



West Exmoor Federation

'Rooted and Growing – Together we Love Learning'

Summer Term 2018 – Newsletter No 11 – 27th July 2018

Quick Reminders

Please remember to bring in PE kits on the first day of term. Please also remember to put names in any new uniform.

Mrs Peacock

Dear Parents/Carers

Oh my goodness me, how on earth is another school year coming to an end? I can't believe that we are saying goodbye to our Year 6 children as they prepare to move on to the next phase within their education. What an incredibly inspiring group of young people; we are all so proud of the remarkable role models that they have been throughout the year and each and every one of them will be sorely missed. It has been a genuine privilege to be part of their childhood and I truly hope that they are taking with them many lifelong memories of their time within the federation. It's certainly been an emotional week, starting with a very memorable camp at Kentisbury and ending with heartfelt church services and the obligatory signing of school shirts! I wish all of our Year 6's much success and happiness - trust that each ending is followed by a beginning and remember to be fearless; to climb mountains; to chase your dreams; to have fun and to keep making those memories!



HERE COME THE ANGLO SAXONS!

Next term our theme will be 'Who do you think you are?'. The history element of this theme will be the Anglo Saxons and to get the new school year off to a flying start our children will be taking part in an Anglo Saxon enrichment day. During the course of the day, the children will take part in practical workshops to explore a variety of topics such as who the Anglo Saxons were and where they were from; what daily life was like in Anglo Saxon times, including food and clothing; money and trade; war and conquest; writing, runes and manuscripts; the birth of the English language; crafts and skills; and religion, including mythology and the conversion to Christianity. In order to make the day as memorable as possible we would like the children to come to school wearing a home-made Anglo Saxon costume and shield. This does not need to be elaborate – the company running our workshop give some ideas on their website <https://vikingschoolvisits.com/costume-ideas-for-dressing-up-day/> Children in Key Stage 2 will take part in their enrichment day on Thursday 6th September; Key Stage 1 will have their day on Friday 7th September.

APPLEDORE BOOK FESTIVAL

Next term we are extremely fortunate to have two authors visiting the federation as part of the Appledore Book Festival. John Townsend will be visiting Lynton and Parracombe on Monday 1st October, whilst Claire Barker will be visiting Kentisbury on Tuesday 2nd October. Both authors are more than happy to sign books during the course of their visit and an order form to enable you to purchase a selection of their books at a special rate will be sent home straight after the summer holiday.

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WEST BUCKLAND SWIMMING AND PE

It has been wonderful to see the children progressing so much in their swimming over the last couple of weeks. The confidence that even our youngest children show in the water is amazing and the number of children who can competently swim 25m is staggering. We really are very lucky to be able to access the outstanding facilities at West Buckland. The children have certainly enjoyed the space provided by the Jonathon Edwards Sports Hall and again it has been good to see how their ball and tactical skills have improved through our intensive PE sessions. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have already booked our pool and sports hall sessions for next summer and that we are hoping to also offer all of our children a practical first aid course alongside these sessions.



ENTERPRISE PROJECT

Thank you so much to those parents/carers who supported our children during our recent Enterprise Project. I have been really impressed by the ingenuity shown by our children – we certainly have some budding entrepreneurs in the making. If your child has not yet returned the money that they have made, it is not too late. Please just ensure that it is brought into school at the start of next term. Many congratulations to Alfie Wyburn, Abigail Payne, Leah Bray and Reuben Young for making the most amount of money from their 50p start-up loan. Watch this space next term to find out just how much money our fabulous children have made.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a quick reminder that gold polo-shirts also form part of our uniform – they offer a brighter alternative to the green and are a little less resistant to staining than white! Both are available from Dawes and Excel although not currently featured on their website/literature. If you would like to order the gold polo-shirts, please just ask them.

READING

It has been a true pleasure to present so many of our children with certificates and book tokens for having read 200+ nights during the course of the school year. Reading is so incredibly important as it really does lay the foundations for all other aspects of learning. I am so appreciative of the time that you give to our children in supporting their reading at home – it really does make a huge difference. Please do keep up the good work and encourage your children to read daily throughout the summer – just a few minutes a day will help to maintain their competence over the holiday and ensure that they can pick up where they left on when they return in September.

LYNTON BUILDING WORK

Over the summer holiday there will be significant building work taking place at Lynton. Our Key Stage 1 toilets are being completely refurbished to provide a light and bright environment which will hopefully be considerably more appealing to the children. We are also opening up the free-flow steps between our Reception and Year 1/2 classroom – some of you may remember these from a time gone by! Reopening these steps will enable the children to move more easily between the two rooms when working as a larger, collaborative group. The school hall is also going to enjoy a much needed make over and new lighting will be installed in our library. We are also hoping to extend the safety surfacing in the outdoor space which is accessible to our reception children. The new space created by moving our boundary has completely transformed this area and I know that Sarah, Joe, Sharla and Sammy have great plans for it next term. These improvements are all part of our ongoing drive to ensure that our children are taught in an environment which inspires and stimulates learning and of which we can all be proud.

