

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that the first half term has come to an end and what an eventful time it has been. Ofsted followed by SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) was well-timed, acknowledging the aspects of our School that work well, but also confirming the areas that need to be our main focus, namely challenging our students.

I have discussed each pupil's progress with the class teachers and we have established the targets that we wish them to achieve. At parents' evenings during the first week back, please do discuss these with your child's teacher and your child(ren) – it is important that you are involved with these discussions. On the sporting front, we have had fun this week playing football and netball against Curry Mallet – well done to both our teams who won their games on Wednesday evening. On Thursday evening, a group of children joined in the 'fun run' at the Cricket ground. Well done to everyone, especially Charlotte who was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 2 girls competition, and Kit who was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 1 boys competition. Thank you to all who represent our School in all weathers as well as to the grown-ups who offer their time to train, to ferry to and fro, and to support.

We have, rather unfortunately, has a 'slight' flood in Red Class this morning. The children, parents and staff have all managed wonderfully and with little disruption. The room should be back to normal by our return on Monday 3 November, which is just as well as Bishop Peter is visiting us on the morning of Thursday 6 November to bless our Foundation Partnership! It is hoped that he will lead our Collective Worship at 10.10am, followed by the blessing at 11.00am.

Working in partnership with Curry Rivel Playgroup has been such a move forward for us; we are using the opportunity to train and plan together in order that the Foundation Stage for our children is a truly streamlined learning experience.

It is our annual 'Spooky' disco tonight and I look forward to seeing you there in all your fancy dress outfits. Have a peaceful, enjoyable half term and we'll meet again on Monday 3 November, when we shall be welcoming Mrs Shurley, who will be working each afternoon in Orange Class and Mrs Bulpitt who will be joining the midday support staff following her mornings working in Orange Class.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

## **Helping Hands**

Lily for helping to pack away Reception play equipment.

## **Class Cups**

**Red Class:** Crystal for all round effort

**Orange Class:** Emily for excellent listening in class and assembly and for always going the extra mile with tutpup/homework and bring things into School.

**Yellow Class:** Charlotte for continued very good progress in writing.

**Green Class:** Amberley for good organisation and fairness

**Blue Class:** Eoin for consistent effort and participation

**SCS Award for Wordsearch Competition:** Megan has won an Ipod Shuffle! Mrs Tutt was surprised to meet Archie Bear!

**Merit Awards:** Congratulations to Sam F for completing his Orange chart.

**Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards:** Congratulations to Alice, Elissia, Aimee and Kieren!

### Henry Hound Award

The Henry Hound award is going this week to Orange **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.

This is separate to the PTA Christmas card drawings.

## **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

### get fit kids: Thursday 20 November 2008

KS2 classes have received yellow sponsorship forms this week. We will be raising funds for playtime equipment.

## **SPORTS RESULTS:**

Netball against Curry Mallet: Won 12-3

Football against Curry Mallet : Won 3-1

**KS1 Fun Run: RESULTS:** Yr 1 Girls: Jessica, Kit and Elissia; Year 1 Boys: Kit (3<sup>rd</sup>!!); Year 2 Girls: Eve, Jess D, Charlotte (2<sup>nd</sup>!!) and Vicky.

Could all kit for netball and football be returned (clean) as soon as possible after half term.

**Please note: As there are parents evenings on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, there will be no football on Monday 3 November.**

**Half term Activities:** See [www.somerset.gov.uk/getactive](http://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. Performance time: 45 mins.

**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](http://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](mailto:Kara@bugfest.co.uk). [www.bugfest.co.uk](http://www.bugfest.co.uk) for more info.

## **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](http://www.simply-football.co.uk)

## **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](http://www.thebrewhouse.net/learning/somerset-young-artists) Entry form available from School Office

If you are shopping online this Christmas, please help raise funds for School by using [www.buy.at/curryrivelpriamary](http://www.buy.at/curryrivelpriamary) as your home page - you can access M & S, Waterstones and John Lewis to name but a few through this web address. Any access earns money for the School, but costs you nothing!

### **REMINDERS:**

Over half term, please check that all items of uniform are named clearly. We have several unnamed jumpers in lost property.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Spooky Disco	Friday 24 October KS1 6.30pm KS2 7.45pm
Half Term	Saturday 24 October to Sunday 2 November inclusive
Parents Evenings	Mon 3 November, Tues 4 November, Thurs 6 November
Mufti day	Friday 7 November
Individual Pupil Photos	Thursday 13 November
PTA Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 6 December 2-4pm