

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new Academic year. A particular welcome to the children in Red Class who have joined us and to the seven children spread throughout the School from further afield. I hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer despite the rather 'iffy' weather and feel rested and ready to begin the Academic Year 2008/2009.

I have spent some time over the holidays reviewing the School Development Plan (SDP). The governors, staff and I have decided that it makes sense to run each new SDP alongside the School financial year, thus enabling the School to budget for the developments more effectively. I have therefore pulled out three areas from the last SDP that we would particularly like to focus on.

At our last inset day in June, we attended 'Raising Standards in Writing' with the Huish Community Learning Partnership of Schools and in order to consolidate the excellent ideas that came from that we are going to continue with 'Raising Standards in Writing' as Priority One.

We developed an effective means of tracking children's progress last year, particularly in maths initially, then literacy and science. We plan to consolidate this process over the next two terms. We hold half-termly pupil progress meetings and develop targets with the children and, in light of the continued focus on assessment for learning, we have set this as Priority Two.

It has been wonderful to welcome Playgroup on site with us and working in partnership with them is Priority Three, in order to ensure a streamlined and effective setting for all the Foundation children.

We shall be sending home all the dates that we have so far organised, but I should particularly like to draw your attention to Thursday 2 October, when we shall be holding a 'Literacy workshop'. We shall be talking about how we approach reading and writing in School and all the ways that you can help in this process.

After School clubs will start on Monday 15 September and a separate note will be sent out next week.

There will be a fuller newsletter next Friday, but I thought that I would take the opportunity to say welcome back, it's lovely to see you all and.... this year.... to know your names!!

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

## **Ham Hill Fayre**

**Saturday 5 September 11.00am to 5.00pm**

FREE entry – demonstrations, iron age crafts, talks, shows. hog roast etc.

More information on [www.visitsouthsomerset.com/hamhill](http://www.visitsouthsomerset.com/hamhill)

**Friday 26 September** – inset day at Curry Rivel School

Macmillan Coffee morning at Robert Sewers Hall, Curry Rivel.

*Come and have a coffee and support this good cause – 10.00am to 12.00 noon.*

**We still need a Lunchtime Supervisor.  
Please see the School Office if you are interested!**

**KS2 Enrichment Courses Autumn 2008**

*including Fun Fantasy Writing, Christmas Science Challenges etc.*

Leaflets available in School.

**Jolly Babies (3-12 months), Music with Mummy (1-3 years)**

Classes start Wednesday 10 September at Somerton Methodist Church and

Thursday 11 September at Long Sutton Village Hall

Please telephone or email Lynne Mackay for further details - 07792 976525

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**Dates for your Diary**

Inset Day

Literacy Workshop

Life Education Workshops

Half Term

Individual Pupil Photos

Friday 26 September

Thursday 2 October

Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 September –  
details to follow

Saturday 24 October to Tuesday 4 November inclusive

Thursday 13 November