

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Spring term 2009. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable (and healthy!) break. It was lovely to see everyone back on Monday. The children looked genuinely pleased to be here – three weeks is obviously the right length of time over Christmas to make us all appreciate how great it is to ‘get back to normal’.

School seems to be functioning well despite the rather utilitarian appearance. There are only a few pieces of paper that we have mislaid (so far) and speaking to the surveyor and floor layer, I am confident that we may be further back to normal than I had originally hoped. Playgroup flooring should be down by Tuesday and in Red Class by Friday.

The children and staff of Red Class have been amazingly adaptable – as usual – and I sincerely hope that next week’s disruption will be the last for a while. Mrs Kent and Mrs Harris have exciting learning planned and will be delighted to have their room back to normal.

I sent out a note about Breakfast Club at the beginning of the week. Thank you to the mums who have volunteered to support so far. I appreciate that families that use Breakfast Club are the ones who will be least able to help, so I wondered if there were any parents who do not need to use this facility regularly, who would be willing to bring their child/children to Breakfast Club in order to support Astrid. We are very lucky to have this facility and I would hate to lose it, so please, if you could donate a little time – on a rota basis, the School would be very grateful.

Just a reminder, especially after a three week break, that School begins at 8.50am and it is important that children arrive on time. ‘Lates’ are recorded on the system and the County Attendance Officer (who has eyes like a hawk) spots them very quickly and will follow up any regular occurrences. At the other end of the day, if you think you might be delayed, could you please telephone the School and we will hold your child(ren) until you arrive.

Thank you also to Red, Orange and Yellow Class for their ‘edited highlights’ of The Nativity that we had great pleasure in watching this morning. This was the last of the Christmas events that were planned for the last week of term and although the children didn’t have time to show the extent of the hard work and effort they’d put into it, we were nevertheless very entertained and impressed by them – especially after a three week break. Well done everyone!

It is intended to hold the ‘Christmas’ lunch for pupils on Tuesday 20 January as a New Year Celebration instead. If you would like to check whether you booked in for this, there will be a list in the office by next Monday. If you volunteered to help in December, we should still be grateful for your help on the 20th.

Whilst the frosty mornings are very beautiful, it is good that the temperatures are rising slightly – it will be nice to have my hot water bottles back (I have been putting them in with my chickens these last few nights!)

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

For Sale from Post Office:

Chloe and her Tiny Friends by Dulcie Ponting £3.99
(half proceeds to School funds!!)

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: Breakfast Club letter

Free Driver Awareness Course: Saturday 10 January 2.00pm to 4.30pm
Robert Sewers Hall

Presentation by approved driving instructor.

Driver simulator to try and Refreshments available. Contact Cllr. Kaye Morgan on 253255 or on kayemorgan@greenbee.net if you are interested in attending.

Tuckshop for Fairtrade will be on Friday 16 January

We are signed up for The Times/Sunday Times

Books for Schools: Tokens available every day from 11 January! Please bring into School.

LATEST NEWS: Epiphany Service

Sunday 11 January will be held at St Martin's Fivehead at

10.30am *(The heating at St Andrew's is not working properly!)*

Dates for your Diary

Tuckshop Fairtrade
Barnado's Assembly
Cross Country

PTA Family Disco
Education Sunday Service
'Aladdin' by M&M Productions
Half Term

Friday 16 January 2009
Thursday 15 January
Wednesday 21 January
Huish Secondary 2.00pm (details to follow)
Saturday 24 January
Sunday 8 February – School Hall 11.00am
Tuesday 10 February (letter to follow)
Saturday 14 Feb to Sunday 22 Feb inclusive