

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been so cheering to see some sunshine this week. Spring is definitely not far away. Being new to Somerset winters, I was rather anxious about the rain last week and felt quite relieved to see the levels of water drop.

We have been busy again this week. Thank you to all those who attended the SATs evening. I hope that you found it useful. I do have some 'explanation sheets' in School if you were unable to come, but would appreciate clarification.

Mrs Lovesy and Mrs Harris have attended training this week. Mrs Lovesy's course was focusing on developing maths skills in Years 5 and 6, whilst Mrs Harris was attending Day 2 of the 'Renewed Framework' training. This focuses on the literacy strategy and suggests a much more 'creative' approach to engaging children. I think that the next unit of work is 'myths and legends', so we shall look forward to finding out more from Yellow Class.

Brian Kieran, an 'Investors in People' administrator, spent the day with us yesterday, talking to staff and looking at systems. He was very helpful and positive about what we were doing.

I have been visiting our 'feeder' Playgroups – on site and at Fivehead this week. I enjoyed a lovely piece of cake at Fivehead Playgroup's fundraising coffee morning yesterday. We are very fortunate to have two lovely playgroups on our doorstep and I look forward to visiting on a regular basis.

Things are beginning to move on the proposed changes to the Foundation class in readiness for Curry Rivel Playgroup joining us in September. I shall be sending out a letter next week with further details, but I am also arranging an information meeting for 2.30pm on Thursday 7 February for Red Class parents to explain how we are going to manage the build.

Good luck to those children going to cross country today.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

The School are collecting CDs, DVDs, and computer games for the Blue Peter Appeal to raise money for Barnardo's that will help young carers around the UK to have a better life. Please bring any old CDs, DVDs and computer games into school. Please make sure that they are in a good saleable condition because Barnardo's shops are going to sell them. There is more information at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/discdrive/home/> or watch Blue Peter on CBBC. *Thank you to Amy in Year 5 for organising this!*

## **Helping Hands**

Too many to mention, but thanks to the children who are very quick to open the doors for other children and adults. I was very pleased at the good manners that we are seeing around the School.

## **Class News!**

**Red Class:** I've enjoyed drawing this week (Daisy)

**Orange Class:** We've been learning about new and old homes (Elisha)

**Yellow Class:** We have enjoyed writing poems for our poetry books (James and Bethan)

**Green Class:** I have enjoyed learning the French words for school things like a ruler (Leon). We have missed Mr Staddon who has been ill this week (ALL!)

**Blue Class:** We have been enjoying making hardback covers for our poetry books (Dave)

## **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Nathan for lovely ideas in literacy

**Orange Class:** Zara for fantastic attitude and example to others

**Yellow Class:** Emma for putting a lot of effort into her work.

**Green Class:** Eoin for being a good all rounder.

**Blue Class:** Abi B for having a positive attitude and always willing to have a go.

**Merit Awards:** Congratulations to Collette, Bethan and Levi on completing their Green chart and Alice and Jessica V and Lily for completing their Blue charts.

## **Henry Hound Award**

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

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

## **Benefice NEWS**

Brass and Church Cleaning Willing Volunteers needed. Please contact Lyn on 251078 or Sheila on 251006. **Commitment is just once a year!**

## **Curry Rivel News Group**

Someone is needed to help with the advertising in the Curry Rivel News. Any information on what you have to do please telephone Tina on 259003 or Tony on 251280

**Year 6 Sports Transition Club starts Friday 1 February from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the Sports Hall at Huish Episcopi School. The first sport being covered is basketball.**

**February Half Term:** Somerset Sports Courses at Huish Episcopi 18-22 February 10.00am to 3.00pm for boys and girls, all abilities, aged 6 to 14. This includes Multiskills, Cricket, Football, Netball, Rounders, Rugby and Tennis. Price from £10 per day. Leaflets already distributed to Year 1 onwards. Book online at [www.somersetssportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.somersetssportscoaching.co.uk)

**Borrowed Trousers and Other Clothes:** Could you **please** return (washed!) any clothes lent by the School to your child as soon as possible. Thank you.

**FREE: Judo Outfit Age 8/9** Please see the School Office!

**Kilve Court Spring Courses** - Leaflets available in School Office include Wild Writing, Shapes in the Landscape, Maths and Science Challenges etc.

## **Chevilly Twinning**

### **Friday 2 to Monday 5 May**

If you would like to go, please contact Barbara on 252946 for details.

## **SCS School Lunches**

**Reminder:** Orders by Thursday of the week before lunch is required. Cash or cheques to SCS. £1.80 per day (£9 per week). Please write choices, days, name and class of child on front of envelope. Jackie thanks you for co-operation!