

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has seen the first of our inter-school matches for football and netball at Curry Mallet. The Football team were narrowly beaten 4-3 with a goal in the last few minutes of the game and the Netball team won two matches 8-1 and 6-0 (top scorers Alice and Jessica!). Well done to everybody for representing the School so enthusiastically.

The talents of our Gardening Club have been recognised once again – our grounds won Third place in the Taunton in Bloom Competition. This is entirely due to the enthusiastic children in the club, ably supported by Nick, Elaine, Rupert and Astrid. The 'French' theme in the front playground has been particularly successful, emphasising our 'blossoming (!!)' links with Chevilly and they still look good – as do the containers in the corridor which have been filled with multi-sensory herbs and flowers.

I hope that those who attended the Literacy evening found it helpful. I do have some 'hand-outs' on 'helping your child with reading/writing/handwriting' if you would like a copy – do let me know.

Next week we are looking forward to a visit by the Tor Theatre Company on Wednesday who are coming to work with the children on writing poetry.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

### **Helping Hands**

Katie J for holding the door open for the lunch trolley

Owen P for helping to pack away the chairs at lunchtime

Eve for being polite to an adult

Samantha for making the Reception class feel very welcome during their first long lunchtimes

Gabriel for helping a child to find something

### **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Archie for changing really well for the first time for PE

**Orange Class:** Jonathan for making good progress and working hard

**Yellow Class:** Owen for a superb effort with his maths at home

**Green Class:** Chloe for trying hard in all aspects of her work

**Blue Class:** Piotr for a really good effort with his 'big' writing

**Merit Awards:** Nathan, Jessica and Elissia for completing their red charts and Sam G for completing his orange chart.

**Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards:** from Daphne to all of Red Class – well done!

### **Henry Hound Award**

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

**Harvest Service Produce** sale raised £20.20 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

Over £100 raised last Friday at the Macmillan Coffee Morning.  
Thank you for your support!

**Year 6 Parents' Evenings at Huish Episcopi School are on  
Thursday 9 October at 7.00pm.**

**We are now registered with Morrisons Let's Grow and are collecting  
tokens!!**

We are also registered with British Gas generation green on [www.generationgreen.co.uk](http://www.generationgreen.co.uk)  
Please log on and earn the School some more 'leaves' by completing an [Energy Savers  
Report](#) on the [British Gas website](#) and pledging to be more energy efficient.

### **David Heath MP's 2008 Christmas Card Competition**

Entries need to be returned to School by Wednesday 5 November in order to  
reach David Heath by the closing date of Monday 10 November.

### **Kingsmill 'Best of the West' photography challenge.**

Prizes for adults and schools. Some forms available from the School Office. All pictures must  
be digital on a CD. Closing date Wednesday 8 October. One entry per person.

**September draw:** Mrs Reeks (£12); Mr Franklin (£8), Mrs Wilce (£4)  
*You can still join* – cost now £11 for rest of the year! Ask at the Office.

**Sunday 5 October: 2.00pm-4.00pm Stampede Stunt Company:** Jousting  
on Somerset Battlefields, Thorney Lakes, Muchelney Entry £4 under 12s  
free - Ferret racing, Hog Roast, Circus Skills Workshop.

## **CURRY RIVEL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2008**

The Curry Rivel School PTA holds various events such as School Discos, May Fayre's and  
Christmas Bazaar's to raise money for school projects. We would like to thank everyone  
for their continued support. Below is a list of upcoming events.

### **Bulb and Chocolate Orders.**

Please send all orders into school by 17th October; all proceeds will go towards school  
projects.

**School Halloween Disco** - Friday 24th October

Preschool & KS1 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm                      KS2 7.45 pm - 9.00 pm

Optional Guy Halloween Fancy Dress (Pre-school children must be accompanied by an  
adult)

If you have not filled out a contact list for your child or you need to update yours please see the school office. Donations of small cakes would be very much appreciated and can be left with the school office from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Mufti Day - Friday 7th November**

Children can wear what they like to school on this day for a £1 per child donation. This money will be used to purchase Tombola prizes for the Christmas Bazaar.

### **Christmas Cards**

This year we have arranged for the children to design their own Christmas cards, which will be professionally printed and feature each child's name and school on the reverse. Two packs of eight cards will be sent home on a sale or return basis (cards cost £5.50 per pack), during November. If you do not wish to purchase one or both of the packs please return them to school, this will avoid the PTA having to pay printing costs.

### **Christmas Decoration Competition**

We would like to decorate the school hall for the Christmas Bazaar and are asking the children to make us some decorations to hang from the ceiling. Decorations should be at least A4 size and have the children's name and class written on them. All decorations should be handed in by the 28<sup>th</sup> November; there will be a prize for the best KS1 & KS2 decoration.

### **Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2pm - 4pm**

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun, cakes, raffles and even a possible visit from the man in red. This year we are also hoping to have a number of high quality craft stalls.

Donations of cakes would be appreciated and can be left at the school office on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you're having a pre Christmas clear out donations of toys, books and games, gift wrap & tags and any unwanted alcohol (for the tombola) would also be appreciated. These can be left at the school from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Play 4 Pounds**

There are still numbers available for P4P and it costs only £12 for one year's subscription. The prizes are currently £12, £8 and £4. The more numbers sold the higher the prizes are. To join please collect a form outside of the school office, complete and return with your subscription fee.

**YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**

New members are always welcome; please see an existing member if you would like to join or just offer help at events.

The PTA would again like to thank you for your continued support; we couldn't do it without you.

### **Message from:**

#### **Parent and Family Support Adviser (PFSA)**

We would like to introduce ourselves. Our names are Claire Kelly and Nicky Buckler we are the PFSA's for the Huish area. Claire covers the Huish Episcopi School (Secondary) and Nicky covers: Compton Dundon, Curry Mallet, Charlton Mackrell, Curry Rivel, High Ham, Huish Episcopi (Primary), Hambridge, Kingsbury Episcopi, Kingsdon, Long Sutton, Somerton Infants and Monteclefe.

***"We believe, as parents and carers, you are the most important educators in your child's life."***

As parent and family support advisers we can provide advice and guidance to schools, parents and families to improve the learning opportunities for their child(ren). This means we can support families who are experiencing difficulties which may be having an affect on their child's education.

For example things like: Housing, finance, ill health, relationships, family issues, behaviour issues, attendance, bullying etc., We may not always have the answers, but by working with you we can link you into the relevant agencies who can help. All advice is free and confidentiality is in accordance with child protection guidelines.

If you wish to contact us then please ring the numbers below:-

**Claire Kelly**                      **Secondary**      **07500882411**

**Nicky Buckler**                  **Primary**        **07825833556**

We look forward to hearing from you.

*For information "Parent's Week" is on 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 (promoted by Family and Parenting Institute). There is a website [www.parentingandfamily.org](http://www.parentingandfamily.org) there are lots of useful fact sheets, briefing statements, playpacks, activities etc.,*

### **REMINDERS:**

- ALL clothes must be named clearly – there are currently 7 unnamed jumpers in Orange Class!
- School starts at 8.50am. For safety reasons, if your child is late, they must report to the School Office as registers are now taken "on line". More than 20 "lates" flags up a visit from the County Attendance Officer.
- Please **do not let your child** bring anything precious into School. We are **not** responsible for any items lost or damaged.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Half Term	Saturday 24 October to Sunday 2 November inclusive
Parents Evenings	Monday 3 November, Tuesday 4 November, Thursday 6 November (details to follow)
Mufti day	Friday 7 November
Individual Pupil Photos	Thursday 13 November
PTA Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 6 December 2-4pm