

Dear Parents/Carers

Phew, what a busy week! (I wonder if that phrase is at the beginning of many School newsletters today). However, I feel that we have achieved a lot. On the curriculum front, we have been assessing the impact of our 'tables' drive in the School and feel that it has certainly motivated the children and I hear many anecdotal examples of pupils who have reached their targets and beyond. We plan to hold a number of curriculum workshops next term and maths will be the focus of one of them. Following the success of this module of work, we will be setting new targets at the beginning of next term, although it is clearly important to keep the impetus on 'tables' going.

We have also carried out a second 'across the School' writing scan. The impact of regular handwriting lessons is clearly evident in the samples as well as clear and careful presentation. Thank you for your support in this - I hope that the handwriting sheets that we sent home have been helpful. Our focus in January will be on punctuation and using paragraphs, followed by extending the quality and structure of sentences to create the greatest impact for the reader. Our first curriculum evening will be on 16 January where we will be discussing the process of 'SATs' – what the levels mean, how you as parents and carers can help and what happens in School.

Welcome to Charlotte Cullen, the Rolle College student, who will be joining us for the Spring term in Red Class. She has had a very exciting first week with Mrs Bowers!

Have a look at the offer later in this Newsletter from the Curry Rivel Twinning Society for a free family weekend in Chevilly next May. Forms are available in the School Office to be returned by 15 January.

Congratulations to KS1 with fantastic support from the Year 3 musicians, who have launched Christmas so magically with their production 'It's a baby!' For the first time in 30 years teaching, I have had little involvement with the preparation and it was wonderful to sit back and enjoy. Many thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to bring this to fruition and of course to the children who sang their hearts out yesterday and were a joy to behold!

Many thanks also to Jackie Withey and her team of parent helpers for a wonderful Christmas lunch. Thank you also to the PTA for supplying the crackers. It was a very festive end to the week.

On to Christmas parties next week and finally our Carol Service where I hope you can join us at 2.00pm in St Andrew's Church on Friday 21 December.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

Helping Hands

.Ben CL for helping a delivery man

Jodie G for helping Charlotte with her coat

Kieren B for helping Sharna when she fell over

Ellis for trying to find who had lost their jacket after it was left on the playground.

Kieran T for helping Ellis with taking his tests

Don't forget to bring your ~~ticket~~ tonight!

Class CUPS (Last week this term for cups)

Red Class: Jonathan for joining in well with everything

Orange Class: Jacob for developing a mature attitude to School life

Yellow Class: Ellen for working very hard on multiplication

Green Class: George for working very hard on his writing and science

Blue Class: Lucy for consistently working well (increasing the amount she writes) and setting a good example to others.

Henry Hound Award

The Henry Hound award is going this week to **Green Class** again.

Congratulations on receiving this week's award from Jane the Caretaker for your **tidy** classroom.

Benefice NEWS

Saturday 15 December and Sunday 16 December

10.00am to 5.00pm Christmas Tree Festival
Refreshments, Gifts and Cake Stall

Sunday 16 December

11.00am Advent Service, St Andrew's

6.00pm Carol Service St Martin's, Fivehead

Monday 17 December

7.00pm Carols on the Green at Chatham Place

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Tuesday 18 December

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight St Catherine's at Swell

Thursday 20 December

URC Chapel Schoolroom, Hambridge Road –

9.15am to 10.45am Christmas Drop in for

Coffee/Tea and Mince Pies

Sunday 23 December

6.00pm Carol Service St Andrew's

Monday 24 December

4.00pm Crib Service – come as a shepherd or

bring a toy lamb

11.30pm St Andrew's Church Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December

10.30am Christmas Day Service St Martin's Fivehead

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

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

Ilminster Entertainments Society restarting The Warehouse Youth Theatre – age range extended to include children of 8 and older – will be teaching all aspects of stagecraft. Application forms available from the School Office.

Tai Chi

Taster Session at the School Hall

Wednesday 23 January 2008

6.30pm to 7.30pm £5 per person

To book your place or enquiries telephone Louise Bulmer on 01935 462347

South Somerset Sports Arts and Leisure

**Save your
Christmas Stamps!
RSPB Albatross Appeal**

Avalon Marshes Starling Hotline : 07866 554142

Roller Skating

www.sk8rrz.com

Glastonbury's new indoor Roller Skating club

opens Saturday 19 January 2008 12 noon until 2.00pm

Glastonbury Leisure Centre (St Dunstan's Community School) £3 admission

All ages and abilities welcome. You need own skates and a helmet (*no black wheels*)

PTA

Profit from the Christmas Bazaar £1125.39! *Thank you to all the helpers and supporters!*

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ARE IN!

Win a Weekend in Chevilly

2-5 May 2008 Leaving Curry Rivel at 4.30am Friday 2 May and returning 11.00pm Monday 5 May – Prize includes return travel by coach and cross channel ferry for 2 adults and 2 children. Accommodation provided by hosts in Chevilly. The visit includes excursions and entertainment. You just need a valid passport, journey insurance and spending money.

Forms and further information available from the School Office. Slips to be returned by 15 January and winners will be notified by 21 January.

SCS Menus: Spring Term menus sent out today - Orders and payment by Thursday 20 December please. NEW SYSTEM of ordering

Money coming into School: Could you please make sure that **all** money that comes into School is in a named envelope – save your Christmas envelopes – you don't need a new one!