



Parracombe Church of England Primary School Newsletter

(Part of the West Exmoor Federation)

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Dear Parents,

Theme Learning

As you may be aware the Foundation/Key Stage 1 classes at both Parracombe and Kentisbury have been getting together once a week for a theme learning afternoon, this has been really popular with the children (and Ofsted!) and has also given them the opportunity to work in larger peer groups. Due to this success we have decided to roll this out across the Federation, allowing Lynton children to enjoy this experience as well. This will begin after half term, starting on Monday 22nd. The children will travel by minibus and car, returning in time for lunch. Please can you ensure that your child brings a car seat with them on Monday mornings.

Booster Groups!

Also after half term KS2 will be joining with Kentisbury to participate in team teaching, allowing for the children to benefit from subject specialists (in Literacy and Numeracy). This will enable the children to optimise their potential in the run up to SATs. Any questions or concerns feel free to discuss with Julie Ansell or Clare Cooke.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding parents evening on the second Monday back after half term for parents to come in and discuss their children's progress and any issues they would like to raise. If you are unable to make this day then you can arrange another time with your child's class

teacher. The sign up lists will be up on the Monday we return to school.

Careers and Aspirations

Year 5/6 received visited Lynton School where Mr Peacock talked about his career as a church organ maker. Mr Peacock is one of many speakers invited into school to talk to the children about jobs and career paths they choose to take. There will be a wide variety of people with differing backgrounds, jobs and journeys. Today they heard from Nicola Saunders, the Warden of Lundy Island. If you feel you have a story to share that may inspire the children please see myself or Jayne Peacock to make further arrangements.

Parracombe's Got Talent!

The children have been busy practising and rehearsing ready for their BIG performance tonight at the Hunter's Inn. We promise a night of singing, dancing and hula-hooping amongst other acts! We look forward to seeing you there at 7:00pm. A BIG thank you also to Yoli for organising this popular event and Dave for allowing us to hold it at the Hunter's Inn.

Exeter City Football Club - Centre of Excellence

An invite for talented football players from your school to an open training session run by Exeter City Football Club Centre of Excellence. See: <http://www.devon.gov.uk/sc-feb103014.pdf>

Responses required as soon as possible.

Swimming Gala

At the time of writing we are eagerly awaiting the results from the Ilfracombe Swimming Gala. We feel confident that the Federation has put forward a strong team to compete against the other schools in our Learning Community. Thank you to Teresa Councill for all her hard work organising the final team and to those parents who offered transport to and from the event.

Reminders

Gymnastics for the reception children will begin 9th March. Could I ask that you complete the forms so I can organise appropriate transport.

Future dates

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

Kind Regards,
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