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KENTISBURY GROUND WORKS

I would like to say a huge thank you to Nick Kift (and his digger), Jim Heywood (and his tractor/trailer), Andy Charlesworth, Ashley Wright, Adam Payne and Patrick Kift for the incredible transformation that they have made to the area outside our school gates at Kentisbury. They all gave up an entire day last weekend and their hard work to level out this area has provided sufficient parking space for all of our Kentisbury and Little Berries staff. In turn this will hopefully help to ease some of the parking congestion experienced at the start and end of the school day and to which I am sure we are all incredibly grateful. Could I please ask that parents/carers restrict their parking to the village hall car park to that the area outside of the entrance gate can be kept clear of moving traffic at the start and end of the day. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER TEACHING STAFF

Just a quick reminder that our teaching staff will be as follows in September:

Lynton – Reception & Key Stage One – Joe MacKenzie & Sarah Berry; Year 3/4 – Harmony Constant; Year 5/6 – Natalie Martin

Parracombe – Year 3/4 – Cate Johnston; Year 5/6 – Charlotte Taylor

Kentisbury – Reception & Key Stage One – Jill Kelly, Sally Pile & Sarah Adams

I would also like to welcome Miranda Tyson to our teaching assistant team. Miranda will be based at Kentisbury and providing general support to Jill, Sally and Sarah.

FINALLY

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our children and the federation throughout the year. I am extremely proud of our children and our federation and this is, in no small part, due to your ongoing commitment to them and us. I would also like to thank all of those parents/carers/members of the community who come into school on a regular basis to support with numerous activities such as listening to readers, helping with craft, running 'Open the Book' sessions, leading yoga sessions, running Forest School, running our PTFAs and so much more - I really am incredibly indebted to you all. Thank you also to my Governors who work tirelessly behind the scene to ensure that we provide our children with the very best educational experience – it is a thankless task which holds a great deal of responsibility and without their support I certainly wouldn't be able to do my job. A massive thank you to all of my staff too; you are amazing and you do an incredible job – our children really are very lucky to have you (and so am I). Finally, the biggest thank you has to go to our children. You are all superstars and the world is a better place thanks to you all! I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and I look forward to welcoming nearly all of you back to the federation in September.

Best Wishes,

Jayne Peacock
Executive Headteacher

Streams & Young Buds

Home Learning Celebrations

It has been wonderful to finish our Egyptian topic with so many fantastic contributions of home learning. The independent learning and engagement from the children, alongside the effort from home, makes such a difference to the children's learning. Please keep your eyes peeled for the new terms topic and home learning suggestions!



Summer fayre

A huge thank you to both PTFA teams for the organisation and running of the fabulous Summer fayres at both Kentisbury and Lynton school. It was great to see so much community support.

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Rugby tots next term

We are delighted to be welcoming John from Rugby tots back next term. John will be continuing his work with the KS1 children as follows:

Monday AM – KS1 and Foundation at Lynton school

Thursday PM – KS1 and Reception at Kentisbury school

Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in on the first week back at school.



**The more that you read
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go.**
- Dr. Seuss

Reading over the holidays

As a staff team, we cannot emphasise enough, the importance of reading at home. Please ensure that over the holidays the children read as often as possible; this can be reading their school books, books from home and when out and about, including maps, information signs, brochures etc.

Your local library has now launched the Summer reading challenge. This is a great way to keep the children enthused and we would love to hear what they have read!

Finally, as you read the final newsletter of the term, we would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support of the federation, please have a wonderful and safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September!

Rivers, Oceans and Oaks

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been preparing to say our goodbyes to the year 6s. It will be very sad to see them go and both schools will be so different without them, but we would like to say that all of us from the federation wish them the best of luck for the next stage of their learning journey.

GOOD LUCK year 6s. It's been a pleasure.



Now it's summer, it is time for us all to relax and recharge our batteries. However, if you can, please read as much as possible with your children and practice their times tables with them.

We really hope you all have a fantastic summer of fun, sun and sleep. Looking forward to welcoming you all back on September the 4th.

KS2 staff.

Little Berries

From September 2018, we will have a new pricing structure for Little Berries lunches. Children up to 2yrs will continue to pay £1.80 per day for lunches. However, children 3 years old and above will now receive a larger portion and be charged £2.30 per day. This follows feedback received from parents regarding portion sizes for our older Little Berries. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Admin

School Dinners

All children in Key Stage 1 are provided with free school meals. Please remember that school dinners for Key Stage 2 children (year 3 to year 6) are £2.30 per day. Payment should be brought in to school on the day the meal is taken in a named envelope. Alternatively, you could pay an amount in advance for the term or half term for example. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

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Year 5/6 residential to Forest of Dean

The final payment for the residential is now overdue. If you have not yet paid, please can you send payment in to school as soon as we return in September.

