

Dear Parents/Carers

I seem to have spent this week ensconced behind doors ploughing through figures as the end of the financial year approaches. This is a very depressing activity so I have peppered it with trips to class to remind myself of what School is really all about! A Headteacher colleague of mine came to visit on Wednesday – she is responsible for a large (420 pupils) primary school in the middle of Cirencester, so her setting is quite different to ours. She loved the way the School looked and felt – especially the enthusiasm of the children. It is good to look at the School with fresh eyes every now and then and whilst I know there is still lots we can do, there was no mistaking the happy buzz as we walked about.

Monday night saw our talented youngsters ‘strut their stuff’ on the stage at Huish. It was terrific fun. I was rather concerned that it would be a long evening, but my fears were allayed because everybody kept to their allotted 10 minutes, the audience supported everyone, David from Monteclefe was a terrific compere and most importantly the acts were amazing. Singers, street dancers, diablo, dudes, comedians, poetry, readers/actors – we saw the lot. I was so impressed. A heartfelt well done to the animal poets – Samantha, Emily, Daisy and Katie; Charlotte – who despite her music faltering at the beginning, stayed wonderfully calm, then began again without a bat of an eyelid and Izzy who had spent the day in bed suffering from a tummy bug! The winning act – Joel from Kingsbury Episcopi - performed the funniest cover version of Rolf Harris’ “I want my mummy” that I have ever seen. As tears rolled down our faces, we were all saying – “roll on next year”. So come on you talented youngsters – get practicing!

Wednesday 17 March was St Patrick’s Day and, not surprisingly, the celebrations were most apparent in Orange Class. As I left School on Wednesday to attend a meeting, I was overtaken by Orange Class heading to the field armed with rulers and magnifying glasses. They were off on a leprechaun hunt! I can remember as a child holidaying in Ireland, searching all week with no luck, yet Orange Class found a least five plus a pot a gold! (a tub of twix bars as it happened but no-one seemed to mind). The children clearly have better eyesight than I did at their age (or maybe it was having an Irish teacher with inside knowledge).

Another year has passed rapidly by – it seems no time at all since we were lucky enough to listen to musicians who have come to Curry Rivel to perform their concert at our church. As part of the event, they also visit School and we are privileged to receive a mini concert also. This year we listened to The Marylebone Trio - Jemma Bausor - Oboe, Jessica Tipton - Clarinet and Alexandra Davidson – Bassoon - playing modern and classical music beautifully. The children listened well and asked some very intelligent questions at the end including “Why does your face go so red when you play the oboe?”. Thank you to Curry Rivel Music Club for allowing us to share the event with them.

Next, our weekly sports update (I sound like the sports presenter on the Saturday morning news!). Our Netball team won the Large Schools Huish Area Netball Tournament for the 2nd Year and our Football team tried hard, but did not succeed this time. Both teams tried their best and we are very proud of the effort that they put in. Our Netball team now go on to the English Netball Association/South East Somerset School Sports Partnership High Five Netball Finals next Thursday 25 March at Maiden Beech School, Crewkerne. Fantastic! Well done also to Aller Park Under 10s (Levi, Finlay H, James R, Ben CL) who came runners up in the Nigel Broome Cup Final (under 10 knock out cup).

Year 6 also enjoyed their morning at Huish Secondary School in the Science laboratories yesterday mixing potions from what I hear!

The elver fishermen have arrived again on my river bank, so I know that Spring is genuinely here. Have a good weekend and see you all on Monday.

Best wishes,

Amanda Russell

School Meals

Orders for the following week with payment to Curry Rivel School must be in the School Office by Wednesday am.

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Lily for being such an enthusiastic, independent kind and hardworking class member – a model pupil with lots of spark!

Orange Class: Kit for a brilliant story (with excellent wow words!)

Yellow: Liam for having a great attitude towards his numeracy work – you can do it!

Green: Owen for working well to improve numeracy

Blue: Abbie for developing a positive can do attitude in maths and for realising that she 'is good at maths ' quote!

Indigo: Toby for an excellent Big Write despite outside interference

Merit Awards

Congratulations to Kieren for completing his yellow chart; Daniel for his blue chart; Jacob , Aimee and Charlotte for completing his green chart.

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Daniel V, Harvey, Jack and Sharna from Mrs Moore for their good behaviour.

Letters etc sent out this week:

Somerset County Youth Choir note for Year 6 pupils

Play Equipment Investigation

Royal Academy of Dance Ballet slip

High Fives Competition Netball 25.3.10

SPORTS RESULTS:

Netball Large School Tournament: Winners 2nd Year running!

Congratulations to Aller Park Rangers Under 10s (Levi, Finlay H, James R, Ben CL) who came runners up in the Nigel Broome Cup Final (under 10 knock out cup) last Saturday at Merriott and who were also runners up in the Yeovil League Division 2.

Apologies - No Netball Club next Thursday 25 March, as the team are playing in the High Fives Competition!!

YOUTH CHOIR YEAR 6

Contact Penny Dunscombe on 01308 867673

URC Noticeboard:

Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday (April 3rd) at Orchard View, Townsend. Drop in between 10-12 noon to hunt for eggs and make Easter decorations.

Please ring Alison Richards on 252799 with name and age of children wishing to come along to ensure we order enough eggs from the Easter Bunny. (Children need an accompanying adult).

Swimming Blue Class continues on Tuesdays
Don't forget your swimming kit!

Home Access

Home Access is a government drive that helps low-income families who currently lack access to a computer and/or internet to get online at home.

The programme is aimed at those that need it most. If you are a low-income family in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one years' internet access. There is a website to find out if you are eligible www.homeaccess.org.uk and you are welcome to use a computer in the IT Suite any morning between 8.30 and 9.00 to find out more.

Thank you to the **Music Workshop**

sponsored by the Curry Rivel Music Club

During the afternoon of Thursday 18 March

Jemma Bausor, Oboe

Jessica Tipton, Clarinet

Alexandra Davidson, Bassoon

Missing!: Student Admission Forms for Huish Episcopi should have been back today. Please return by Monday latest or you will have to send direct to Huish yourselves. If you have completed on line, please let the School Office know.

Still needed: Bristol Zoo permission slip, Carymoor Environmental Centre permission slip, Barton Hall next payment due 1st April.

Monday 22 March: Film Club after School
RATATOUILLE! – should finish at 5.10pm!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22 March	Film Club – Ratatouille – finishing 5.10pm (111 mins!)
Wednesday 24 March	Bristol Zoo Visit – Red, Orange and Yellow Classes
Wednesday 31 March	Carymoor Environmental Centre visit – Blue Class
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
Monday 19 April	All pupils in School