



# Parracombe Church of England Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents

## Yr4 & 5 Mix 4 Six Ensemble

A big well done to all those children in year 4 and 5 from across the Federation. They performed in the ensemble at the Landmark Theatre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The children had been working with the Wren music team experiencing a range of different instruments to accompany the lead musicians with their rendition of the traditional French arrangement 'An Dro'.

## Tag Rugby

Well done to Kelly, Huw, Nicole B and Charlie who will represent the Federation at the annual Small Schools Tag Rugby Festival. The Federation team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 22 teams!

## PE Kit

Many of the children are forgetting their PE Kit at the moment. The children need to bring in shorts, t-shirt and trainers. We understand that as the year comes to an end the children are growing out of their kit and indeed uniform and with 6 weeks off they are bound to grow again before the New School Year. If you could please ensure that your child has the basic requirements, in what ever form they come, we would appreciate it.

## Cycle Safety

On Tuesday, the Years 5 & 6 completed their cycle safety with PC Karen. The children were taught invaluable skills and look forward to receiving their certificates soon. PC Karen commented on their outstanding behaviour!

## Inset Day

A reminder to you all that Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June are non-pupil days. The staff will be having training days etc so the school will be closed to pupils. We hope that by having the days next to each other and on either end of the weekend this makes finding childcare or making arrangements easier.

## Theatre Visit

The children are currently working on developing a performance and exhibition called 'Be not Afearred...' as part of the North Devon Festival. As part of the preparations for the performance we arranged for the juniors to go on a backstage tour of the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple.

## Federation Open Day

You should all have received a letter by now telling you about the federation day on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. I will be sending out another letter shortly to clarify what will be happening and to remind you about it. The most important thing at the moment is for you to order your school lunch if you will be joining your child at the school they will be at.

## 'Be Not Afearred'

Children are actively involved in art work, music and drama/ dance ready for their exciting performance at Woody Bay Station on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Performances start at 2:00pm. Please inform all your family and friends as the children would appreciate and enthusiastic audience!

## KS2 Walk

The juniors thoroughly enjoyed their 5 mile hike with Park Ranger Ione. The children learnt about the many different Geographical features of the area and were able to see evidence of the old Iron-Age fort. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and accompanied us on our walk. We always welcome and appreciate parent support!

## Celebration

Well done to Charlie South and Ben Brown for receiving Celebration certificates which are rewarded for sharing a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. Sam Down and Sam Leworthy have received certificates for achievement in their learning. Well done to all of you!

## Arts mark

Parracombe School has just heard that it has been awarded Artsmark silver and we're all very excited about it. The award is made in recognition of commitment to the arts in all areas of the curriculum. To receive the award the school had to submit details of how it covers all areas of the arts (dance, drama, art and music) as well as community involvement and the arts of other countries. On June 19<sup>th</sup> I will be taking two lucky pupils to a special presentation ceremony in Plymouth where they will be able to meet representatives of other successful schools and collect their certificate.

Kind Regards,

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