Lynton PTFA News

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who helped with our Summer Fair last Friday and everyone who attended. It was a huge success and we raised just under £200 profit towards our current projects which is amazing. Even the rain managed to hold off until we had just packed away.

Thank you to Sunny Lyn Camp Site, The Staghunters Inn, Nartnapa Thai Restaurant, RHS Rosemoor, DTA Tennis Camp, Laura Whitfield of Ginger Roots, Boots in Barnstaple and Tropiquaria for their donations towards our raffle as well as No1 Lynton, Ginger Roots and several home bakers for the amazing cakes.

We would also like to thank the Coastguards, Fire Service, Scouts and Jack from Lynton Library who took time out of their busy schedules to have stalls.

Last but by no means least, we would like to say thank you to Naomi and James Gubb-Fradgley and all at Combe Martin SAC for their donation of £141 raised from their fishing competition and raffle. We are extremely grateful for your continued support.

We will be holding another meeting at the beginning of the new school year to start planning the next events so please keep your eyes peeled for the date. We are always looking for new members and if you think you would like to join us, please do come along to a meeting, speak to Vikki in the office or send us a message on our Facebook page: Lynton CofE Primary School PTFA.

We hope you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Lynton PTFA

Kentisbury and Parracombe PTFA

On behalf of Kentisbury and Parracombe PTFA, thank you to Chris Hutchings (Chloe's dad) for the donation and running of the bouncy castle!

Diary Dates

27 th July	End of Term
4 th September	Children return to school
6 th September	Key Stage 2 Anglo Saxon Day
7 th September	Reception/Key Stage 1 Anglo Saxon Day

Community

Christchurch – Parracombe. Community Box

Carol Brunner has set up a trial of a community box at Christ Church in Parracombe where people can leave any spare tins of food, bottles of water, plasters (!) and those who need them (for example busy mums who have forgotten there is no longer a shop in the village and have nothing for tea, walkers who have used all their drink or are crippled with blisters) help themselves. The watch word is: Give when you can, take when you need.

From the Rectory

Once more the summer months bring us into the season of “Epilogues” at Countisbury Church (8.30pm on Sundays through the summer until the 2nd of September). Each week this short service is led by a different person, exploring something that is meaningful to them and there is the opportunity for a convivial gathering at the Blue Ball afterwards. The services were the inspiration of John and Pauline Pedder as a way to keep Countisbury Church in use as a place of worship. I think the small group of us who make the pilgrimage up the

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church path each week during the summer would agree, these services offer a real gift, a way to end the day peacefully, surrounded by the stunning beauty of the moor and coastland of Countisbury Hill, watched over by the swallows who return to the nest in the porch and held by the ancient walls of the church itself. During the remarkable weather of late June and early July, our journey home was graced by spectacular sunsets too.

In the service I led, I took as my inspiration the church of St John the Evangelist, Countisbury, itself. For me it's a church which inspires worship of the Creator on behalf of all creation as it sits so comfortably in its land; it is a place of memory, holding the history of so many local families in the churchyard and in the remembering of all who have celebrated baptisms, marriages and kept the sabbath within, reminding us we do not walk this way alone, but in the companionship of all who go before and come after us; and now it is a place of shelter for today's pilgrims, stepping aside from the coast path, out of the elements, to take a deep breath and find a bit of peace, a space to encounter God, however that be, for each visitor.

Each of the church buildings of our Mission Community has its own particular character, its own relationship with its land and people, its own offering of space to encounter God. Each congregation has taken the decision to make sure they are open during the day. Our Visitor Books are full of appreciation from those on holiday in the area who have discovered beauty, stillness and peace in these holy places, and in Lynton the prayer board holds safely the prayers that a church visit prompts.

It is worth remembering that you do not have to be on holiday to step through the open door of a quiet church. Might this summer be a time to be curious about the churches across the Mission Community that you don't know well – to spend some time St Mary's Lynton, St Bartholomew's Barbrook, St John the Baptist's Lynmouth, St John the Evangelist's Countisbury, St Brendan's Brendon, Christchurch Parracombe, St Martin's Martinhoe or St Peter's Trentishoe (or if away from the Lyn Valley, in a local church that is new to you)? Might you take with you someone who would like to visit but cannot get there themselves? I wonder what you might find, what might touch your soul, while you are there.

God bless, Samantha

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THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

MISCHIEF MAKERS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

 Barnstaple Library  Summer Events

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Tuesday 14 August – 10.00-12.00
Design & make a 3D printed speech bubble badge 

Tuesday 14 August – 14.00-16.00
Design & make a Beano inspired laser cut prop 

Monday 20 August – 10.00-12.00
Design & make a slogan t-shirt

Monday 20 August – 14.00-16.00
Design & make a 3D printed speech bubble badge 

Workshops suitable for children aged 8+.
Booking via fablabdevon.org/childrens-workshops/
Tickets - £7.50 per child.

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