

Dear Parents/Carers

You would be forgiven if, whilst walking around School this week as I often do, you wondered what on earth was going on, as shrieks of laughter and a busy 'hum' emanates from each room.

As it turns out, they were all working – Red Class always look as if they're having fun; Orange Class were focussing on electricity hence the balloons ("static electricity" - Owen informed me knowledgeably); Yellow Class – as part of their focus on 'Life for children in World War II' were trying out reading and writing 'instructions'. They were seeing how quickly they could don a gas mask, (many thanks to Georgia and family for providing a genuine one), following authentic WWII instructions. In conclusion they felt the instructions worked pretty well, though not something they'd like to do too often. Green Class were using the measures of 'decibels', 'lux' and 'centigrade', trying out our new 'log boxes', (I thought they were something to do with wood!). The decibel reading for Collective Worship last Monday is to be compared with next! I await the results with interest. In conversation with Levi and Ethan, we spent half the time talking in vocabulary I hadn't heard before!

Finally, what controversy in Blue Class when a letter (allegedly from me) was issued to them informing them that Mr Staddon had been fired! Hot debate followed during their 'big write' defending him or arguing with the decision! Luckily, it was all done in good spirit and thanks to excellent and persuasive writing from Blue Class, Mr Staddon is fortunately staying! It's lovely to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.

The clear-up/tidy-up day on Saturday 25 October will, unfortunately, have to be postponed as quite a number of you will actually be away or involved with sports activities. Thank you for expressing a willingness, we will go for a 'Spring clean' instead!

However, Gardening Club have done wonders – as usual – in the front playground. The white petunias and the weeds have gone and the tubs are tidy and being prepared ready for Winter. Thank you to Nick, Elaine and the gardening wizards who help to keep our gardens so tidy.

Speaking of tidy – a gentle reminder please about keeping shirts tucked in. It is not such a problem in winter, but smartness in appearance is important and not too difficult to achieve!

There has been interest expressed by some of our village residents to contribute to School life by purchasing books for the library. Our plan is to buy a selection of books and hold a coffee morning after half term (dates to be decided) when people can come up and choose a book that they'd like to buy for the School. I think that this is a lovely opportunity for those who no longer have a connection to the School to come and visit us, and wonderful that they would still like to contribute in some way.

We will be putting notices out after half term to let everyone know when the first of these coffee mornings will be held. Alan at the Post Office is happy to spread the word for us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

Helping Hands

Phoebe for holding the door for an adult

Oliver for helping the playleaders pick up the dropped key rings

Luke for helping a child to retrieve her teddy

Connie for helping an adult with a heavy box

Emily K & Lucy KB for helping with the skeleton

Gardening Club for doing such a good job in the front playground!

Class Cups

Red Class: Lily for listening well and writing such super stories

Orange Class: Jordon for really working hard on her writing and having a good attitude to School life

Yellow Class: Charlotte for excellent progress in maths

Green Class: George for listening well and following instructions

Blue Class: Charlie for being a well organised and reliable House Captain

Merit Awards: Congratulations to Lewis P for completing his Red Chart and Owen R for completing his Orange chart.

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Isabel and Jack W from Daphne for their good behaviour at lunchtime.

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.

David Heath MP's 2008 CLOSING DATE IMMINENT

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 29th November 1:30 - 4:30pm

Robert Sewers Hall CURRY RIVEL

Stalls-refreshments-lucky dip-tombola-craft activities for all ages

FREE ENTRY Organised by Curry Rivel United Reformed Church

SPORTS RESULTS:

EFSA Football Competition: Girls team 2nd! Boys team just beaten in the semi finals by golden goals – thank you everyone for playing so well.

Half term Activities: See www.somerset.gov.uk/getactive for information on activities at Huish and elsewhere.

THE LITTLE RED HEN

- a professional puppet show presented by Take Art Saturday 1st November at 2.30pm. Fivehead Village Hall.

Making bread is hard work, but it would be a lot easier if the lazy farmyard animals got off their reclining sofas and lent a hand. This timeless folktale is re-told, re-recorded and re-animated by the unswervingly energetic Stuff and Nonsense.

Fivehead Village Hall in conjunction with Fivehead Under Fives Playgroup would like to invite you to come and watch The Little Red Hen. It is suitable for ages 3 and up, with no scary bits whatsoever and lots and lots of laughter. (Great for adults too!) There will also be some craft activities, afternoon tea and cakes and some, after show, hands on fun with the puppets.

Tickets £5.00 Adults, £3.50 Children, £4.50 Concessions and £15.00 Family ticket (2 adults, 3 children). Tickets available from Fivehead Village Shop or alternatively contact School Office. Performance time: 45 mins.

Limited number of tickets available so be quick!!!!

THE PLAYBUS is coming to Curry Rivel School on Wednesday 29 October for two hours 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Somerset Sports Coaching: Half term holiday courses: At Curry Rivel on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 October. Book online at www.somersetsportscoaching.co.uk Forms have already gone out!

BugfestSW

HALF TERM CREEPY CRAWLY AFTERNOON

Come and meet some real live creepy crawlies and make your own bugs. Items on sale too. Monday 27th October 2.30- 4.30 pm Holy Trinity Church, Lysander Road, Yeovil £4.50 per child. Booking essential- children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Tel Kara 01935 433185 or email Kara@bugfest.co.uk. www.bugfest.co.uk for more info.

Team Theme Half Term Football – Somerton Sports Ground

1 day of fun and football – Wednesday 29 October – 10.00am to 3.00pm Boys & Girls aged 4-14 £10.00 – leaflets have already gone out. Booking essential.

Simply Football Soccer School

Friday 30 October – Boys & Girls 5-15

Huish Episcopi Leisure Centre, Langport 10.30am to 2.30pm £13 per child. Contact John Flatters 07772872938 for more information.

Applications available from School Office. See website: www.simply-football.co.uk

KS1 Fun Run: Curry Rivel postponed Fun Run at the Cricket Ground will now be on Thursday 23 October at the same time – 3.45pm.

Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal: Please bring in your pennies – poppies will be available **from Monday 3 November.**

Somerset Young Artists 2009

Closing date 24 January 2009

For all 18 year olds and under. Although there is no particular theme, the judges will be looking for artistic excellence in the following areas: use of materials; self-expression and originality. The prize winners will fall into three age categories: 10 and under; 11 to 15 and 16 to 18 year olds and have their work professionally framed for exhibition. see website for details: www.thebrewhouse.net/learning/somerset-young-artists Entry form available from School Office

CLUB NEWS: Netball training on Thursday 23 October is cancelled owing to the match on Wednesday against Curry Mallet.

Dates for your Diary

Spooky Disco
Half Term
Parents Evenings

Mufti day
Individual Pupil Photos
PTA Christmas Bazaar

Friday 24 October KS1 6.30pm KS2 7.45pm
Saturday 24 October to Sunday 2 November inclusive
Monday 3 November, Tuesday 4 November,
Thursday 6 November (details to follow)
Friday 7 November
Thursday 13 November
Saturday 6 December 2-4pm