

Dear Parents/Carers

I think that this may be rather a short newsletter this week, for whilst the Aliens have departed and Christmas is arriving, all the classes have been quietly busy. Red, Orange and Yellow classes have been practising their Christmas show at the beginning of each day and KS2 continue to 'beaver on', then it's business as usual. Next week promises to be the same as we have saved all the festivities for the last week of term. Tickets are still available for 'Christmas with the Aliens' and the response to our 'PTA Christmas Lunch' has been overwhelmingly supportive. Alan, Clare and gang have a busy week ahead of them preparing for both the lunch (Friday 11 December) and the Christmas Fayre (Saturday 12 December – 1.00pm to 4.00pm).

Tonight, we shall be welcoming friends and family to our Barton Hall Review Evening (postponed from Wednesday 25 November). As I have just attended a Conference on *Confidence outside the classroom* – the **enormous** value of offsite trips, particularly residential was emphasised and this evening will be a great opportunity for children to feed back their positive experiences.

We were reminded, at the Conference, of the daunting fact that we are educating our children for jobs that do not currently exist and that they will be using technology that far outstrips anything that they use in School or home. In order to help them to engage in these new undreamt of opportunities, it was suggested that what we will all need most is resourcefulness, resilience, reciprocity and reflection. What better place to put these four Rs into practise than on a climbing wall or at the end of the longest zip wire that I've ever seen! Furthermore sharing a fairly small space with others, keeping a track of all their clothes and getting a decent night's sleep! All four life skills were well used.

Finally, parents are invited to a taster of 'Monty's Meals' on Wednesday 9 December at 3.00pm when they will be able to try what Monteclefe School kitchens are providing for the hot meals after Christmas. Menus and order forms are also going out today – please return your choices and payment (cheques payable to Curry Rivel Primary) for the first week back after Christmas (from Tuesday 5 January 2010 – *Monday 4 January is an inset day*) by next Friday 11 December. You may order for just one or two days or for the whole week. This will be a welcome return to hot meals at the coldest time of the year!

I look forward to seeing Barton Hall parents tonight and wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes.

Amanda Tutt

Helping Hands:

Keiren B for helping Gabriel to open the door when he had muddy hands

Ben P for finding wedge for medical room door!

Tommy for repeatedly holding doors open for others.

Ben L for helping Mrs Slade set up all the computers

Lewis P for holding the door open for Mrs Lovesy

Kaleb for helping to pack away the playleaders' games

PTA Message: Reminder: when you are buying your Christmas presents on line please go through the School website - PTA section - click on - 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.

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Kaleb for doing what he is told straight away and singing very beautifully and very loudly!

Orange Class: Charlotte E for wholehearted singing in rehearsals for the Nativity! We can always hear Charlotte's beautiful voice!

Yellow: Oliver L for speaking so beautifully and clearly as a narrator in the Christmas play

Green: Melanie for working hard and improving numeracy

Blue: Ben for an all round effort in class

Indigo: Jack for more focus on his maths and putting together passport for PGL trip

Lunchtime Awards

Thank you to Daniel V, Jack M and Zak from Mrs Moore for your good behaviour at lunchtime

Letters etc sent out this week:

Offsite School Sports and Visits letter

Parent Talk Magazine

School Lunch Menus and Orders for Spring term

Traidcraft Letter from Year 6 Pupils

Newsletter copied to all pupils – parents are reminded that they can view a copy on the School website or pick up a paper copy from outside the School Office on a Friday afternoon. *If you would like an email alert, please let the School Office have your email address!*

Items for the School Christmas Fayre stalls can be brought in from Monday 7 December – toys, books and games. Please bring in any cakes for the cake stall on Friday 11 December. *THANK YOU!*

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. Finishes Tuesday 15 December and restarts Tuesday 5 January 2010

Pilates Wednesdays – Sue Davison 6.30pm to 7.30pm Tel 01460 57362 for more details starts again Wednesday 13 January 2010

Weightwatchers – Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Tel Elaine on 01458 860091 – Last Weightwatchers before Christmas on Thursday 17 December in Yellow Class

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

NOTICES

CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS BINGO

Sunday 13 December – School Hall

Doors open 6.00pm, Eyes down 7.00pm

School Production

Christmas with the Aliens:

Wednesday 16 December 2.00pm

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 Sunday 6 December at 4.00pm.

Collection goes to The Children's Society

Don't forget your Christingle collecting 'candles'.

CHRISTMAS MEAL:

There have been several generous offers of help with the serving of the PTA sponsored Christmas meal next Friday 11 December. Helpers will need to arrive at School by 11.45am. Please let Alan Simpson know if you are able to help.

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday after School instead of Wednesday.

Red and Orange Class Parents: Please check heads for headlice this weekend!
Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6 December	4.00pm Christingle Service at St Andrew's Church
Sunday 13 December	6.00pm Curry Rivel Cricket Club Bingo Evening
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 Sunday 6 December 4
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