



Parracombe CE Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

'Passionately pursuing educational excellence with our children and community for their lifetimes'

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Dear Parents,

Federation Open Day

On Wednesday 12th we opened the doors of the Federation up to people from Devon who are considering Federating their schools. The visitors started at Lynton and then moved on to Parracombe and Kentisbury. The visitors were impressed by what we have achieved in the Federation so far, the way the federation is organised and the learning displays in the classrooms across the schools.

Federation School Council

The council met again today and have decided to make a video about the three schools to put on the Federation website.

Remembrance Day

We had a very poignant trip to Woody Bay on the 11th. The children were honoured to be included in a local Remembrance service and enjoyed their train ride. Both members from the Royal British Legion and Lynton and Barnstaple Railway commented on the impeccable behaviour of the children. We were pleased to see the event was on the news and in the Journal as we are always keen to promote the Federation.

Anti - Bullying

Year six spent an enjoyable day at Ilfracombe College on Wednesday where they have been involved in a new initiative to combat bullying. Ilfracombe College have been working with the feeder Primary schools and the community officers on this new scheme, which is proving to be very successful.

Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations, the children raised £30 during their Pyjama day.

Lyn Valley News

This edition of the Lyn Valley News will have a front cover designed by the children of the Federation. The three schools held a competition to see who could design the best decorated Christmas tree. A section from each

school was used along with a fourth design. We look forward to seeing the finished product on the front of the next edition.

School Dinners

I've been asked to remind you that your child's school dinner request MUST be booked on the Monday of that week. It is important that Teresa is aware of the numbers so that the correct amount of food is ordered.

Nativity

We are all busy learning new songs, pieces of music and dances for our Nativity production The Hoity Toity Angel. We will be performing this retelling of the traditional Nativity on Sunday 14th December at the Church. If your child is unable to be part of this could you please let me know?

Gymnastics

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents/grand parents who came to watch the final gymnastics session. The children demonstrated their gymnastic skill using different pieces of apparatus. I am very proud of what each child has achieved and am pleased that some of them have joined the Gymnastics club and will continue the sport. Well-done infants! I am hoping that the Juniors will have the opportunity to work with Laura and Phil at Gazelles in the summer term.

New In-Take

The next week sees the new children, who will be joining us in January, visiting for their first induction day. They will be with us for three sessions, two half days and a whole day. I hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Friends of Parracombe

Christmas Party!

The Friends' have been busy organising the children's Christmas Party, which is going to be held at the Village Hall on 17th December. The party will begin at 1:30pm and will finish at 3:30pm. Children will need to be collected from the village hall at this time except for

those who travel by bus. These children will be escorted back to meet the school bus at 3:30.

Celebration

Every week the children have an assembly to celebrate each other's achievements. Well Done to Charlie South, Kyle Passingham, Millie Down and Hannah Walters for receiving a Good Work Certificate. Well Done also to Arthur Hodgkinson, Megan Councill, Ben Brown and David Leworthy for receiving a Celebration Certificate rewarding them for their hard work and fantastic attitude towards their learning and school.

Future Dates

10.12.08 - Theatre Alibi at Kentisbury.
14.12.08 - Nativity at the Church.
15.12.08 - Christmas Dinner
16.12.08 - Pantomime at The Queen's Theatre
17.12.08 - Parracombe Christmas party
19.12.08 - End of Term

Kind Regards,

Jody Davie

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'Together we love learning'