



*Part of the West Exmoor Federation*

Parracombe C of E Primary School

# Newsletter

**SEPTEMBER 2007**  
covering the period of July

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We very much enjoyed having a past pupil, Grace Willis for a week of work experience at the beginning of this month. Thank you to her for her enthusiasm and help.

Yr 6 enjoyed an Induction day at Ilfracombe College. They came back having enjoyed themselves and ready for their big move. They are now no longer with us but I have heard that they have settled in well.

The Juniors undertook a 6 mile walk with Ione Willcock, the ENP warden. The weather wasn't brilliant but at least we managed to do it. We had hoped to undertake a walk further afield in Simonsbath but due to a lack of help with transport we had to redo a local walk from a few years ago. Hopefully this won't happen in the future as we are expecting to take delivery of the Federation minibus in September.

Yr 6 undertook their last two Guardianship walks with The National Trust. Thanks to Steve Proud, The National Trust warden, for organising this.

The Friends Association held a successful wheelbarrow sale at the school.

The Drama Group play was wonderful. Many thanks to Cath, Emi and Victoria for all their work. They plan to run some more sessions after the October half term.

Yr 6 were treated to a visit to Let's Go Superbowl, Megazone and a 'Bite to Eat' as a reward for all their hard work in the Juniors.

The Federation 'Wild Nights Out' were a huge success. The children had a fantastic time staying up until midnight searching for bats and owls and waking with the sunrise at 4.00 am. The activities provided by the Devon Discovery team were both educational and enjoyable and the stories, hot chocolate and buttered toast around the campfire are unlikely to be forgotten.

We were delighted to receive visits from Laura Fry and Lisa Hamer, our two new teachers, in preparation for their start this September. Laura has three years experience as an Infant teacher and comes highly recommended from Beacon Rise Primary School in Bristol and Lisa is a newly qualified teacher also equally well recommended by The University of Exeter and the schools where she carried out her practices. You will also remember that Lisa spent much time working with us on a voluntary basis over the past year.

Laura Frankish, our Police Community Support Officer, carried out Cycle training with the older Juniors. All passed and received their certificates.

The Infants enjoyed a trip to Exmoor Zoo.

The Friends BBQ was very enjoyable, as always, but not as well attended as in previous years.

Thank you to Jackie Walters for making the cake for our most recent cake draw and congratulations to Hannah Blakesley for winning it.

It was good to see Reverend Pam back in action at our End of Term Service.

Although they indicated that they didn't want any fuss made upon their leaving Barbara and Val confessed to enjoying their party very much. They were absolutely delighted with their generous cheques. Thank you to all of you who contributed and many thanks to the Friends who provided the food, particularly to Teresa Tucker who made two lovely

cakes. I said just about everything I wanted to at the evening in praise of Barb and Val's work within the school over the past 25 years but for those of you who were unable to attend, suffice it to say that I could not have wished to work with two more dedicated and loyal staff. They gave a huge amount to the school and the lives of countless children have been enhanced by their work.

Congratulations to the following children who during the period of July, either received 'honourable mentions' in assemblies (for any or all of the following: trying hard, helping others, excellent work, being polite and having good manners) or had their work chosen for the 'work of the week' board: Lea Earl, Ellie Councill, David Leworthy, Arthur Hodgkinson, Sam Down, Hannah Walters, Ludo De Falbe, Amelia Hall and Jenny South.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. ...'.