

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term – I am writing this earlier in the week than usual because I shall be attending the CLP Headteacher's Conference on Thursday and Friday.

I hope that everyone had a lovely break! (even James despite the 'contretemps' with the bike!). This is one of my favourite holidays because I always feel it heralds Spring (having said that we left Norfolk in a blizzard on Friday!)

The week started well with our CLP inset held at Curry Mallet. The subject was 'Talk for Writing' and despite it being rather a whistle-stop tour through fiction and on-fiction (poetry still to come) we came away with a lot of exciting ideas to both build on the 'Big Write' started last year and also to develop the oral aspect of writing – "if you can't speak it, you can't write it". Quite a lot of work focuses on recall – memorising good texts that the children can use as a 'blue print' to develop their own approaches. We will be working on the ideas this term and would like to feedback to parents/carers and any other interested stakeholders in the Summer term.

Thank you again, to the PTA, for holding what was probably our most 'calm and peaceful' (if such a thing is possible at a School disco) Valentine Disco ever. Alan tells me that we raised nearly £242 for the funds (to be used to develop the outside area). Thank you to all the helpers and as ever to Mr Lovesy and team – Edward, Katherine, Martin - for their amazing 'DJ-ing'!

Well done to all our 'Youth Moves' children who performed last week in the Curry Rivel Entertainers' 'Peter Pan'. Unfortunately I missed them as I was away, but I am told that they were wonderful, so well done all.

Next Thursday 4 March is World Book Day and we should like to celebrate the day by dressing as a character from a book. We will also be organising a 'book carousel' and we should like to do a 'book swap'. If the children (or adults) have a book (or books) that they've enjoyed, but are willing to give away, bring it to School and swap it (free of charge) for another book that you would like to try.

Finally, to let everyone know officially, I was married last week and my new name is Mrs Russell. I am finding it a struggle to remember so I am certain that I shall be Mrs Tutt (or even Trussell) for some time to come!

Best wishes,

Amanda Russell

## Helping Hands

Mrs Bowers for her School lunches support, Ben CL, Kieran, Finlay and James R for helping at lunchtime play.

## **CLASS CUPS**

**Red Class:** Leah for good listening and trying her best at all times

**Orange Class:** Tyler for brilliant concentration, great listening and for sharing lots of fun ideas with the rest of the class. Keep up the good work Tyler!

**Yellow:** Charlotte for fantastic dancing during the rehearsals for the Dance Festival

**Green:** Aimee for continued effort in numeracy

**Blue:** Jacque for excellent improvements in reading!

**Indigo:** Lewis for a great piece of writing and excellent attitude to School life.

## **Merit Awards**

Congratulations to Lauren and Kara for completing their Orange Charts

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

World Book Day note  
School Photograph note  
Primary School Quiz  
Film Club note

**Netball After School Club: Will start again from Thursday 4 March – 3.30pm to 4.15pm.  
Current members only please.**

Messy Church - Next One!

**Monday 15th March 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**

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

### **TESCO**

Vouchers available from 1 March to 9 May

**The Somerset Parent Partnership Service** is a statutory, free and impartial service  
which supports parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). More information can be  
viewed on the website under Documents.

### **PGL BARTON HALL**

Next payment is due Monday 20 March (£20).

**Good News: School is able to fund the coach part of the visit, so there  
will be no additional charges!**

### **THE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

Instrumental tuition is available in School on flute, recorder, clarinet, alto sax, cornet,  
trombone, guitar and keyboard/piano. Reasonably priced lessons are given during the School day  
by an experienced, well qualified and caring teacher. There are a few spaces available for next  
term. Interested parents are invited to collect an information folder from the School office or  
telephone 01404 45649 or email [jim\\_rider@totalise.co.uk](mailto:jim_rider@totalise.co.uk)

Instruments available for purchase or hire if required.

*Gym Club on Fridays has started*  
*Please see Alison for more details*

*Swimming Blue Class continues on Tuesdays*

*Don't forget your swimming kit!*

*PE KIT needs to be in School*

*Monday to Friday for all classes!*

*Any used daps from size 1 up to donate would be appreciated*

Please put spare jogging bottoms if available in PE bag during this muddy weather. Thank you.

**KS1 – good quality used uniform is available.**

Please see School Office

**From this week**

**Newsletters will ONLY be available on the website or to pick up from the School Office.**

### **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 3 March	Tag Rugby Tournament at Somerton
Thursday 4 March	Dodgeball starts
Tuesday 9 March	Long Sutton Cross Country
Thursday 11 March	Curry Mallet Netball and Football away
Monday 15 March	CLP Talent Show
Monday 15 March	Messy Church 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 18 March	Music Workshop – Curry Rivel Music Club
Friday 26 March	Visit from County Attendance Officer
Tuesday 30 March	Key Steps Gymnastics Competition 3.00pm to 5.00pm
Thursday 1 April	Dance Show
Friday 2 – Sunday 18 April inclusive	Easter Holidays

**Lunch Orders for the following week**  
**need to be in the School Office**  
**with payment (cheques payable to Curry Rivel Primary)**  
**by Wednesday morning at the latest**

You may be entitled to Free School Meals if you fulfil the following criteria:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance - Income Related (ESA-IR)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit - provide they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual joint income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 does not exceed **£16,040**

**NB** Any Award of Working Tax Credit automatically disqualifies entitlement to Free School Meals.  
Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive Free School Meals.

Forms for Free School Meals are available from the School Office

**FILM CLUB**  
starts next Monday at 3.20pm.



The first film to be shown is *The Incredibles*

and will finish at 5.15pm. Parents to collect from front playground.

If you have not completed a permission slip, further copies are available from the  
School Office