



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

11.12.15

Mrs Peacock is currently off on sick leave, this will be for the remainder of the term. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

WEST EXMOOR FEDERATION GOVERNING BODY

Sue Stokes – Co-Opted Governor



My name is Sue Stokes and I'm married to Jan. We both joined WEF Governing Body approximately 12 months ago. Although my family have lived in Lynton/Barbrook for 25 years, and my younger son and his family for 2 years, we moved to Lynton after retiring 18 months ago.

My working life has been spent in education. I have a Master's Degree in Education Management and taught young people from ages 11 to adult. My teaching has essentially been in large secondary schools; comprehensive, traditional selective grammar schools, sixth form colleges and establishments for adult education. The last 20 years of my career were in school management, initially in a Community College and for the later 13 years as a High School Deputy Head with period of Acting Head teacher. My principal responsibilities involved the management of standards within the school: the curriculum and the quality of teaching and learning. I have always felt privileged to spend my career doing a job that I loved. I am passionate about ensuring that young people are given the very best education possible and hope that I can make an effective contribution to the communities of Lynton, Kentisbury and Parracombe.

Class news – Streams

The children have thoroughly enjoyed doing their literacy sequence based on the story of Don't Spill the Milk – they have written their own stories using the pattern of this story and have included adjectives and adverbs in their writing.

In Maths the children have been working extremely hard on their additive reasoning – they have been making links between addition and subtraction and using their known number facts to solve and explain how to solve problems.

We are very busy preparing for a week of Christmas Festivities. The children are practising really hard for their Nativity play which will take place on Thursday. I do hope that you will be able to come to see all of your children's hard work

Choir

The choir has been very busy during the last couple of weeks. They took part in a concert at Woolhanger Manor last Thursday evening, which was in aid of Little Bridge House, and last Saturday they were singing Christmas songs at late night shopping in Lynton. Both events were very successful and I am sure, that if you were at either event, you must have been very proud of your children.

They have a few more events during our last week of term, on Monday they are carol singing to the residents at Garson House and the members of the Flower Club in Lynton. On Thursday they will be paying an active

role in Lynton School Carol Service, on Friday evening at 7.00pm, they are taking part in the Community Christmas Event in the Town Hall and to finish off they are taking part in the service to welcome the new priest-in-charge on Saturday at 11.30am.

It would be lovely to see you at any or all of these events – your support is always welcome.

Mrs Kirby

Class news – Rivers

Jim Doherty

Class news – Oceans

We are finishing our chapters to the book “The Eagle of the Ninth”. Even though we have not finished them quite yet, I can honestly say that the standard of writing in year 5 and 6 is amazing but what is more amazing, is the commitment and effort each child is making to improve their work. I am very proud of their effort this term and hope that they all have a wonderful and well earned break over the Christmas holidays. When they return, we will be starting our new theme “around the world in 80 days”. We will be using the book by Jules Verne as our core text and it would be advantageous for children to have their own copy of the text, (we have got 10 copies in class but children may well enjoy having their own).

All of us are really excited about tailoring this theme to our own interests and exploring the world around us through the course of the next term. As the summer term is looking at the Olympics we are hoping for some high quality art, D.T. and presentations for displays throughout the school. We will continue to explore maths through real life contexts, as we work towards our end of year tests.

How can you help at home?

Literacy:

Ask children what, when, why and how things are being done in order to build full descriptions of events.

Reading:

When listening to your children read, ask them for the meanings of more challenging words. If your child is unable to be specific, ask them to read around the word to try and build up possible meanings for the word.

Maths:

When possible ask children how much change is expected or how much the total weight of something / cost of shopping will be to build mental mathematical agility.

Sincerely

Ms Adams

Class news – Young Buds

What a fantastic term the Young Buds have had, Mrs Pile and I have been so impressed and proud of the efforts every single child has been making with their learning. Looking ahead we will be having a geographical focus next term and learning all about the United Kingdom and comparing it with Brazil, we have some very exciting experiences planned to really bring this learning to life for the children! Over the Christmas holidays please try and read as much as you can, this is especially important for those children who are still on early book bands as you'd be surprised how quickly they can go backwards at this stage. Other than that just have a wonderful break! On behalf of all the staff at Kentisbury, thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Pile.

Class news – Oaks

With the end of term commencing, Oaks class have started their Christmas learning, starting with the Christmas nativity. They are learning their lines well and becoming more confident singing the songs. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Tuesday for the performances.

Throughout the term children have become more independent learners and shown perseverance and resilience, this is increasing their confidence and questioning skills. Next term our topic will be ‘Around the world in 80 days!’ – We are very excited to start learning about new countries and cultures.

