approval and validation process, the organisation of conferences for the Arts forum which I chaired, cross college/University activities and the development of curricula across colleges through staff exchange and e-learning/blended learning. I have also been an external examiner for BA Hons Creative Industries at Southampton University.

### Class news – Streams

The children have had a lovely time learning how to improve their swimming skills. They all had a thoroughly good time and made great improvements with their swimming confidence.

We have started a new sequence of literacy based on the story of The Magic Porridge Pot. We are going to be learning about how to use paragraphs to organise our stories. We are also going to be thinking about how to extend our sentences by using adjectives, similes and connectives.

In maths we have been working at finding shopping totals and giving change from different amounts of money. We have been finding this very challenging! We are going to continue to learn how to use and apply our knowledge to solving various word problems using a variety of number operations.

In our theme learning we are continuing with our theme about 'Splish, Splash and Splosh' and are going to do a floating and sinking investigation.

The Reception children have been having a lovely time playing in their role play area and making up some wonderful games based on The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. They have also created a small world area outside where they have been enjoying playing treasures island!

As you know next week is our Federation production of Wind in the Willows. The costumes are almost sorted out – all the children need to make sure they have are black/dark plain leggings or shorts. If they could bring this in on Monday for a dress rehearsal I would be very grateful!

Also next Wednesday is the Federation Reception/Key Stage One trip, which the children are all looking forward to.

Please look out for your child's school report that will be coming home next week!!

Mrs Kirby

### Class news – Rivers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the year already. This term has flown by. The children are enjoying making their box theatres in literacy. They will be using these to perform their stories to Streams class in the last week of term. We have been studying homophones in spelling – looking at using the correct spelling to ensure the correct meaning of a word in context. For example when to use there, their or they're. In maths we have been sorting and classifying 2d and 3d shapes. The children have been working hard to learn and use the correct vocabulary to name and discuss the properties of shapes. In science the children have been designing, making, testing and evaluating flood alert systems. To do this, they have had to apply their knowledge of electrical circuits and switches in order to complete the task. This week we visited the library for the final time this year. We will be continuing our visits, every third Friday from September. We will be keeping our library cards at the library from September to reduce the likelihood of children forgetting or losing their cards when they bring them to school.

Finally, thank you very much for your support this year and I wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Many thanks

Jim Doherty

### Class news – Oceans

It's quickly getting towards the end of term. However, the pace in the Federation is not slowing down, as our focus has turned to fine tuning our production of "Wind in the Willows". We have our costumes, our lines and the most amazing songs and dances to put a smile on your faces, ready for summer.

Before we leave we will be finishing off our descriptive narratives, producing our wooden boxes in maths and then reflecting on a year of hard work which has seen lots of progress and development. For our year sixes it is time to round up primary school life and look towards a new beginning, next term, in Ilfracombe. They will all be missed, as without exception they are well respected, hard working and supportive role models that have had a great impact on our Federation of pupils that span the schools of Lynton, Parracombe and Kentisbury. They have proved to be a positive and dynamic team that have achieved great things since joining us.

Our year fives have strong footprints to follow in but are, I believe, more than up to the job. We need a well earned break to prepare for an exciting autumn term filled with Romans and memories of World War two. Please can we keep a diary / scrap book of events during the school holidays to share on our return and be aware that we will return to place value and measuring, Roman style...

Sincerely,

Ms. Adams

### Class news – Young Buds

Aaarrghh! Pirate fever has gripped Kentisbury school, and all the ship-mates have been finding out about famous pirates, drawing treasure maps & using co-ordinates, making telescopes and designing pirate hats. Linked to our theme learning about water, we have been looking at ships and their development over the centuries. With the end of term in sight, all years have been working hard to consolidate their learning in English and Maths, and trying to become a bit more independent. With this in mind, we are asking that parents ensure that they read regularly with their children during the holidays, and practice the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, along with simple mental addition and subtraction sums. Rehearsals for "The Wind in the Willows" are going well, and it is now time for the children to bring in their costumes for checking. Friday saw the final swimming lesson for the year 1 and 2 children, and every single child has made great progress, as well as having a lot of fun with their friends! Finally, a huge thank-you must go to Gini Hynes, who has completed sleep-over's with every year group, and Forrest School sessions for the reception children. She has worked extremely hard, (with minimal sleep!) in all weathers to make sure that every child who attended had a brilliant and fulfilling time.

Mrs Smith & Mr Fletcher

### Class news – Oaks

We have had a busy few weeks, consisting of; sporting events, play rehearsals and days out! On the 29<sup>th</sup> June, children in KS2 took part in an Ultimate Dodgeball tournament to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. It was a very successful morning with children joining up and showing good team spirit. So far, children have raised just over £600 for the charity with sponsorship still coming in. The final amount raised will be confirmed shortly. It was fantastic to see children raising money through sponsorship to help support the charity.

In Oaks' class this week, we have been learning about measurements in maths, children have investigated area through building their own lego village. Children had to measure their lego buildings to ensure they would fit inside the marked area. To extend this learning, children will be incorporating their science learning by making electrical circuits so they can include bulbs, motors and buzzers to their miniature village. This has encouraged team work, perseverance and enquiry skills.



