

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, apologies to all those involved, for postponing the Barton Hall evening. It will definitely be taking place in the School hall on Friday 4 December. We look forward to sharing all the exploits with you!

Congratulations to Hayley Conway for achieving HLTA status. This is a rigorous training programme which Hayley has passed with flying colours. The children are, of course, the greatest beneficiaries and having Mrs Kent and Mrs Conway as Foundation leaders ensures their excellent and appropriate progress.

The cross country team took part in the competition at Long Sutton on Wednesday. They ran really well despite the chilly weather, Year 5/6 girls team coming 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done to all the runners for representing the School so well.

Well done, also, to the Sports Hall athletic team who won the second round of the South Somerset Championship. As a result, they are going forward to the County Championships in Bristol in January. What a result! Certificates and medals will be handed out at next Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Eoin and Callum launched their tuck shop this week – a very popular move, if the number of children involved is an indicator. We held an evaluation meeting yesterday to discuss how it sits within the School ethos/support of Fairtrade. We will let you know the outcomes next week – we are always keen to support enterprise, but clearly we need to move forward appropriately with our Healthy School status running alongside.

One of the mums came up to me yesterday to say thank you for the input on our reading evening. She had been struggling with her child and this meeting had helped relieve the load. I should like to start a comments book (I'll buy a nice one!), so that if you come into School for any event (curriculum evenings; celebration assembly, church services, etc), and would like to comment – please do. It's really helpful to have your feedback and/or whether you find them useful/enjoyable etc.

We are very pleased to welcome Carole Whaites, Rachel Loosemore and Emily Omell to our team of support staff. Carole will be with specific children through the week, Emily will be supporting Red Class on a Wednesday afternoon and Rachel will be wearing two hats! She will be working with specific children for a short time each day, but will also be running our new hot meals service. Owing to her present work commitments, hot School meals will be starting on Tuesday 5 January and Natalie Piper will be 'shadowing' her initially and completing appropriate training in order to 'step in' if Rachel is herself on training or unable to work that day. Menus for the Spring term will be out shortly. The School is very fortunate in being able to appoint these new staff who I know will be a valuable addition for the children.

Next week, we begin our new December value of 'Peace'. The post box will be appearing (I think we need a new one as last year's was a victim of the flood). We have suggested that if you don't want to buy lots of cards, your child could send one to the whole class and pin it on the Christmas card board and the money saved donated to the School Council charity for this School year – Children's Hospice South West. We leave the choice to you.

Finally, there is a letter going out today about the next School residential at Barton Hall in October 2010 for the current Years 3 and 4 (next September's Years 4 and 5). It is intended that Year 6 will have a different separate residential in 2011.

Have a good weekend, hopefully the sun will shine more and the rain pour less!

Best wishes.

Amanda Tutt

## **CLASS CUPS**

**Red Class:** Harvey has settled into School beautifully and has lots of good ideas to share

**Orange Class:** Archie for extra effort in phonics

**Yellow:** Katie for always listening carefully and being actively involved during lessons

**Green:** Jodie for a great effort in numeracy

**Blue:** Finlay for his dedicated attitude to improve his reading and writing

**Indigo:** Matthew for his short story of 150 words or less

**Lunchtime Awards** Thank you to Bailey, Alfie, Edward, Jamie, Kathryn, Elissia, Owen P and Charlotte E from Mrs Moore for your good behaviour at lunchtime

## **Letters etc sent out this week:**

School Photo note

School Christmas Lunch letter 11.12.09

Tuck Shop note

Huish CLP Advent Concert 30.11.09

Extended Schools Grant Letter

Barton Hall Residential Visit October 2010

**PTA Message: Reminder:** when you are buying your Christmas presents on line please consider going through the School website - PTA section - click on - [www.buy.at/curryrivelprimary](http://www.buy.at/curryrivelprimary) . This will give you access to the majority of the high street retailers. It costs you nothing, but the PTA are given a small amount for every person accessing retailers by this method!

*It is very easy, open the web page, select the shop from the A-Z menu, click on the shop you want, then shop as normal.*

## **Music for Schools Music Lessons**

There is one space left on Fridays with Mr Rider.  
Instruments are available – flute, clarinet, saxophone,  
keyboard, guitar and cornet.

Please telephone 01404 45649 for more information.