Over the Christmas holidays please ensure you are reading with your child, learning spellings and practicing times tables.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2016!

Miss Hill.

Little Berries News

A reminder that now we have settled in to a routine with our new extended hours, including Breakfast club and afterschool clubs and care, we are delighted to be able to offer a little more flexibility. You can now use the clubs and afterschool care on a drop in basis; where possible we ask that we are given a weeks' notice ideally, however, if you do require any of these elements of child care then please do not hesitate to contact us and we'll do our utmost to accommodate this.

Keep your eyes peeled for information on our clubs that will be running when we return in January but in the meantime, they are as follows:

Monday - Art
Tuesday- Art
Wednesday- Gardening/Cookery
Thursday- Multi Skills/Sport
Friday- Film

Our Little Berries have been busy over the last two weeks, running an Autumn shop, exchanging goodies for buttons; a Christmas post office where we have been making our Christmas lists and posting them to Father Christmas and we have welcomed Lenka Loveless (Timea's mummy) when she came in and made some beautiful Christmas decorations with the children.



Next week sees us welcoming Shelley Kift (Travis' mummy) when she will be coming in and helping the children to decorate Christmas cake, we will be going on our trip to Arlington Court to visit Father Christmas and we will be performing in the nativity at 10.30am with the older KS1 & 2 children before enjoying our Christmas dinner with them too!

Your Little Berries Team

Admin

Christmas Party – Friday 18th December, Parracombe and Kentisbury pupils

The children from Parracombe & Kentisbury will be joining the PTFA for Kentisbury and Parracombe for a Christmas party during the afternoon at Kentisbury village hall.

All Parents/Carers– Parracombe & Kentisbury School

Please ensure that you return the reply slip for the PTFA party transport on the last day of term.

Kentisbury School clean – A big thank you to Andy Charlesworth and to Emma Heywood for their help with tidying up the school grounds. This was much appreciated.

Federation Staff Vacancies – Norse

A mealtime assistant vacancy is available at Lynton School. The vacancy is for Thursday and Friday, working from 11.45am to 1.15pm. Please speak to Betty if you are interested.

A Catering Vacancy is available at Parracombe School, working 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday lunchtimes. For an informal chat regarding this vacancy please contact Ross Swinton on 07825 532445 or to request an application form please phone 01392 351160

Cleaner with keys

Required for **Lynton Primary School**

A dynamic and hardworking cleaner is required to work at Lynton Primary School.

The job entails general cleaning duties including vacuuming, mopping, dusting, etc.

Working hours are:-17.5 hrs per week.

Monday to Friday ~ 3.30pm – 7pm

This is a permanent, 41 week per year position working term time plus 1 week at Easter and 2 weeks in the summer.

The person must be flexible and may be requested to work overtime.

Monthly salary is £463.45

Full training and uniform will be provided.

An enhanced DBS is required for this post and will be paid for by the employer.

For an application form please contact:

Ross Swinton (Cleaning Manager) 07825 532445

Or Exeter Office 01392 351160

Bett, Jacqui and Mel

Dates for your diary

15.12.15	Carol Service & Nativity for Little Berries, Parracombe & Kentisbury @ St Thomas', 10.30am Carol Service & Nativity for Parracombe & Kentisbury @ Christ Church, 5pm Christmas Lunch
17.12.15	Carol Service & Nativity for Lynton @ St Mary's, 10.30am & 6pm
18.12.15	Pantomime Visit – Cinderella End of Term
4.1.16	First day of term

Community

THE GREATEST PARTY ON EARTH!!!! - COME ONE COME ALL

Games, Food, Entertainment and more

LYN Children's Party

On Sat 9th January, at Lynton Town Hall,

3pm – 6pm

Carol services Sunday 13th December at St Peter's, Trentishoe at 3pm and at St Martin's, Martinhoe at 6pm.

North Devon Football Development Centre

Primary School Children

This year the centre is offering coaching opportunities for children (boys and girls), of **primary school** age (yrs 1-6 inclusive) on Saturday mornings **9am-10am** at **Park School, Barnstaple**. The sessions will be in three ten week blocks, one in each school term, starting on **September 12th 2015**. The cost will be £35 per child per ten weeks payable after the first session. Further bookings from the same family will be at half price (Payment should be **by cheque**, and made out to **D. Langford**).

The next sessions begin on Saturday 9th January 2016 and run for ten weeks (excluding half term 13th February only) until Saturday 19th March 2016.

Please ring David Langford (01237479625 mob.07877730986) to book your place as soon as possible.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS HALF OF THE FORM FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Please complete the following information and bring this with you on your first day.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No _____ mob _____

Medical Needs _____

Parent/ Carer _____

School _____

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