

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

I love the first few days of the Autumn term and this one especially. After a frantic summer holiday, we have a new office, School entrance, staff room and tarmaced back playground. We have three new teachers – Miss Louise Jones, Miss Sarah Mullins and Miss Rachel Wilkins and we have six bright and cheerful classrooms. I am walking around with a big grin on my face – it is all so exciting! Furthermore, the children have arrived in School fit and well, in smart uniform and ready for work – perfect!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all our newcomers to the School – the new teachers and all our new children in Red Class. I hope that this is the beginning of very happy times for them at Curry Rivel School. Thank you to the PTA for organising the arrival of the new PE shed on the back field. This was purchased with your contributions and enables not only much better access for PE equipment, but also much needed storage space in the old shed.

Thank you also to Alan and Dick Simpson, Paul Griffin, Emma, Lewis, Corey, Ethan, Levi, Emma, Sam, Jack and Rhianne for their invaluable help with moving furniture and endless files and books – I felt much happier last Friday when things began to settle into their new homes. Finally thank you very much to Gary Slade, who has ‘project managed’ our building works, and Jim and all his lads from Barratt and Canniford who have done such a marvellous job for us. They have worked all hours and always cheerfully, to complete this challenging task and we are so grateful for their commitment and professionalism.

Our two inset days were very useful – On the first all the staff were trained in emergency first aid and on the second we discussed the School Development Plan for the year as well as prepare the School for the Autumn term. I shall be writing to you shortly to let you know the key areas for development in School this year and inviting your thoughts and comments.

Finally, it was lovely to see you all in the playground yesterday morning to witness our special ‘opening ceremony’. We have exciting things planned for your children this year. The focus for our School Development Plan is ‘Enjoy and Achieve’ and your child’s class teacher will be letting you know the activities that they will be undertaking in the forthcoming class newsletters.

Best wishes

Amanda Tutt

Helping Hands: Alan and Richard Simpson, Paul Griffin, Emma, Ethan, Levi, Corey, Jack, Lewis and Sam

Merit Awards: Congratulations to James for achieving his bronze award

Letters etc sent out this week:

Permission Slip form – 2 sided – to be returned **as soon as possible**.

HELP: If anybody knows anyone who is keen to get rid of a slimline dishwasher, please could we have first refusal! As we now have a far superior staff room, a dishwasher would be the icing on the cake!

From Next Friday, Newsletters will be available in hard copy from the School Office or on the Website from Friday evening.

Copies will no longer go out through the classes!

Play for Pounds Short report for the year:

Play for Pounds is run like a 100 club. Members pay £1 per month on an annual subscription collected in September; 50% of the money collected is given out as prizes, the remaining 50% goes to PTA funds. In 2008-9 we had 50 members for most of the year; **we gave out £299 in prizes and raised £299 for the PTA.**

Subscriptions are now due for next year – you will receive a renewal form, please return it by 30th September with a payment.

If you're not yet a member and would like to join, please collect a form from the School Office and return it by 30th September.

There will be a list of available numbers in the school office for new members and for existing members who'd like to change.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21 September	Reception Class stay until 12.30pm for lunch
Monday 28 September	Reception Class stay all day!
Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October	Osmington Bay visit
Friday 23 October	Start of Half Term
Wednesday 4 November	Pupils return to School after half term