



# Parracombe CE Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January Term: Spring Newsletter No: 1**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that you've all had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. I'd like to welcome to the Infant class Casey Dallyn. He joins our reception group and I hope you will join with me to help him feel welcome.

## **New Topic**

The children have started the New Year and school term enthusiastically and are beginning to explore and research this term's topic Planet Earth. Within this topic the children in the Junior class will be learning about the Solar System and Environmental Issues which affect life on Earth. Learning for the Infant class will include investigating materials, exploring pattern and printing, learning about different cultures and much more!

## **Parracombe's Got Talent**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February children of Parracombe School (past and present) have been invited to perform in front of an audience at The Hunter's Inn. The show will begin at 7:00pm. If your child/ren would like to be a

part of Parracombe's Got Talent could you let Yoli or Emi know by the end of January. Acts range from singing, dancing, hoola hooping, stand up comics and a mystery performance towards the end of the evening. I'll send out more information nearer the time.

## **Golf**

On Tuesday the Year 2 joined the children at Kentisbury School with Mark Davis from Ilfracombe College. The children learnt to dribble with a golf club and all children had an enjoyable time. We are fortunate to have Mark join us for three more sessions and he hopes to plan a celebration of skills acquired at Ilfracombe golf club when the weather warms up.

## **London Trip**

Jacqui would like to remind the parents of the children who are going on the trip to London that the final payment is now overdue.

## **Exmoor Zoo**

The rain poured and the wind blew but that didn't stop the children of the federation having a great time at the Zoo. Children had the

opportunity to feed a Wallaby, groom an Alpaca, hold a spider and learn interactively about animals from every continent. A big thank you to all the staff at Exmoor Zoo for making us all feel welcome.

## **HMI**

On Monday and Tuesday Bradley Simmons from HMI came and did a survey inspection of the Federation which he found good across the board. His full report will be available on the Ofsted website after half term and we will send a copy home to each of you as soon as it becomes available to us.

## **Celebration**

Well Done to Megan Cancell and Evie Lincoln for receiving a Good Work Certificate. Well Done also to Nicole Passingham and Rosie Brown for receiving a Celebration Certificate rewarding them for their hard work and fantastic attitude towards their learning and school.

Kind Regards,

**Jody Davie**  
Head of Teaching and Learning

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