



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

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Dear Parents/Carers

SPORTS DAY – MONDAY 4TH JULY

Don't forget that our annual Sports Day will be held at Kentisbury this coming Monday. The sports will begin at 10.30am and be followed by a picnic lunch on the field before the children return to their respective schools in the afternoon. The PTFA will be selling refreshments, including strawberries and cream, and will also be running a few stalls/games on the playground afterwards, including face painting. Please do come along and support your children and, if you wish, join us for lunch afterwards. Fingers crossed for a dry day – should the weather be dreadful we will decide by 8.30am as to whether or not we will cancel the event.

BIRDBOX CHALLENGE

Last week I had the pleasure of taking Year 6 to Renatus in Bideford. Renatus is a specialist manufacturing company that serves the organ building business and other 'high-end' designers and clients. During the day the children learned about the basics of manufacturing, including Computer Aided Design (CAD) and other manufacturing technology. They helped to design and personalise their own Birdboxes and then watched the raw materials being processed on a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine before preparing and assembling the materials to produce their own birdbox to take home. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day which has hopefully opened their eyes to the potential of commercial design and manufacturing and who knows, there may well be a budding designer amongst them!



SWIMMING

As you know, our swimming programme will start next week (Thursday). If you have not yet completed and returned the consent form that was recently sent home, could you please do so as quickly as possible. This will enable us to ensure that the children are put into approximate ability groupings and minimise the time that is spent at the pool grouping the children. Many thanks.

RUGBYTOTS

I am delighted to inform you that next term our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in a ten week Rugby tots programme. The sessions will run on a Monday during the school day and will give all of our younger children a chance to take part in a range of activities that will teach the basic skills of rugby. This will be a really exciting addition to our PE curriculum and I know that all of the children will thoroughly enjoy their sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Pippa Robins who has just achieved her Rookie Lifeguard Bronze Level 1 Award. It's always good to celebrate the achievements of our children outside of school, especially as it often inspires other children to 'have a go' at something that they may not have tried before. If you would like to share your child's out-of-school achievements with the rest of the federation, please send me an email and we will ensure that it is included in our next newsletter.

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock – Executive Head teacher

In collective worship we have been continuing to think about how the school curriculum provides a 'window' for worship. We have been looking at Religious Education and thinking about how we can celebrate differences and sameness and how we might use our own faith and beliefs creatively in our lives now and in the future. We have been thinking about and praying for those who are less fortunate than ourselves; those affected by acts of terrorism; and our politicians and leaders in the aftermath of the 'Brexit' vote.

Class news – Streams

Streams have been very busy recently getting ready for our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production and learning about the Olympics.

In literacy we have been learning to write diaries. We have been reading 'The Troll' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been developing their use of descriptive writing using adjectives and 1st person narratives. We have been so impressed with the gross descriptions for example; one group came up with 'rotten, maggot infested fish dinners piled high under the dark, dank bridge'. In maths, we have been learning about doubling. Our foundation group even started their own maths rock band, which was a very noisy affair! Our Year 1 and 2 groups have been practicing their mental arithmetic skills particularly subtraction. Make sure you give your children a quick test. In art and design, we have been designing and making our board games. I can see many budding entrepreneurs in our midst.

As part of our topic on the Olympics, we have been creating posters about the original Greek Olympics and learning about the modern games too. Over the next few weeks we will be exploring healthy living with the children looking at topics such as the effect of exercise and healthy eating.

We are really looking forward to a very exciting last few weeks of school. We have lots of exciting events to look forward to. We have the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production, swimming at West Buckland, transition into new classes and sports day. Again thank you for all your continued support.

Mr Mackenzie

Class news – Rivers

Rivers have had a good couple of weeks with our French volunteer student. We have learnt some French words and phrases that we are now practising to consolidate. We have enjoyed singing some classic French songs, as well as the Euro2016 song (La Foule) featured in the opening ceremony. We did our own calculation in maths of who was going through to the next round but were all now a bit despondent about the England v Iceland result!

