

Dear Parents/Carers

As fever mounts across the country (!) for the General Election, we have our own democratic process happening in School. The School Council have met, and as representatives of their classmates, have agreed the proposals for the School playground (with a small number of queries which I am to follow-up with the Company installing the equipment). We will be proceeding with all speed in order to have the first stage (minus willows) installed before our Year 6 leave us.

I met with the CLP Headteachers this week to plan for next year. The decision has been made amongst us, to go ahead with KS2 SATs. The majority feel that whilst the children do not enjoy them, they have been focussing on them for a year, and should have the opportunity to 'give them a go'. We are moving this year towards a much more thorough teaching assessment system in reading, writing and maths similar to the process used in Foundation and KS1. However, for this term at least, the rest of the children from Year 3 will take optional tests in June to use as a comparison against the assessment data. The progress of your children will be reported back at the Parent/Teacher evenings during the week beginning 28 June.

Another item on the agenda of the CLP meeting was the provision of music in school. Iain Crabtree from Hambridge School has brought together a group of young musicians who currently offer music provision in his school, but who are keen to work further afield. They will be charging £20 a session (Somerset Music is currently £35) and depending on the size of groups interested the cost to you will be adjusted accordingly. Two of the musicians will be visiting us shortly for a demonstration and chat to the children – I shall let you know more details as soon as they have been. Mr Rider will continue to offer his music lessons on Fridays alongside this provision. It would be so good to get a small band/orchestra going in School again!

I think that my Assemblies or Acts of Collective Worship will be superseded if I'm not careful. Thank you to Green Class and Mrs Bowers for their rendition of the story of St George and the Dragon with blood-curdling sound effects from Richard. I had asked Mrs Bowers if she would mind covering my Assembly for me on Thursday and this was the result. 'St George' follows Mrs Kent's Assembly on Tuesday about Patience and Perseverance when facing fresh challenges – this resulted in Ethan demonstrating his prowess on the stilts, a task which has taken him months of both to perfect (for me it would be years at the end of the long succession of broken limbs!), so thank you to all this week who have led our Assemblies.

Fortunately for the children our local churches are also very willing to join us on a regular basis – Jenny and Tim in particular. We are soon to be joined by a new Baptist Minister in Fivehead, who will be coming into School from September.

Best wishes,

Amanda Russell

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Jack for excellent listening skills in PE and for helping a child who had hurt themselves in Playgroup

Orange Class: Crystal for sharing super information about 3D shapes – amazing work – keep it up!

Yellow: Lewis for being a happy and smiley person and for being a good friend

Green: Richard for good contribution in class and bring in articles of interest from home

Blue: Chloe for developing her attitude to numeracy even further – having the best work ethic in numeracy in the class

Indigo: Callum for working hard and improving his writing

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Georgina and Jamie from Mrs Moore for their good behaviour.

Letters etc sent out this week:

After School Club letter
Raffle Tickets Summer Fayre
London trip letter
Sports Transition Club note

FILM CLUB:

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Monday 10 May

KS2 – in Indigo Class

finishes 5.00pm

Uniform for the new School year. Last date for orders 11 June

YEAR 6 SPORTS TRANSITION CLUB AT HUISH EPISCOPI SCHOOL

Are you coming to Huish Episcopi School next year?

- Fancy coming to meet up with other Year 6 's and have some fun?
- Experienced coach and secondary school pupils support.
- New sports transition club starting on **Monday 10th May 4.00pm - 5.00pm** in the sports hall at Huish Episcopi School.
- All sports considered
- 9 sessions in total

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 May
Tuesday 4 May
Friday 7 May
Monday 10 May to Friday 14 May
Friday 14 May
Saturday 15 May
Friday 21 May
Thursday 27 May
Saturday 29 May to Sunday 6 June inc
Monday 7 June

BANK HOLIDAY – no pupils required
Pupils return to School
Mufti Day PTA
KS2 SATs week
End of SATs School Disco KS1 & KS2
PTA May Fayre – 1.00pm to 4.0pm
County Attendance Officer visit
Stoke St Gregory Football and Netball Tournaments
Half term
Pupils return to School