



Parracombe Church of England Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents,

Welcome

Firstly I'd like to welcome Liam Cooper and his family to Parracombe School and hope he has a wonderful time with us!

Pinkery

Last week we all enjoyed the visit to the Pinkery Centre near Simonsbath. The children made scones and cheese straws, explored various environmental issues, completed a challenging team assault course and had the opportunity to work with a local artist producing pieces of art using mud!

The children, although cold at times, had a great experience. Come and have a look at their master pieces and photos of the day on the Pinkery display in the hall.

Ruthie Kingdom

On Tuesday the children were visited by Ruthie Kingdom. Ruthie works with a Christian charity. This charity takes groups of people out to Gambia with 50 - 70 suitcases full of clothes, shoes, teddies, lightweight toys, stationary and medicine. Ruthie shared this amazing work and photos with the children (some of which can be found on their website www.seedlingsforchrist.com). If you have any of the above that you could donate please drop it into school and I'll pass it on to Ruthie.

Gymnastics

I have arranged for the Foundation Stage children from across the Federation to participate in a series of six gymnastics sessions at the Gazelles School of Gymnastics in

Barnstaple. We will be travelling by minibus to Barnstaple every Tuesday where the children will be taught by trained coaches within a modern and well equipped gymnasium.

Swimming Gala

I am pleased to announce that the following children from Parracombe have made the Federation Swim Team and will be taking part in the Ilfracombe Learning Community Swimming Gala. Well done to Megan, Ellie, Verity-May, Nicole, Hannah W, Charlie, Georgie and Lottie and Good Luck. The Gala will be taking place on Friday 12th February during the school day.

Year 6 visit to Macbeth

Last week the children in year 6 travelled to Bideford to view school performance of Macbeth. This links well with the literacy theme this half term where the children have been exploring Shakespeare plays.

Sickness

Please can I remind parents that it is very important that your child remains at home for at least 48 hours after the illness such as sickness or diarrhoea has ceased. This way we will be able to prevent infections spreading.

Cathy Slow

I'd like to say a big thank you to Cathy Slow for sharing some of her busy schedule to spend time in both classes teaching the children French. Although learning a foreign language is part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum having Cathy with us allows for the children to not only have a lot of fun playing games and learning songs but gives them the

opportunity to show off their French!

Haiti Disaster

This week in assembly the children have been discussing and learning about the Haitian earthquake disaster. They have expressed a wish to raise money towards the appeal by holding a jumble/ cake/ raffle sale. The school council will be starting to organise this event so watch this space!

Half term activities

There is going to be two family fun sessions at Wistlandpound this half term. Nature Detectives will be on Wednesday 17th February and Shelter Building and Orienteering on Thursday 18th February. Each day has two sessions with the 10.00-12.00 slot suitable for 4-8 year olds and 2.00-4.00 suitable for 8-12 year olds. Each activity is £6.00 per child with accompanying adults going free. Car parking charges will apply on the day. Booking is essential by phoning 01598763706 or emailing info@discoverwistlandpound.org.uk

Residential

A final reminder for those wishing to take part in the PGL Liddington Residential. Payment must be in no later than Monday 8th February.

Future dates

Half term- 15th - 19th February
Back to school- 22nd February

Kind Regards,

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