

Dear Parents/Carers

What a hectic week although it hasn't been entirely a social whirl from beginning to end as I was impressed to hear the Year 6 discussing the evidence from the text as I passed by on Wednesday afternoon. From the beginning – Last Friday saw us eating one of the very best Christmas Lunches that I've ever tried in this or any school. There was very little wastage (always a good sign) and many happy (and pink) faces. A very big thank you to the PTA for both suggesting and doing! I have asked Clare for the secret to her 'roasties' because they were gorgeous!

Thank you again to the PTA for organising the splendid Christmas Fayre on Saturday and to you all for coming along and spending so generously. They made over £1200 which is actually more than last year, despite hard times. So many thanks to everyone.

To conclude the KS1 focus on the books 'Owl Babies' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark', Sharon and Anna from Sharandys Birds of Prey, Long Load brought Plop, the Barn Owl; Barney, the European Eagle Owl; and Milo, the Great Grey Owl, to visit. Both the owls and the children behaved beautifully and the ladies were very impressed by the children's behaviour and the depth of their knowledge. It was a lovely afternoon.

Christmas with the Aliens has been performed three times to full houses. The singing and acting have been delightful and the staff look (relatively) relaxed. A very big thank you to Mrs Kent, Mrs Lovesy, Miss Mullins, Miss Wilkins and all the support staff for their efforts and energy in putting together such a splendid performance so quickly and a tremendous 'well-done' to all the children who took part. It was so nice to see it before Christmas this year, instead of 'highlights' in January (post last December's flood). Over £190 has been raised from the retiring collection for Children's Hospice South West. Wonderful!

Nearly there! Both Christmas parties went well – lots of laughter, disco dancing and food! Again, thank you to all those parents who generously contributed with food. The children enjoyed a veritable feast!

And finally, this afternoon, we have our Christmas Carol Service where we mark the end of our Christmas Celebrations and the start of our own family Christmas.

The teaching staff and I are off to the National Gallery, London, on Monday 4 January to find out about the 'Take One Picture' Project. This is an opportunity to focus on one painting and develop all areas of the curriculum through it. I believe the painting for this year is 'Tobias and the Angel' if you would like to look at it for yourself on the National Gallery website.

Please could everyone with inhalers ensure that they go home today. I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound on Tuesday 5 January and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Best wishes.

Amanda Tutt

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Lauren for being sensible and for being a beautiful singer and angel

Orange Class: Mia – congratulations to our leading lady! What a fabulous performance. “Well I never!”

Yellow: Lewis for settling in well and making good contributions in class, especially during French

Green: Ben for excellent results in numeracy

Blue: Levi for being an extremely mature, responsible and considerate member of Blue Class

Indigo: Gabriel for a spectacular result in his reading which reflects his more mature attitude to his work.

Letters etc sent out this week:

Yellow Class Hedgehog note

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. Mandy – new classes start Thursday 7 January

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

Dates for your Diary

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| Sunday 20 December: | 4.00pm Fivehead Baptist Church Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm St Andrew's Carol Service 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight Langport URC |
| Monday 21 December: | 7.00pm 'Carols on the Green' Chatham Place, CR |
| Tuesday 22 December: | 7.00pm Candle Lit Carol Service St Catherine's Swell |
| Wednesday 23 December: | 7.00pm Carols at the Crown, Fivehead |
| Thursday 24 December: | 4.00pm Crib Service St Andrew's— <i>come as a shepherd or bring a toy lamb</i> 4.00pm Crib Service St Martin's Fivehead, 10.30pm Coffee then Communion 11.30pm URC CR 11.30pm Midnight Mass, St Andrew's |
| Friday 25 December | 9.00am Holy Communion St Catherine's Swell 10.30am Christmas Service Fivehead Baptists 11.00am Christmas Family Communion, St Martin's |
| Sunday 27 December: | 10.00am Benefice Communion, St Martin's |
| 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 |