In literacy, children are finishing off their creative story writing ensuring they are including many aspects learnt throughout the year, we will hopefully finish early next week ready to publish to the federation website.

As I am sure you are aware, next week is show week! Children should already have their costumes in school, if not then please make sure it is in school by Monday morning at the very latest ready for the dress rehearsal. Children have worked incredibly hard to line their lines and songs as well as dances! We all look forward to seeing you in the audience.

Finally, thank you for your continued support over the year and I look forward to seeing you and the children in September. Enjoy the summer break!

Miss Hill

### Little Berries News

## Admin

### **West Exmoor Federation–School Play Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

There are some afternoon performance tickets still available.

There will be menu changes due to the play and practice sessions on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July– Chicken fillet with BBQ sauce or Vegetation sausage roll, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July– Oven baked sausages or Vegetarian sausages.

### **School Meals**

We have been advised by Norse, that due to rising costs, it will be necessary to increase the cost of school meals from £2.20 to **£2.30 from September.**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

A letter was sent home on the 3.7.15 with regards to new after school clubs and child care provision, for September, may we remind you that forms must be returned by the 17<sup>th</sup> July at the latest, to enable us to organise staff ratio's and transport for the provision to begin in September.

### Lost Property

Please ensure you have collected all of your child's belongings from School before the end of term.

All named items will be sent home with children this week. At Kentisbury school everything else will be put out in the playground at home time on Friday for people to claim, at Parracombe school parents will be able to check the lost property basket.

Any unclaimed items left at the end of term will go to the charity shop

This will be the last newsletter before the end of term the admin team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a most enjoyable relaxing summer break and thank you all for your cooperation over the last academic year. We will be sad to see the year 6 pupils move on, some of which we have now known for a very long time, but wish them every happiness in their new schools.

Please can we ask that all outstanding money for dinners/trips etc is paid in full by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the very latest, we are not able to end the term with money outstanding, so if necessary parents will be called and asked to come into school and make payment by cash on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July if not already received. Many thanks.

### **Federation Staff Vacancies**

#### **Cleaner required for Kentisbury Primary School**

Dynamic and hardworking person(s) are required to clean Kentisbury Primary School. The job entails general cleaning duties including vacuuming, mopping, dusting, etc. to ensure that the Schools are maintained to the highest standard. Working hours are 9.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday ~ flexible working times outside of school hours. Monthly Pay ~ £233.62

This is a permanent, 41 week per year position working term time plus 1 week at Easter and 2 weeks in the Summer. Full training and uniform will be provided. An enhanced DBS is required which will be paid for by the employer. For an application form please contact: Ross Swinton (Cleaning Manager) 07825 532445

Please note that also a CATERING Vacancy is also available at Parracombe School, working 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday lunchtimes. It may be suitable to combine the 2 two positions of cleaner/catering, or job share. For an informal chat regarding this vacancy please contact Ross Swinton on 07825 532445 or to request an application form please phone 01392 351160

14.7.15	Summer Production
15.7.15	KS1 trip to Morthoe/Ilfracombe
	Year 3/4 Environmental walk/field trip
21.7.15	End of Term
2.9.15	Back to school

Bett, Jacqui and Mel

### Kentisbury & Parracombe PTFA

We would like to thank all of our lovely PTFA members for their hard work this year. Events such as the Strawberry Fayre, Children's Christmas party and other competitions and raffles in between were a great success, and most importantly, thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Thanks to all the parents who have donated, attended and generally supported us this year. We will be holding our next meeting at the end of September and would love to see some new faces, please do come along.

Also we are selling packs of greetings cards featuring local scenes. They are beautiful cards, made using photography by Christel & Neil Osmond from Experience Exmoor. They will be on sale at PTFA events and also available from the school office at £3.00 for 6 cards with envelopes

### Lynton PTFA

Don't forget the summer fair, taking place at Lynton school on Friday 17th July from 3pm. There will be games, bouncy castle, face painting, stalls, refreshments and lots more. We will also be holding a raffle with super prizes to local attractions. Entry is free. Any parents wishing to book a stall to sell their own products can do so for £5 – please see Sharla or Vicky in school.

The ice-cream Friday is proving very popular – thank you to everyone who has supported this to enable us to raise funds for PTFA projects of which you will hear more about in the coming months.

### **Community**

Many thanks to parents and children who attended the MUSIC AND MOOR concert at St.Mary's Church on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The school choir, recorder group, and individual piano students all contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. That evening, as well as listening to the varied programme, £221 was added to the Pipe Organ Fund. We've nearly reached the target!

Remember that on Wed. evening, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Peter Gunstone will be coming from Oxford to give a concert on the organ. If you've heard Peter in the past when he was music director at Lee Abbey, you'll know he's well worth hearing!

Pat Taylor

### **MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL**

There are vacancies for new students in violin, piano and keyboard. Parents can call me on 012711 883720 or 07974849303 or email [imssarahjones@gmail.com](mailto:imssarahjones@gmail.com) for more information.

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