

Dear Parents/Carers

All of the staff received Child Protection Training on Tuesday evening. This is a three year 'top up' following the initial training in January 2007. One of the most notable differences between then and now is our awareness of 'Internet Safety'. All the children receive annual E-safety training called 'ThinkuKnow', but I know there is a difference between what they learn and what they do in practice! I am sure that there are quite a number, for example, who are already on 'Facebook'. The terms and conditions of the company clearly state that the minimum age to be on that site is 13. It also states that a user may not falsify information or 'borrow' someone else's log in. However, children do with or without parental knowledge and we try to make it very clear, especially to KS2 children, as to what is 'safe' and what is 'not safe' in the way of information. We will be updating our website with a link to E-safety with information for parents. It is also worth clicking on to www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ for further information. A parent fact sheet is being sent out today which I hope that you will find useful around the issues of internet safety.

On a more cheery note, our athletes continue to perform well. Several pupils ran at the Long Sutton cross country (results below) running a 'very difficult' course (according to one of our runners!). Equally successful were our indoor athletes who went up to Bristol on Sunday to represent Somerset in the South West Sportshall Championships. One of our teams came second and some of the pupils have brought in their fabulous action photo shots currently on top of the display cabinet if you have time to take a look.

I spent a very enjoyable morning with Red Class this week re-enacting the story of 'Miki' with their 'small world' characters standing on a huge block of ice in the water tray (the characters that is, not the children). Thank you also to Yellow Class who shared such understanding of place value (to 1000 and beyond in some cases) when I worked with them yesterday.

I think that's it for this week. Next week is a 'dramatic' one – M&M Productions are coming to entertain the children on Thursday with their pantomime Dick Whittington. This has been paid for by the School as a post Christmas treat.

The children will also be entertaining each other on Tuesday at our annual Talent Show. The staff, as ever, have been rigorously practising (well twice!) to lead the way (and set the base line in ability), so hopefully, a great time will be had by all.

Best wishes,

Amanda Tutt

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Alfie for excellent numeracy work and always trying hard at everything he does

Orange Class: Lewis for turning the week around! Being sensible, helping Miss Mullins and trying his best to put his hand up. Keep it up Lewis!

Yellow: Lewis for working really hard this week – he has joined in on the carpet, stayed focussed on his work and made a good contribution in group activities – a new Lewis!

Green: Amelia for good effort in reading and maths

Blue: Ellen for constantly finding unusual, mature phrases to use in her writing and inspiring others to do the same

Indigo: Tom for his confidence and effort in his work and for representing our School so well in Sportshall Athletics.

HELPING HANDS

Gabriel for being kind to Morgan

Levi and Cory for helping to clear up playground items without being asked

Mrs Nicola Lock for helping Ruth to move the wheelie bin!

Daniella for helping another class member when injured

Letters etc sent out this week:

New Menus for after half term

Primary Times

Parent Talk

Aller Football for Reception and Year 1s Free

Internet Safety parent's fact sheet

Film Club Letter

SPORTS RESULTS

Congratulations to Skye, Hannah, Megan, Emma, Tom and Jack for representing the County at the Sportshall Athletics last Sunday 31 January – the team came 2nd!

Long Sutton Cross Country: Year 3/4 Boys Team (2nd): Luke (5th), Samuel (8th), Daniel (14th), Owen (27th), Toby (28th). Year 5/6 Girls Team (2nd): Hannah (5th), Skye (8th), Emily (9th), Emma (20th). Year 5/6 Boys Team: Tom (21st), Finlay (25th), Ben CL (26th), Ben L (27th), Lewis (28th), Levi (48th).

PTA Valentine's Disco Friday 12 February

All pupils will need to have completed PTA Parental Permission Slip with emergency numbers **before** they are allowed to come. Forms should be available from the School Office from next Monday.

Central Somerset Outdoor Learning Partnership

Wilder Woods Forest School

www.wilderwoods.org

Get out in the woods and go wild!

FEBRUARY 2010 HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Thursday 18 and Friday 19 February

Booking Essential

Please ring/e-mail for Further Details and Booking Form

Hallr Wood: Deb Millar 01458 223444 <deb@beccott.com>

Drayton Wood: Hannah Aitken 01458 252463 hannah@madasafish.com

MESSY CHURCH!!

Starts (half term)

Monday 15th February 2010

in Curry Rivel Primary School Hall

3.30-5.30 pm

Come and join in

**a once a month time of
creativity, worship and eating
together.**

All ages are welcome,

but no children unaccompanied by an adult
and no adults unaccompanied by a child!

No charge but donations welcomed

BUGFEST 5- Half term treat!

BUCKLERS MEAD SPORT CENTRE

YEOVIL

20 February 2010

Spiders, snails, scorpions, housing, kids stuff and lots more

www.bugfest.co.uk

Admission £2.00 adults, £1 children over 4 (or free if in fancy dress)

Cheaper tickets online .

ALLER PARK JUNIORS FC

Sunday Soccer School at Somerton Playing Field

– see poster in PTA noticeboard

Further information available from Steve Morrison on 01458 251388 or

www.allerparkrangers.co.uk

FREE FOOTBALL TRAINING to all Reception and Year 1 Pupils

URC Hall

Saturday 13th February 10-12noon;

coffee morning at the URC Hall with

sumptuous cake stall and the chance to decorate a heart shaped
biscuit for your Valentine (or to treat yourself!).

Children of all ages (accompanied by an adult) welcome.

Sainsbury's Active Kids – Vouchers available from 17 February to 8 June

**Do you have any comics/appropriate children's magazines that you would be willing to donate to School for 'wet' playtimes?
Please bring into the School Office as soon as possible**

School Lunches: New menus for after Half Term are out. Monday 22 February is an inset day – if you have already paid, please come and talk about a credit! The new menu will be on the website shortly. All pupils have been given a copy.

After HALF TERM: Newsletters will ONLY be available on the website or to pick up from the School Office. If you wish to have an email alert, please let the Office have your email address before 12 February.

Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 9 February | School Council Talent Show pm – Staff and Pupils only |
| Thursday 11 February | M&M Productions Dick Whittington am |
| Friday 12 February | PTA Valentine Disco |
| Monday 15 February | Messy Church – 3.15pm to 5.45pm School Hall |
| 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 |