After our own referendum, the class voted that it was better to work in group and they all made a good job of presenting to some of the other children in the school and involving them in their own debate.

We now move on from Europe to Brazil and now we have the Olympics to look forward to. We've researched and written facts about Brazil and designed our own carnival masks in preparation for our own carnival at the end of term.

We have a busy time coming up with swimming, the school Olympics, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and many other end of term activities. Lots to do.

Mrs Roper and Mrs Hamer

Class news – Oceans

Class news – Young Buds

What a busy couple of weeks Young Buds have had! The children have all had a wonderful time making their musical instruments and we look forward to making the Rio style masks next week so we can recreate a carnival experience to get us in the mood for the Olympic Games. The Year 1's and 2's had an enjoyable trip to Ilfracombe College for a 'Mini-Olympics' session, and as we had a little time left at the end of the day we went down to the harbour to see 'Verity'. The children loved this as it linked so well with our current theme of 'Inside the Body' and it elicited many fantastic questions as I'm sure you can imagine!



Finally the children all had a great time at Lynton on Wednesday, having a special 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' themed day, as well as a visit to the 'Life Education Bus' to see Gerald the Giraffe and talk about really important issues such as friendship and being proud of ourselves. Over the next few weeks we will be creating our own 'Inside your body' book in Literacy and focussing on times tables and number bonds in Mathematics.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Pile

Class news – Oaks

We have had a busy few weeks – learning the play, making carnival costumes and getting ready for sports day. Year 6 have also had their bikeability sessions, competed in a rounder's tournament and enjoyed Oceanfest.

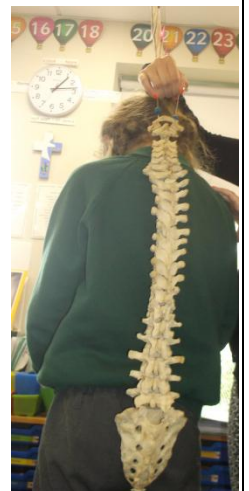
In literacy we have just started writing a new chapter for the book, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' Children will be inventing their own room inside of the factory; these will be on display in the Town Hall in time for the performance. In maths we have just finished shape transformations, we will be moving on to problem solving using real-life contexts next week – this will provide the children with the chance to apply the knowledge they have learnt throughout the year.

In science this week, children had an amazing experience of being able to touch a human skeleton which was donated for medical research. Children were amazed by the size and weight of the bones and had many inquisitive questions to ask. They should be able to tell you all about the human skeleton!

Next week, the children start their swimming sessions, when we are at West Buckland School children will also be having a PE lesson either on the playing field or in the sports hall. It is vital that children have their correct PE kit (white top and black short/bottoms with trainers), along with a large drink and substantial healthy snack as they will be enjoying an active morning.

Remember to keep reading and practising times tables at home with your child.

Many thanks,
Miss Hill.



Little Berries News

As part of our Summer theme, the Little Berries have been busy looking at what Summer looks like around us (when the sun is shining!) We have used our Physical development week to go on a leaf hunt; we went to the woods where the children ran, jumped, balanced and collected leaves before using them in Little Berries to make leaf prints to hang from our Summer tree. We have used our Maths week to count how many holes we can punch in leaves, counting the holes and matching the right numeral to the holes as well as lots of buying and selling of ice creams and beach things in our beach hut.



Kate has been busy buying herbs for our outside area and the children enjoyed digging and planting the plants, showing great care as they did so. Please feel free to smell the herbs and see if you and the children can guess the smell! Please remember that our ever popular clubs are now running on a drop in basis with the session times being from 3.15-4.30pm for afterschool clubs and afterschool care running from 4.30pm-6pm.



