

Dear Parents/Carers

It's all my fault, I admit it. The moment I wrote, 'Monday – back to normal' on the playground board, we were doomed!

A huge thank you to Alan, Mark, Paul, Nick and Rupert and the men from Pollards who shored up the School with sandbags late into Monday night, Tuesday morning. Thank you to Wendy Clapp and Jane Tilley for alerting us to the potential disaster and thank you to the staff on Tuesday morning who, armed with 'vaxs etc' managed to suck up gallons of water thus making the job of drying the offices and library area that much easier.

There has still been no decision made as to whether to take up the new carpets, they are certainly not smelling like the last time and thanks to the swift action of the above people, no further damage occurred in Red Class, Playgroup, the Meeting Room and the Hall.

We can only hope that someone, somewhere is investigating why this has happened all of a sudden, meanwhile we are making plans to invest in some flood defences of our own.

The arrival of M & M Productions on Tuesday morning was most opportune and we were all highly entertained by the story of 'Aladdin'. There's nothing like live theatre to take your mind off other things!

We look forward to seeing lots of the children tonight at the Valentine Disco: Pre-School, Foundation and KS1: 6.30pm to 7.30pm and KS2 7.45pm to 9.00pm.

With half term fast approaching I'd like to remind you of two dates in particular – the much postponed SATs evening on Monday 23 February at 6.30pm and the 'Fronter' evening on Wednesday 4 March, again at 6.30pm.

I hope that you all have a restful and trouble free half term and I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 23 February (along with some Spring weather!).

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>REMINDER</u></b> <b><u>INSET DAY MONDAY 20 APRIL:</u></b> Written Calculation across all key stages led by Sue Owen, Maths Advisor No Pupils required</p>
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### **Helping Hands**

Henry, Edward and Finbar for noticing that the blocks needed to be tidied and doing it without being asked.

### **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Isabelle for being kind, caring and very thoughtful

**Orange Class:** Oliver for working really hard in phonics and literacy at School and at home

**Yellow Class:** Chloe for a fantastic homework project on Curry Rivel

**Green Class:** Morgan for trying really hard with his reading, spelling and writing

**Blue Class:** Lily for continued high standards in her work and her sterling efforts as a playleader

### **Henry Hound Award**

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

**Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards:** Congratulations to Edward, James, Bradley and Ethan from the Lunchtime team for their good behaviour.

### **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:*

#### **Fronter Evening**

#### **Fronter After School Club for Blue and Green Classes**

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids**

starts again - from 11 February to 3 June. Please collect vouchers to help provide PE equipment.

### **Phoenix Trading Cards**

If you would like to buy superb greetings cards at below shop prices and help raise funds for the PTA, please ask Sue Annandale for a catalogue.

10% of all orders goes to the PTA

Sue can be contacted on 01460 281225.

## **Join Barnardo's**

### **Campaign to Promote Outdoor Play for children.**

As part of its campaign to encourage outdoor play, the Somerset Play and Participation Service in partnership with Somerset County Council is developing an Outdoor Play Guide to help Somerset families get outdoors and start playing again. This will be a small booklet that will be distributed to all parents in Somerset. It will recommend a top 100 local outdoor spaces where children can play with top tips for play activities you can do. We want the list to be compiled by Somerset residents nominating brilliant play spaces within their communities. This could be a park, a field, a wood, a river, moorland – anywhere in fact where children are free to go. We are not including equipped playgrounds in this list.

Please support our campaign by sharing your favourite outdoor spaces with us. You can do this by completing the slip attached to this article, visiting our website, emailing, calling or texting. Let us know your favourite play space (accurate directions, postcode or ordinance survey coordinates please!), some great ideas about what to do there, and your telephone number. (Your telephone number is only to make sure we have identified the correct play space and will not be stored or passed on to any third party). The deadline for responses is Wed 4 March 2009 and the best play idea wins the prize of a £500 donation of play equipment to a children's play project in Somerset of your choice!

Please return your play space recommendation by :

Emailing [outdoorplayguide@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:outdoorplayguide@barnardos.org.uk) to answer the questions in the form below.

Telephoning or texting 07879665833 to answer the questions in the form below.

You can also visit the website: [somersetplay.org.uk](http://somersetplay.org.uk)

Favourite Play Space (accurate directions, street, village/town, postcode if possible or ordinance survey coordinates please!):

What kind of play activities can do there?: .....

Your Telephone number: .....

For more information please contact Josephine Adams :

Email: [josephine.adams@barnardos.uk.org](mailto:josephine.adams@barnardos.uk.org) Telephone: 07880 780037

## **Half Term Activities:**

### **Somerset Sports Coaching**

at Curry Rivel School Hall – Wednesday 18 February

Cricket, Multiskills, Rounders, Football, Netball and Rugby

10.00am to 3.00pm. Cost £12. Forms already distributed

### **Drayton Woodland Playscheme**

Friday 20 February 10.00am to 3.00pm for 8-12 year olds

£12 for day (£10 concessions, siblings)

Please bring a packed lunch. Wear old clothes and stout shoes and a waterproof jacket. Please ring or email to request a booking form to

Hannah Aitken on 01458 252463 or email [Hannah@madasafish.com](mailto:Hannah@madasafish.com)

### **-Team Theme Half Term Football Fun**

**at Somerton Sports Ground on Friday 20 February. 10.00am to 3.00pm boys and girls aged 4-14. Forms have already gone out through School.**

**Cost £11.00**

### **Fivehead Fun Factory**

**Thursday 19 February for Under 8s** – 9.30am to 12.00 noon

£3 per child. Parents/carers will need to supervise their own child(ren)  
Fivehead Village Hall, Stowey Road. Painting, playdough, colouring, collage, junk modelling etc. Refreshments and a raffle.

### **Alice – a musical treat**

A live performance by local singers, including children from Curry Rivel and Churchstanton Primary Schools

Curry Rivel United Reform Church Saturday 28 February at 7.30pm

**NETBALL AFTER HALF TERM:** This will be on Thursdays until 4.15pm.

26 February & 12 March: Years 5 & 6 - team *only*

From 19 March: for Years 4, 5 and 6 (no new members yet!)

### **Teamtheme dodgeball**

Tuesdays after half term: 24 February, 3,10,17 and

24 March. 5 weeks for £16. Forms going out 9.2.09

**FAIRTRADE STALL:** Friday 27 February  
After Celebration Assembly and at Playtimes!  
Please bring your pennies!

**After Half Term:** Newsletters will no longer be distributed to pupils in Red Class, as part of our paper saving drive. You can either access on line [www.curryrivelpprimary.co.uk](http://www.curryrivelpprimary.co.uk) or collect a copy in School on Fridays. If you would appreciate an email alert to know when the Newsletter is on line, please let the School have your email address.

### **Dates for your Diary**

PTA Valentine's Disco  
SATs Information Evening  
Half Term  
Fronter Information Evening  
Half Term Activities

Friday 13 February **TONIGHT!!!**  
Monday 23 February 6.30pm  
Saturday 14 Feb to Sunday 22 Feb inclusive  
Wednesday 4 March 6.30pm  
See above in newsletter