***Next week is the last Friday for lessons before Christmas  
Lessons start again on 8 January 2010***

## **EVENING CLASSES AVAILABLE AT CURRY RIVEL IN THE SCHOOL HALL:**

**Pilates Mondays** 6.15pm to 7.15pm Tel: Huish Episcopi Sports Centre 251055

**Pilates Tuesdays** 5.45pm to 7.00pm/7.00pm to 8.00pm with Mo.Tel 07815748518 for more details

**Pilates Wednesdays** – Sue Davison 6.30pm to 7.30pm Tel 01460 57362 for more details

**Weightwatchers** – Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Tel Elaine on 01458 860091 – ongoing!

**Salsa Classes** Thursdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm Tel: Huish Episcopi Sports Centre 251055

## **NEW EVENING CLASS IN VILLAGE HALL:**

Royal Academy of Dance Ballet by The Helen Laxton School of Dance: *Funky Disco and Hip Hop* – starting Tuesday 5 January 2010 at 4.50pm until 5.30pm for children from 10 years old

There are also classes for children from 3 years old at Huish Episcopi Primary on Fridays starting on 8 January from 3.45pm. Contact Helen Laxton on 01935 863865 for more details

## **SPORTS RESULTS!**

**Kingsbury Episcopi Cross Country:** 25 November 2009: Georgia (8<sup>th</sup>), Jessica (22<sup>nd</sup>), Toby (21<sup>st</sup>), Owen (15<sup>th</sup>), Daniel (6<sup>th</sup>), Emily (4<sup>th</sup>), Hannah (7<sup>th</sup>), Skye (9<sup>th</sup>), Emma (12<sup>th</sup>), Lewis (10<sup>th</sup>), Ben (14<sup>th</sup>), Ben CL (19<sup>th</sup>), Jack (21<sup>st</sup>), Tom (25<sup>th</sup>), Finlay (26<sup>th</sup>), Levi (41<sup>st</sup>). Well done to all the runners. Year 5/6 girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Sports Hall Athletics:** Joint CLP Team of Monteclefe and Curry Rivel pupils won! Congratulations to the team from Curry: George S, Lucy, Megan, Lewis C, Tom L, Skye, Hannah L, Jack, Emma S, Finlay, Lydia and Morgan.

# **NOTICES**

## **PARKING IN THE SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK**

Unfortunately, we have had a complaint from the neighbours in Water Street. Parents who use the car park to drop off children for breakfast club are asked to take particular care when exiting on to Water Street as there have been several near 'misses' recently. With regard to the rest of the day, parents are asked **not** to use the car park under any circumstances. We also ask that you avoid parking in Water Street completely as this is causing inconvenience and annoyance to our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **THEFTS FROM CARS!**

On a separate note, we have been warned by the School Office at Kingsbury that there have been a spate of thefts from cars at School dropping off/picking up times. Please do not leave any valuables visible in your cars.

## **SWIMMING IN 2010**

Blue Class will be swimming at St James's Pool, Taunton from after Spring half term until Easter, Green Class from Easter to May half term and Indigo Class from 8 June to end of the School year. Letters will follow in the Spring.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School Photograph orders have been posted today. They should be back in School within two weeks. Any late orders will unfortunately need to be sent direct.

## **CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO**

### **Sunday 29 November – School Hall**

Doors open 6.00pm, Eyes down 7.00pm

## **School Production**

### **Christmas with the Aliens:**

Wednesday 16 December 2.00pm and Thursday 17 December 6.30pm

Tickets are now available, maximum 3 per family. If you still need help with costumes, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.

Help can be provided, if needed!!

## **Christingle Service:**

St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel Sunday 6 December at 4.00pm.  
Collection goes to The Children's Society

Christingle collecting 'candles' have gone to all pupils today. if you are not able to go to the service at St Andrew's on Sunday, please bring your 'candle boxes' in on Friday 4 December to the School Office, so that they can be handed in at the service.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Sunday 29 November and	6.00pm Curry Rivel Cricket Club
Sunday 13 December	Bingo Evenings
Sunday 6 December 4.00pm	Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church
Saturday 12 December	PTA Christmas Fete pm
Wednesday 16 December 2.00pm and	
Thursday 17 December 6.30pm	Christmas Production
Friday 18 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Friday 18 December	Christmas Service 2.00pm St Andrew's Church
Monday 4 January 2010	Inset Day – No pupils required
Tuesday 5 January 2010	Pupils expected in School for start of Spring term
Monday 15 – 19 February	Half Term
Monday 22 February	Inset Day – No pupils required
Tuesday 23 February	Pupils expected in School
Friday 2 – Sunday 18 April inclusive	Easter Holidays