

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week has flashed by! Our Year 6 children spent the morning at Huish working alongside the Science teachers in the laboratories. They tell me that they had a great time with 'slime' and it was fun to get a flavour of the science work that they will be doing once they are in Year 7 - I, meanwhile, was knee-deep in a 'data analysis' workshop run by the County that was most informative – but not nearly so much fun as experimenting with 'gunk'.

Tuesday was, of course, the long awaited Talent Show. All the amazing contestants told me that they were very nervous performing in front of their peers, but that they all loved it once they had started. The 'talents' ranged from diabolo and drama, dancing, magic, tai chi, singing, sports skills, mime artists and all very professional. I was so proud of them all. Congratulations to Georgia in Year 2 who danced her way to KS1 first place and to Daniel – or rather his monkey – who 'sang' so movingly and was awarded KS2 first place. Both children will perform their acts in today's celebration assembly so that we can re-live the experience once more. A show, such as this, is a perfect opportunity to find the hidden talents within ourselves (though I think the staff would acknowledge that our acting talents leave a little to be desired!) and I have high hopes that this will become an annual event.

The day ended with eight of our Years 5 & 6 ably representing us at the Huish Science Quiz where both teams did exceptionally well, one of them coming second. Thank you to all of those for taking part and demonstrating that Curry Rivel School 'knows its stuff'.

We waved the Year 3 children off to Charterhouse on Wednesday morning and look forward to hearing their exploits next week.

I hope that the Year 4/5 children have a restful weekend in preparation for Osmington Bay – thank you to Mr Staddon, Mrs Simpson, Mr Lock and Mr Deacon for leading the trip. On a separate note, I look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to come to our short Easter service, next Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm at St Andrew's Church.

Finally, congratulations to Alison for passing her STC (Somerset Total Communication) test – this sign language is particularly difficult to master. We have also just heard that Margaret and Jill have been awarded their HLTA status and Katrina has also just been successful in being snapped up for a teaching assistant job at St James & Ebrington. Well done Alison, Margaret, Jill and Katrina. There will be no newsletter next week as we break up for Easter on Wednesday, so I should like to wish Katrina, Martin and their three children – Vanessa, Colette and Kieran good luck in their new home near Cheltenham. After the Osmington Bay trip next week we will also be saying goodbye and good luck to Callum C who is moving to Wales.

Have a lovely Easter break from Wednesday 19 March and we will be back in School on Wednesday 26 March ready for our three day art experience.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

Thank you to Curry Rivel Music Club for organising the workshop yesterday afternoon with Alison Stephens on the mandolin and Craig Ogden on the classical guitar.

It was excellent!

NOTE:
Emergency Number for Parents for Osmington Bay:
07840 776993

Over £45 raised in (mostly) pennies!!!!!!

Easter egg drawings and wordsearch solutions need to be back in School by Monday 17 March. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids has already started and we are collecting plus any Tesco Computers for Schools 2008 vouchers

Class News!

Red Class: Enjoyed seeing Emily's rabbit on Thursday and asking lots of questions. Ros would like to say that the musicians on Thursday afternoon were very impressed by the concentration and good behaviour of Red Class during the workshop.

Orange Class: "We did an experiment to find out how to make ice melt the fastest" (Jarrad and Tommy)

Yellow Class: "We have been making magical objects" (Daniella) They have also had literacy and numeracy in the absence of the rest of the class at Charterhouse (!)

Green Class: "In PE we have been dance and cricket" (Gabriel), "In literacy we have been writing and studying fables" (Amberley)

Blue Class: Enjoyed watching and participating in the Talent Show.

Class Cups

Red Class: Katie for constant effort in numeracy

Orange Class: Elisha for her enthusiasm and commitment

Yellow Class: Kieren B for excellent behaviour and completing his work

Green Class: Colette for excellent attitude to all aspects of School life

Blue Class: Vanessa for excellent attitude to all aspects of School life.

Merit Awards:

Congratulations to Daniel and Melanie for completing their yellow charts, Carezza and Jack for completing their violet charts and Abby C, Aaron, Dave and Elliot for completing their bronze charts.

Henry Hound Award

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

PTA News

Phoenix Trading Cards – Please return the first lot of books with orders by Tuesday 18 March. If you do not require an order at this time, please return the book anyway. Thank you.

PE News:

Thank you to all the following for representing us at the Cross Country at Curry Mallet this week: Emma, Skye, Callum, Jack, Ben, Carezza, Dan and Piotr.

Benefice News:

Sunday 16 March: Palm Sunday at 10.30am St Andrew's

Sunday 22 March: 9.30am Easter Day Family Communion St Andrew's

Gardening Club will be having a plant stall at the May Fair and would appreciate any donations of spare plants (indoor or outdoor)

Please also pot on any small plants! Thank you.

Rotary Club of Somerset Levels:

Cuddly toys still needed for Rumanian orphanages – box in library area (still plenty of room!) Closing date Wednesday 19 March.