

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Easter weekend. I hope that everyone has had a lovely time – the children are very keen to regale us with stories of favourite Easter eggs, so I am assuming that the weekend went well – we were particularly fortunate with the weather when so much of the country had snow and rain!

We spent a very productive day on Thursday looking back over the year so far and assessing our progress and then looking to the future, with much planning for the Summer term and September. Feedback from Mrs Harris and Mr Staddon regarding the two residential trips was very positive and we are looking to include a more 'cultural' residential for Year 6 in the form of a 'City study' perhaps next year. As we 'firm up' ideas for next year, we shall be informing you in more detail of the plans.

Tuesday, in contrast, was held at Wells Cathedral in the Old Deanery. Here we focussed on multi-faiths and how we approach teaching them in a Church of England school. This was followed by a detailed tour of the cathedral (in order that we may take the children on further visits) followed by time spent on 'reflection and stillness'. A really valuable day for all concerned.

There was a slight change of plan to Thursday's Caribbean day due to a bereavement in Gloria's family – hopefully she will be able to join us later in the year. At very short notice, Heather Fallows was able to join us with a focus on Islamic art and Val Stones will be working with the children next week on Aboriginal art. There has been some fantastic art work in progress – it has been a very jolly way to approach the end of term and has increased our knowledge and understanding of world art.

We are sending reports out early this year because we feel that it is important for you and your child to know their progress as they move through the year, not at the end. In this way you will know that either your child is on track, or exceeding expectations, or there may be some issues that need addressing. In this case, it is better to work on them now rather than wait until after the Summer holidays at the start of the new academic year. At the beginning of July, we shall be sending out a brief summary of grades and levels after the optional and SATs tests and there will then be an opportunity for you to meet with teachers at pre-arranged Parents Evenings.

I am really looking forward to the South Somerset Music Spectacular on Monday. The choir have been working very hard and sound lovely.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

A copy of next year's School Calendar is available from the School office or on the County Council website: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/learning/> then click on **School Term Dates and Holidays**.

Inset days for 2008/2009 academic year at Curry Rivel School will be notified during the Summer term.

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

Class News!

Red Class: "I liked it when we made the stick bridge over the muddy bog on our walk" (Sharna)

Orange Class: Have been learning about Russia!

Yellow Class: "We've enjoyed our rainforest project and calligraphy this week" (Bethan and Jacque)

Green Class: "We did a science test today. We enjoyed it, but some of our friends didn't!" (Eoin and Jack)

Blue Class: Have had a lot of fun creating pictures in art.

Henry Hound Award



The Henry Hound award is going this week to **Orange 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 Friday 4 April latest. If you do not require an order at this time, please return the book anyway. Thank you.

See PTA Newsletter today: Summer Fayre is on Saturday 14 June this year to avoid the FA Cup Final!

PE News:

Congratulations to Emily K for **winning** the gym competition yesterday. Our newly formed team were 3rd. This was the last gym session this term. Why not join in next term?

Cross Country: Several of our pupils have been picked for the Community Learning Partnership team at next week's Inter Area Cross Country at Stanchester School. Good Luck!

Swimming: First session for Year 3 and some Year 4s is next Tuesday 1 April (until 3 June) – *please* don't forget costumes.

The rest of Year 4s and all of Year 5s will be swimming from 10 June to 22 July (details to follow nearer date)

Football After School Club has finished. Kwik Cricket, Youth Moves, Multi Skills and Netball are still on next week.

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.

SCS: The cost of lunches are increasing to £2.10 from after the Spring holidays. The School is unhappy about this substantial increase and is protesting to SCS on your behalf.

REMINDER

Special Effects Make-up –

new after School club for Years 5 & 6.

Classes are starting after Spring holiday on Friday 25 April. We are lucky to have obtained a qualified make-up artist. This is a club for a profession which is suitable for **girls and boys**. Only a few places left – details from the School office.