

Dear Parents/Carers

Our partnership is now officially *open and blessed*. Bishop Peter visited yesterday morning and led our Collective Worship by talking to the children about his 'gear' and its significance. He is a delightful person who communicates really well with the children. They enjoyed his company and listened with great interest as he explained the symbolism of his mitre, cope, staff and stole – do ask them! This was followed by the official opening and blessing when we were presented with a special plaque to celebrate the occasion.

Thursday was a particularly busy day for me as I then joined all my Headteacher colleagues in Yeovil, for the 'Logging on to Tomorrow's Learning' conference. This was both exciting and scary. We are already moving forward at School with the introduction of 'Fronter' led by Mrs Slade and Mr Lovesy. The conference also talked about the positive uses for modern technology including schools that are regularly using Nintendo Brain Gym (and subsequently improving maths skills enormously) and also 'Wii' to develop co-ordination and fitness. Many of us 'mature' heads know that we can't keep up technologically, but the message is, don't try – let the children lead the way, facilitating their learning through media that they are totally engaged with. Exciting stuff!

Next week, Mrs Lovesy and Mrs Moore are attending an intensive 3 day training in Restorative Justice. Mrs Davey had led the way in this area and many children have benefited from this 'mediating' process; therefore it is very important that we can underline how much value we attach to this fair and just system, which addresses many behavioural/friendship problems, by training more staff and speaking with a common voice.

Thank you to all those parents who came to the consultation meetings with the teachers this week; the attendance was high and the conversations very productive in ensuring that you and your child/ren receive the best provision in School. Apologies to those who waited patiently, it is quite difficult to keep to the time as the evening wears on, but thank you for your forbearance.

It was also lovely this week to meet Mr Roughsedge, the Head of Year 7 at Huish Episcopi, who has started his regular visits to the Year 6 who will be transferring to Huish next September 2009.

You may remember that in a recent Newsletter, I mentioned a coffee morning when parents, relatives, villagers and supporters of the School will be invited to contribute to the purchase of books for the library. Following my initial purchase of a selection of reference books during half term, it is intended that this will take place on Friday 5 December at 9.30am following Celebration Assembly. A separate note will be going out through School to parents and through Alan at the Post Office to members of our local community. I hope that everyone will support this new initiative.

The Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools report is now on the website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the School Office.

If you are attending firework parties this weekend, enjoy and keep safe.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

Helping Hands

Boeey Dean for politely letting an adult through a door
Leon for helping another child pick up their spilled lunchbox

Class Cups

Red Class: Selina for getting on with her maths work and thinking carefully about what she needs to do.

Orange Class: Lewis P for all round effort

Yellow Class: Richard for his dedication and commitment

Green Class: Ellen for working hard, especially in numeracy

Blue Class: Sam for excellent improvement in his writing and great performances for the football team.

Merit Awards: Congratulations to Charlotte F for completing her Yellow chart.

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Tyler and Bailey from Daphne for their good behaviour at lunchtimes.

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.

Play 4 Pounds

Membership certificates available from School Office. Please collect!!

October Draw:

First - £12.50 Mr Colegrave,

Second - £8.50 Mrs Ough

Third - £4.00 Mrs Webber

Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal: Please continue to bring in your pennies – poppies will be available **until Remembrance Day on Tuesday**.

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 received yellow sponsorship forms last week. We will be raising funds for playtime equipment.

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

If you are shopping online this Christmas, please help raise funds for School by using www.buy.at/curryrivelpriamry 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!

Sunday School

The United Reformed Church, Curry Rivel, now has a Sunday School. They meet on the second Sunday of each month, during the morning service (10.30am to 11.30am) and welcome children aged 3 upwards and their parents.

Books for School

Do you have any Roald Dahl or Dick King Smith books that you would consider donating to School?

Please bring into the School Office.

Kilve Court Enrichment Courses for Spring 2008 KS2 now available: Music is Magic - Exciting Writing - Dragons and Saints; Maths and Science Challenges etc.

CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

Sunday 28 November/Sunday 14 December – School Hall

Doors open 6.00pm, Eyes down 7.00pm

SPECIAL GAME: Large cash prize each week

After School Clubs:

Is there an adult who could start a Chess Club? We have the opportunity to join in the British Land UK Chess Challenge in 2009 – *closing date 13 December*. Please talk to Mrs Tutt if you can help.

Gym Club: There are a couple of available spaces on Friday night with our qualified gym instructor, Douglas Fordyce, This costs £8 in advance from next week. Put your name down in the School Office or for more information talk to Alison Sauter.

Parent Help: Are there any parents who could help with repairing the edges of the bark play area – only hammer and time needed!

New Section for Newsletter:

Letters/notes 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:

- Kilve visit May 2009 Year 6 – permissions with payments to be returned as soon as possible.
- Gym Club Note – dates and request for payment (members only)
- KS2 Osmington Bay Oct 2009 note – reminder about booking by Wed 12 Nov
- Year 6 Visit to Taunton Magistrates Mon 17 November.
- Cross Country Kingsbury Mon 10 November KS2
- KS1 Gymnastics Festival through SSCO Mon 17 Nov – invited pupils only.
- Book Scheme Note – all parents invited for Coffee Morning Fri 5 December at 9.30am
- Scholastic Book Club leaflets – return by 24 November.

Dates for your Diary

Cross Country Kingsbury	Monday 10 November 3.45pm – Recreation Ground Kingsbury
Individual Pupil Photos	Thursday 13 November – 8.30am for families not at School
Team Theme Taster	9.10am to 10.15am Blue & Green Classes – dodgeball
Magistrates Court Visit Taunton	Year 6 – Mon 17 November
Kingsbury Netball/Football	Wednesday 19 November – away
Get Fit Kids	Thursday 20 November – sponsorship forms needed back
Advent Concert	Mon 1 December – Somerton – information to follow
Cross Country Curry Mallet	Tuesday 2 December – 2.30pm start – letter to follow
Road Safety Visit by Police	Wednesday 3 December
Book Scheme Coffee Morning	Friday 5 December 9.30am
PTA Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 6 December 2-4pm
Green/Blue Class Roman Baths	Monday 8 December – details to follow
Nativity Play	9.45am Wednesday 17 November
Carol Service	2.15pm Friday 19 December St Andrew's Church