

Dear Parents/Carers

We have actually had quite a quiet week this week, which is just as well as a number of the staff and pupils are suffering with nasty coughs and sore throats. If you are one of these, I hope that a restful weekend will help recovery.

Our KS2 children have been busy practising poetry and singing. I have been really impressed by the number of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who have learnt favourite poems off by heart and recited them to the rest of us. Amongst choices have been some of my favourites, including The Tyger by William Blake and The Listeners by Walter de la Mare (you can see copies on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/teachers/offbyheart/>). Congratulations to Sam H who has been selected to go to the Regional Finals early next year to recite his poem as part of the BBC Poetry competition.

I have been working with Green Class to prepare for the CLP Advent Service in Somerton next Monday. We are singing 'Winter Wonderland' in a similar style to the Marks & Spencer Christmas advert! Meanwhile, rehearsals are in hand for the Foundation and KS1 Christmas production.

The PTA have asked me to thank all of you who have purchased Christmas cards. If you have decided not to buy, please, please, please could you return the cards to the School Office or Alan Simpson on Monday, otherwise the PTA will be charged (currently this amounts to £200). The School would rather the PTA spent this money on other items! The PTA are gearing up for our annual Christmas Fayre. The hanging decoration competition closes today and will be judged next Thursday. Alan says that contributions to the stalls and offers of assistance would be very gratefully received in order to make this a fun afternoon.

Sue Owen, our maths advisor, spent the day with us today talking to staff about individual progress and target setting as well as explaining opportunities for consolidating the learning of children who are 'sticking'. Her support is both valuable and appreciated by us.

Next Monday, Playforce will be starting the fencing of the new play area around the storytelling seat in the front playground, including a shelter. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to parents, but the completion will increase the use of outside play in all weathers. This has been funded by a grant from Early Years.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

### **Helping Hands**

Lily for handing in a money envelope

Phoebe for extreme patience in a difficult situation

### **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Maddy for hard work and a great start in Red Class

**Orange Class:** Katie for working really hard on her writing and using good description

**Yellow Class:** William for always doing what he is told

**Green Class:** Morgan for excellent ideas in science

**Blue Class:** Carezza for her excellent work in class and responsible attitude.

**Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards:** Congratulations to Richard and Jordan from Daphne for their good behaviour at lunchtimes.

### Henry Hound Award

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

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday 29th November 1:30 - 4:30pm Village Hall CURRY RIVEL**

**Stalls-refreshments-lucky dip-tombola-craft activities for all ages**

**FREE ENTRY** Organised by Curry Rivel United Reformed Church

## Booksigning & Launch

**Tuesday 2 December, 7.00pm.**

Lionel Ward, owner of Brendon Books, will be launching his own book Taunton: An A-Z, a miscellany of people, places and events in Taunton's history, at Brendon Books on Tuesday 2 December. All are welcome. There is no charge for this event though it would be helpful for them to know in advance if you are able to attend. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

**Brendon Books Tel 01823 337742 Fax 01823 324529**

[www.brendonbooks.co.uk](http://www.brendonbooks.co.uk)

## CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

**Sunday 30 November/Sunday 14 December – School Hall FIRST GAME**

**THIS SUNDAY!!!!!!**

Doors open 6.00pm, Eyes down 7.00pm

SPECIAL GAME: Large cash prize each week

GIVE BLOOD: Tuesday 2 December from 1.30pm to 7.15pm Ridgway Hall, Langport. Please make an appointment on 0845 7 711 711

## **Music for Schools Foundation: Tuition Service**

**Evening for parents with pupils on Tuesday 2 December between**

**7.00 and 9.00pm in the main School.**

### **PTA MESSAGE:**

If you are shopping online this Christmas, please help raise funds for School by using [www.buy.at/curryrivelprimary](http://www.buy.at/curryrivelprimary) as your home page – you can access M & S, Waterstones and John Lewis to name but a few through this web address. Any access earns money for the School, but costs you nothing!

## **SCS CLEANER required at CURRY RIVEL SCHOOL**

10 hours per week 6.00 am start

**Monday to Friday £6.20 per hour - working term time**

**plus specified times during holiday periods**

(requires criminal background check via disclosure procedure) Telephone SCS Recruitment Line 01823 446799 (24 answerphone) for application form quoting ref SCS3682.

Closing date 3 December 2008

SCS is part of Somerset County Council

## **Aller Park Juniors F.C.**

**New Girls team starting on 4<sup>th</sup> January at**

**Aller Park Juniors F.C.!!!**

For all Girls in School Year 5 & 6 who would like to join a football team away from the boys!! Training starts at Somerton Playing Field on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the Aller Park Soccer School 10.00 – 12.00

Please contact Steve Morrison (Tel: 01458 251388 or email: [stevemorrison4@msn.com](mailto:stevemorrison4@msn.com))

Please visit the clubs website: [www.allerparkjuniors.org](http://www.allerparkjuniors.org) for more information

**SCS Christmas Lunch will be on Tuesday 16 December: Roast Turkey and all the trimmings!! Closing date for orders is Friday 5 December. Open to all pupils.**

**Free Christmas Soccer Skills:** Two day courses at the Community Trust Training Complex, Alvington Lane, Yeovil. Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 December 10.00am to 3.00pm. For more details contact Yeovil Town Football Club *Football in the Community* on 01935 847876. Application forms available in the School Office.

## **Curry Rivel Guides**

*Congratulations* to Rosie from Kingsbury who has been picked for international selection and will be travelling to Canada next August. She will be at the PTA Fayre next Saturday fundraising for her visit. Please help to support her!

## **Friends of Hambridge School Association**

Pantomime performance of Aladdin (one hour in length) performed by [www.pyramidpantomimes.com](http://www.pyramidpantomimes.com) Sunday 11 January 2009.

**Two performances 12.00 noon and 3.00pm**

**£5 for adults and £3.50 children – discount for family tickets.** Telephone Anita on 01460 54471 to book tickets

## **Letters sent out this week:**

*If you haven't received any of these, please check pupil's bookbags and classes (first!) before asking for an additional copy from the School Office:*

Headlice Letter Yellow Class

BTEC Sports Course – students helping from Green Class

CLP Advent Concert: Green class

## **Dates for your Diary**

Advent Concert

Mon 1 December – Somerton

BTEC students course

Tues 2 December 9.00am to 10.00am HESSC

Cross Country Curry Mallet

Tuesday 2 December – 2.30pm start

Police Dog Handler & Dog!

Wednesday 3 December

Book Scheme Coffee Morning

Friday 5 December 9.30am

PTA Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6 December 2-4pm

Green/Blue Class Roman Baths

Monday 8 December

Road Safety Visit by Police

Friday 12 December

Christmas Production

9.45am Wednesday 17 December

6.00pm Thursday 18 December

Carol Service

2.15pm Friday 19 December St Andrew's Church