

Dear Parents/Carers

As the penultimate week of the Autumn term draws to a close, it has been a time of reflection and preparation. The children and staff have been reflecting on the things that they've learnt and progress they have made this term as their various topics and units of work draw to a close. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of sitting next to the Headteacher of Queen Camel Primary, the only other school in the county to flood on 13 December 2008. I was asking her how things were over there and after we'd both admitted to being very nervous some nights (especially weekends) as the rain hammers down, things had mostly returned to normal. They have moved back into the main, newly decorated, building, but in the current economic climate, a new School build was looking unlikely and the river was still there (currently very high). They are planning a 'Year on' party on Monday which I felt was very optimistic especially as every field I drive past is currently under water.

Although we are slightly more cautious (party wise), things have changed and many of them for the better since this time last year. The drains have been 'probed' and much of the blockage has been cleared. Whilst this will always be an ongoing problem, it is, at least, one that County and Highways are now fully aware of.

The mess throughout the main School prompted us to bring the much-needed changes forward and we now have a more secure entrance and admin area, the staff have a larger room, the 'Rainbow' room is a much-used and valuable resource for small group work and the library area is so much more fun! Furthermore, the support from the staff, parents and the wider community whilst we repaired the terrible damage will be my main memory of this time.

So here we are, a year on, preparing for 2009 Christmas festivities beginning with the PTA lunch today, Christmas Fayre tomorrow (1.00pm start) and then followed by Christmas with the Aliens, Upper and Lower School parties and our carol service next week (see information on back of newsletter!). We look forward to seeing you all at these various occasions!

I know I often refer to the weather at the end of my newsletter but, as you can see, it is something I have become much more aware of since my move to Somerset! I believe that we are in for a cold, sunny spell, so enjoy!

Best wishes.

Amanda Tutt

**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/curryrivelpriamary](http://www.buy.at/curryrivelpriamary) . 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:** Kathryn for excellent enthusiastic participation in the class play and all activities

**Orange Class:** Nathan for brilliant concentration during preparations for his alien debut!

**Yellow:** Alisha for being a really helpful, reliable and friendly member of Yellow Class

**Green:** Zara for improvements in writing

**Blue:** Emma for outstanding progression in maths

**Indigo:** Ethan for his continuing mature attitude towards all his extra work which has reflected in his steady progress this term

## **Merit Awards**

Congratulations to Melanie for completing her Green chart

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

Eco Schools Poster Competition

Measuring Height and Weight of Pupils in Reception and Year 6

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!*

## **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. 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

A few tickets are now only available for the 2.00pm performance

**Please return any you no longer need!**

## **Christingle Service:**

If you have any collecting candles at home please bring in whether full or empty as they will be used again next year.

## **Somerset Children and Young People's Plan 2009-11**

### **Somerset Learning Platform**

The School Council have just learnt that they have won £100 in the wiki-blog competition. Congratulations!

## **The Christmas Beat Goes on!**

### **Sunday 13 December 7.00pm Curry Rivel URC Chapel**

A lively telling of the first Christmas journey in music, drama and narration by a small group of pupils and the Somerton URC Choir.

Collection at the end to the BBC Children in Need Appeal

### **Arts and Crafts Club finished until the Spring term – start date to be confirmed.**

### **Youth Moves has now finished for the term!**

### **Thank you PTA and Helpers for the cracking Christmas lunch**

### **Dates for your Diary**

Sunday 13 December	6.00pm Curry Rivel Cricket Club Bingo Evening
Saturday 12 December	PTA Christmas Fete 1.00pm to 4.00pm
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

## **Activities for the rest of Term!**

### **Saturday 12 December**

PTA Christmas Fayre 1.00pm - 4.00pm

### **Tuesday 15 December**

Dress Rehearsal for Christmas with the Aliens am

Lower School Party pm

(Red, Orange and Yellow Classes)

### **Wednesday 16 December**

2.00pm Christmas with the Aliens performance

### **Thursday 17 December**

Upper School party pm

(Green, Blue and Indigo)

6.30pm Christmas with the Aliens performance

**Friday 18 December**

St Andrew's Church - 2.00pm Carol Service