Many thanks

Your Little Berries team

Admin News

VACANT POSITIONS

Lynton Primary School – Admin Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a new administrator at Lynton to support our admin team across the federation. The successful candidate will have excellent communication, administrative, organisational and IT skills. A GCSE or equivalent level in English and Maths is required. Minute taking experience is desirable. The post is a Grade B position (£7.58 per hour) and is for 32.5 hours per week, term time only (38 weeks). Please email admin@westexmoorfederation.org.uk or telephone 01271 883263 for further information. Applications should be made via a handwritten letter together with a current CV including two referees. Within the federation we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure is required for this post. Closing Date: 4th July 2016

Parracombe Primary School – Mealtime Assistant Required as soon as possible. Hours – 1 per day. Pay – £7.58 per hour. If interested please contact Jacqui in the school office.

Parracombe Primary School – Cleaner Required

Devon Norse have a vacancy for a Cleaner at Parracombe Primary School. You will be responsible for carrying out general cleaning duties including mopping, vacuuming, dusting etc to ensure that the School is maintained to the highest standard. You will be contracted to work 9 hours per week, Monday to Friday, for 41 weeks per year, working term time plus 1 week at Easter and 2 weeks in the summer. Full training and uniform will be provided. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, cost of which will be met by the employer. Working times are 1 hr 48 mins per day – usually evenings but flexible cleaning times can be arranged. Monthly Pay: – £245.16

For an informal chat regarding this vacancy please contact Ross Swinton on 07825 532445 or to request an application form please phone 01392 351160

Lynton Primary School – Relief Catering Support

In September we are taking over the running of our school meal service from DevonNorse. This will provide us with far greater flexibility and enable us to offer our children a locally sourced, healthy and balanced diet that best suits their needs and preferences. Jayne Hoskins and Vicky Sprigg will continue to run our service, but we are looking for a small number of local people to join a ‘supply bank’ to provide short-notice cover in the event of either Jayne or Vicky being absent. If you would be interested in joining our ‘supply bank’, please contact Jayne Hoskins via Lynton School on 01598 753309.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KITCHEN

The first day back at school (Friday 2nd September) Pupils will be offered a Fish and Chip meal. Menus for the new term will be sent home with the children on the first day back.

On Monday 4th July there will be a picnic lunch due to sports day (Burger and Wedges or Pasta or Vegetarian burger)

TRIPS/ACTIVITIES

During the summer term there are many activities and trips happening across the federation, so there will be letters coming home frequently that require permission slips etc. Please check with your child, if they have received any letters and return the slips to school asap.

PLAY TICKETS

Lynton School have now sold out of all tickets for both performances.

Kentisbury and Parracombe have a small amount remaining, **so please get your tickets very soon to avoid disappointment, as there will be NO admittance on the door.**

LULWORTH COVE RESIDENTIAL

The final payment of £50 is now due, please send in payment asap. Cheques should be made payable to DCC.

Many thanks

LONDON RESIDENTIAL

The final payment of £55.00 will be due the first week back to school in September, but it would be very much appreciated if payment could be made before the end of term if at all possible.

Many thanks

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can we remind you that payment must be made for meals at the time/day of ordering or in advance on a Monday. The cost is £2.30 per day, cheques should be made payable to DCC. During the last week of term if there is money outstanding, parents will be contacted and asked to make a special trip in to school to make payment. So please be prepared. DCC stipulates that we must not end a term with money outstanding.

SWIMMING

Please ensure that you have returned the ability swimming slip for your child. Swimming commences on Thursday 7th July– (next week). Please ensure your children arrive at school on the following dates with full swimming kit/ PE kit and towels. 7th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th & 19th July.

Wendy, Bett, Jacqui and Mel

Dates for your diary

04.07.16	Federation Sports Day @ Kentisbury
05.07.16	Ilfracombe Academy Induction Day for Y6
06.07.16	Y5/6 Trip to Essex Dance
07.07.16	Swimming programme begins
14.07.16	Summer Production – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory (tbc)
21.07.16	Leavers Service/Last Day of Summer Term