

Dear Parents/Carers

As the season of advent begins, so preparations for the Christmas festivities start in earnest. I know that Foundation and KS1 have been rehearsing for the Nativity – I have neither seen nor heard any of it, so I am very much looking forward to the end result. As this is something that I've always been involved in or led, it is wonderful to sit back as part of the audience – and enjoy.

Well done to Green Class for singing so sweetly and confidently at the CLP Advent Concert on Monday. We hadn't been practising for very long, but Green Class tackled the three songs with great enthusiasm and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Mr Rider visited the School on Tuesday evening to promote music lessons. This was well attended and a number of the Years 4, 5 and 6 were able to create quite a musical sound, so hopefully the number of musicians in School will swell; it would be wonderful if we could begin a small band again. Mr Lovesy and I plan to run a lunchtime guitar club next term – which should further swell numbers – we will let you have more details in January.

The extended play area for the Foundation Stage was begun and completed this week allowing much greater freedom for both Playgroup and Red Class. With the inclusion of the double gates, the older children are also able to share it at the beginning of the day and playtime.

Did you hear Peter Staddon and three pupils on Somerset Sound on the Tuesday breakfast show? Carezza, Eoin and Sam performed their poems brilliantly from the Off by Heart BBC Poetry Competition. We were very proud of their confidence as it was an unexpected request on Monday from Somerset Sound. However, they rose to the occasion like true stars and you can listen again via BBC iPlayer.

The Book Scheme Coffee morning today was very successful. Over 25 local residents attended and donated towards books for the School library. We are planning another Coffee morning for the Summer term.

I look forward to seeing you at the PTA Christmas Fayre which starts at 2.00pm.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

November Play for Pounds Double Draw Winners: There is no draw at the end of December so the prize money for November is doubled which gives a total of £50 for this draw. Anyone wishing to join for the remainder of the year needs to pay £8 to cover the 8 draws left. Forms are available from the library.

1st Mrs Tutt £25; 2nd Mrs Grinter £17; 3rd Tina Geary £8

Helping Hands

Tyler for helping another child who was injured

Class Cups

Red Class: Henry for good behaviour on the carpet and continued effort

Orange Class: Tommy for working hard on his role in the School play and having the confidence to sing a duet

Yellow Class: Jacob for dedication to learning his times tables

Green Class: James for great work in literacy this week

Blue Class: Alice for an excellent response to being made House Captain and for continued high standards in her work.

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Luke, Gabriel, Lucy and Corey from Daphne for their good behaviour at lunchtimes.

Headteacher's Award: Awarded for the first time to Morgan for a fantastic piece of work on Romans.

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.

CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

Sunday 14 December – School Hall Doors open 6.00pm, Eyes down 7.00pm
SPECIAL GAME : Large cash prize

Reception children have this week been given two books through the above sponsors – 'Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems' and 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School'. This government backed initiative has taken place for the past few years.

PTA MESSAGE:

If you are shopping online this Christmas, please help raise funds for School by using 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!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

K'nex is finished until next term

Youth Moves finishes next Wednesday 10 December

Aller Park Juniors F.C.

New Girls team starting on 4th 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 4th January 2009 at the Aller Park Soccer School 10.00 – 12.00 Please contact Steve Morrison (Tel: 01458 251388 or email: stevemorrison4@msn.com) Please visit the clubs website: www.allerparkjuniors.org for more information

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.

Bugfest SW (SOUTH WEST)

Come and meet some real live creepy crawlies and make your own crafts. Items on sale too.

Tuesday 23rd December 10.30 - 12.30am. Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil
£5.50 per child. Booking essential - children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Includes a famous Christmas visitor! Tel Kara 01935 433185 or email Kara@bugfest.co.uk

'The Nativity' KS1 Curry Rivel School Production

Tickets available for: Wednesday 17 December at 9.45am OR
Thursday 18 December at 6.00pm

Limited to 3 tickets per family initially

Friends of Hambridge School Association

Pantomime performance of Aladdin (one hour in length) performed by
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

PTA Christmas Decoration Competition:

Judged anonymously and independently by Jill Griffin

KS1: Winner: Vicky C-L

Highly Commended: Sharna and Kit

KS2: Winner: Levi

Highly Commended: Richard and Amy C-L

Beth Unthank, PCSO would like us to remind parents to lock all their outside sheds. There have been a series of recent thefts from outside buildings.

Sainsbury's Active Kids: Thanks for all your support in collecting tokens for this – amongst the items we have received : an after schools pack containing hoops, balls, cricket bats, skipping ropes etc; giant snakes and ladders; bean bags, tennis balls and foam fliers!

Curry Rivel Rainbows: Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 11 December 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Village Hall. Various stalls and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Please support your local Rainbow Group!

Christingle Service St Andrew's Church Sunday 21 December 2008 at 11.00am

Letters etc 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:

Booktime packs for Reception children

Parent Talk

Primary Times

Reminders Blue and Green Class Trip Monday 8 December

SCS Spring School Lunch Menu

Year 6 Revision Letter

Requests from the Office:

- *Please, when you hand in any money, put it in an envelope and label carefully with your child's name.*
- *All uniform must be named. Any lost property at the end of term will be disposed of.*
- *If you do not return signed slips for any trips, your child will **not** be able to take part.*
- *If your child is ill, please telephone as soon as possible – you can leave a early message on the ansaphone if necessary.*
- **From after Christmas** the Newsletter will not be handed out to Red Class children. You can either access on the web www.curryrivelpriamry.co.uk or pick a copy up in School. If you would like an alert email – please let the School Office know your email address.

Dates for your Diary

Green/Blue Class to 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
Christingle Service	11.00am Sunday 21 December St Andrew's Church