

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the last half of the Summer term – I hope that you all had an enjoyable break and were not one of the many who were washed out by the ‘flash floods!’ The ‘value’ for June is Tolerance.

The term began very well when all of the staff attended the CLP ‘Raising Standards in Writing’ held at Long Sutton Village Hall. The course reminded us of the value of strategies already used and enthused us with new ideas to move writing forward – in an age where many children see no adults writing at all.

One of the key messages for the day was the importance of effective writing through effective talking and to that end we would like to introduce ‘talk topics’. The opportunity to explore and follow through ideas, persuade and justify is not only valuable for speaking and listening skills, but also for crystallising ideas for writing. We would like to introduce a talk topic every now and then (perhaps one each half term) for the children to discuss, both at home with you and in School. The topics will be varied, but we thought we would begin with something that the whole School is currently thinking about in readiness for September – what to do with the back playground? As you know, the present Playgroup building has been condemned and will be removed during the Summer holidays – leaving a lovely big space! Mr Staddon has expressed a wish for a PE shed closer to the field, Mrs Harris has mentioned a quiet story-telling area, two governors have attended a willow sculpture workshop and some of the children have mentioned a sensory garden. If we are lucky to win some money from the Western Daily Press Cash for Schools, this will help to fund it. Please do discuss as a family what you think you would like to see and children please bring these ideas to class discussions planned for this half term.

The other key message was the unquestionable value of reading to children, so please continue at every opportunity – as we shall – it has always been my favourite part of the School day.

You may have noticed (!) we have our front playground back and Red Class development is almost ready. It looks very light and fresh in there and I am glad that the children and staff will be able to spend at least a few weeks benefiting from the newly appointed room, before changing classes.

We have been madly practising maypole and morris dancing for the PTA Summer Fete on Saturday 14 June. The PTA have been working furiously behind the scenes to organise another cracking event. We would appreciate your continued support in the form of filling (or even supplying) jars for the jam jar tombola, the selling of raffle tickets (First Prize £100), the donation of any books etc. and then of course arriving at 1.00pm in the School field on Saturday 14 June for a fun-filled afternoon.

I should like to wish Rainbows fun in celebrating their 21st birthday with ‘Revels’ on the School field tomorrow and I should like to thank everybody for supporting the Cash for Schools Western Daily Press points collection. Yesterday we sent off the voting slip – we have managed to accumulate over 56,000 points!

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

FROM TODAY: 30 Friday newsletters will be printed and stay in School **to be collected by parents**. The Newsletter will be available on the website from late today. Thank you for your response to our efforts to save paper!

Class News!

Red Class: Are really pleased to nearly have their classroom back!!

Orange Class: “We have been learning how to use information texts” (Elisha)

Yellow Class: Have been estimating and measuring in maths.

Green Class: “We have learnt loads about small mammals and owls this week” (Ethan)

Blue Class: “We have been learning maypole and morris dancing ready for the School Fete” (Becky)

Class Cups!

Red Class: Sam for being very brave at Forest School

Orange Class: Toby for working really hard on his phonics

Yellow Class: Caprice for working really hard in guided reading

Green Class: Lewis for some excellent results in his optional SATs including the highest maths and reading scores.

Blue Class: Aaron for excellent effort and dramatic reading of Twelfth Night

Pen Licence: Awarded to Ben CL

Henry Hound Award

The Henry Hound award is going this week to Yellow class.

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

Benefice News:

St Andrew's Church Fete Saturday 12 July –

All aboard the Ark!

RSPB West Sedgemoor and Greylake Reserve Walks in June - see leaflets outside office. Places to be reserved by telephoning 01458 252805 or by email west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk

Sunday 15 June 11.00am to 11.00pm

Green Fair and Scythe Festival 2008 at Thorney Lakes
Entry £5

RAMBLING CLUB: Starts again next week on Mondays until 4.30pm. Sign up at the Office.

Special Effects Make Up After School Club

Open to Years 4, 5 and 6 (max 10 places – first come first served!)
will start on Fridays shortly. If interested, please see Mandy in the School Office.

Curry Rivel Cricket Club CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 22 June starting at 1.00pm

Refreshments available!

Football Players 7-10 years old required for Pynsent

Football Team –Regular sessions will start from Thursday 12 June
6.30pm to 7.30pm. Contact 07889999373 for more information.

Year 6: Sports Transition Club 4.00pm to 5.00pm Fridays

Swimming and Rounders first three weeks starting today.

Note already gone to Year 6.

Curry Rivel Flower Show

Saturday 2 August 2008

2.30pm to 4.30pm Village Hall

Admission 50p

Accompanied children under 12 free

Entry booklets available from Curry Rivel Post Office – last date
for entry 6.30pm to 8.00pm Thursday 31 July – take entry forms
to Village Hall.

Muchelney Open Gardens in aid of church funds

Sunday 15 June 2.00pm to 6.00pm – there will be an
opportunity to visit the 14th Century Priest's House owned by
the National Trust