

30 November 2007

Dear Parents/Carers

As 1st December approaches, we are all quietly preparing for our Christmas celebrations. Our 'value' for December is 'Peace', so I hope that will be reflected in the quiet manner in which we go about our business this month (ever the optimist!). The choir will be attending the CLP Advent Concert at St Michael's Parish Church in Somerton next Monday afternoon. I have been so impressed by their efforts and enthusiasm. We sounded terrific in rehearsals on Tuesday at High Ham, so I am sure that those of you who will be joining us will have a lovely time. Red, Orange and Yellow Class are busy preparing for the Christmas Nativity – Thursday 13 December (1.30pm), Friday 14 December (6.30pm) and the older children will be starting rehearsals for our Christmas Carol Service on the last day of term – only 15 school days away.

Last week I attended a really useful conference with the Community Learning Partnership. It was a good opportunity to meet the Heads of other schools locally and it also gave us the chance to talk about issues that we all share in our schools. One of the most positive things to come out of it was the desire to develop a more 'dance' curriculum in our schools. To this end we are trying to employ 'artists in residence' in the Partnership – particularly working in the areas of 'classic' and large 3D work. We are very fortunate at Curry Rivel to have the talents of Mo Jakens-Toll and I know that she is very excited and enthusiastic at the possibility of extending our creative work even further. The work with Yellow Class on light and dark lead by Miss Elston is a very good example of science work beginning creatively with the making of shadow puppets. The children have been really enthused by this unit of science and I am sure that it is, in part, due to the 'imaginative' and creative introduction.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

STOP PRESS: Celebration Assembly next week will be Friday morning at 9.15am. The Hall is needed in the afternoon to set up for the Bazaar.

Helping Hands

Vicky for comforting another child

Class News!

Red Class: *"I like choosing my face of how I feel today!" (Lauren)*

Orange Class: *"We have been learning our 10x tables and counting in 5s" (Amelia)*

Yellow Class: *"I enjoyed story writing" (Joe)*

Green Class: “I enjoyed learning French weather words and story planning in Literacy” (George and Emma)

Blue Class: “This week for maths Blue Class has been doing work on weights such as tonnes, grams and kilograms. Rev Tim Richards also visited us and we asked him some questions about himself and his church.” (Lily)

Class Cups

Red Class: Sharna for singing well in rehearsal

Orange Class: Sam Griffin for good work in maths

Yellow Class: Owen W for working really hard, especially with multiplication tables.

Green Class: Megan for her continued high standards in all aspects of her work

Blue Class: Yann for excellent work and attitude this week, especially in RE and Literacy

Pen Licences: Amelia DW (*consistent, flowing style*) and James R

Henry Hound Award

The Henry Hound award is going this week to **Red Class**. Congratulations on receiving this week's award from Jane the Caretaker for your **tidy** classroom.

St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel

NEWS

Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society

Sunday 2 December 4.00pm

Coffee morning and Workshop:

Saturday 1 December 10.00am -12.00 noon at

St Andrew's. At the Saturday Workshop children and parents will be able to make christingles for the Sunday Service. (*Collecting tubes for the Children's Society have already come out - please fill with your pennies(or £s!) and **take to the Christingle Service***)

PTA Items:

- **Saturday 8 December Christmas Bazaar**
- **10.00am to 12.00 noon -see below**
- **Tombola Items and White Elephant Stall**

at the Bazaar Saturday 8 December:

you can bring items into School from **Monday 3 December**

NEXT ONE

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

Doors open 6.00pm, Eyes down 7.00pm

SPECIAL GAME:

Large **cash** prize each week (Cash prize last weekend WAS £40 – should be more on 9 December)

Free Coffee and Cake – Wednesday 23 January 2008

9.00am to midday ‘Drop-in’ morning in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Accompanied pre-School children are welcome – toys will be available.
Organised by Curry Rivel Women’s Institute

RESULTS BOARD: Matches nearly in the dark!

Football v Monteclefe: Lost 2:1 (Goal by Piotr)

Netball v Monteclefe: Won 5:1 (Ozmay 3, Kerry 2) Well done!

Blood Donations:

Ridgway Hall, Langport Tuesday 18 December
1.30pm to 3.15pm and 5.00pm to 7.15pm

Make an appointment by telephoning 0845 7 711 711

The Warehouse Theatre

Brewery Lane, Ilminster 6,7,8 and 13,14,15 December at 7.30pm.

Matinees 8 & 15 December 2.30pm

Tickets £7 adults, Children £4.50

Tel: Brenda Lake on 01460 249304 or from Hentons Estate Agents in Ilminster

Huish CLP Advent Concert

We will be leaving School at 12.30pm and all pupils singing will be eating their lunch at 12.00 noon. Concert finishes at 3.30pm. Please check on Monday if your child still needed a lift back. The performance starts at 2.00pm – parents are welcome and as in previous years there is no charge, but there will be a retiring collection.

***We should be grateful if you could contribute the
£3.50 for the one way coach trip by Monday.***

Music for Schools: Last lessons were **today** 30 November. Back on Friday 11 January 2008.

STOP PRESS:

Curry Rivel School awarded
Activemark and Sportsmark award 2007
Details will follow next week.

Huish Episcopi School

The Rocky Monster Show

Congratulations to ex pupils:

John G (Professor Fenton), Chris M (Daniel Stoker), Norah B (Rebecca Shelley), Ollie KB (Igor), Jenny B (Weird Creature), Keiron W (Chorus)
Amanda says "it was brilliant!"