

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, welcome back to Playgroup. At last the room is dry and the new vinyl flooring has been laid. Red Class should be finished by Friday and then I hope and pray that they can get back to normal. Red Class children and staff have been wonderful at managing the changes without fuss and thank you too, to all Red Class parents for your forbearance through this somewhat difficult time. I know that Mrs Kent, Mrs Harris and Mrs Conway are 'chomping at the bit' to introduce the new topic of pets and it will be lovely to be back, especially with the new flooring in place. Elsewhere in the School, we have had a (thankfully) quiet week, enabling children and staff to settle down to the task of learning and teaching. I tend to think of this as the really hard working term with fewer distractions than the Autumn or Summer.

I have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Years 4 and 5 children and assessing their reading skills using the new 'Assessing Pupil Progress' materials. The experience has been both enjoyable and informative and one that all the teaching staff have been working on with the children.

We are preparing to hold a SATs evening in the next few weeks in order to go through, with you, the process of statutory and optional assessment tests. I know that Year 6 have been working with Mr Staddon, but this proposed evening will be particularly relevant to KS1 parents/carers, because of the changes that are taking place. The evening will take place on Monday 2 February at 6.30pm and all are welcome.

It is not that I am obsessed by the weather (I always seem to comment on it at the end of my newsletter – a British thing I suppose!) but I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend and that the sun shines even for just a little bit! (weather forecast is for high winds!).

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

New House Captains for this Term:

Quantock: Amy

Blackdown: Jessica

Polden: Alice

Mendip: Fergus

GOOD LUCK!

Helping Hands

Jessica S for helping two younger children to sort out a problem

Class Cups

Red Class: Ethan for coping so well with all the changes and being sensible at all times

Orange Class: Lewis for working really well as a partner in maths and knowing HTU (place value) confidently

Yellow Class: Kieren for achieving his end of year maths target early

Green Class: Lydia for working well in literacy and numeracy and for not fussing despite a broken toe!

Blue Class: Arlena for her excellent work on her reading

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Owen and Ebony-Rose 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.

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:

Cross Country for Years 3,4,5, and 6 – Wednesday 21 January at Huish Episcopi Secondary

We are signed up for The Times/Sunday Times

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

Somerset Wildlife Trust Talk : 'Butterflies and Moths – Protection Racket'

Thursday 22 January 7.00pm to 9.00pm School Hall Cost £2.50

Dates for your Diary

Cross Country

Wednesday 21 January

Huish Secondary 2.00pm

PTA Family Disco

Saturday 24 January

Education Sunday Service

Sunday 8 February – School Hall 11.00am

'Aladdin' by M&M Productions

Tuesday 10 February (letter to follow)

Half Term

Saturday 14 Feb to Sunday 22 Feb inclusive