

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing the bulk of this letter on Thursday as I shall be involved in interviewing tomorrow for our new teacher in Orange Class.

We have had a wonderful week with all classes involved in 'Science' led by Miss Jones; a wonderful Area Sports meeting on Tuesday morning; and, of course, my own son's graduation! The sun has shone through it all and we seem to have had a week of smiling faces (especially mine!).

Miss Jones has planned and produced a science week to remember. The focus for the School has been on how we use science in our working lives. Thus we have been visited by CSI and the Police, a paramedic, the RSPB, Secret World, SWAP (Somerset Waste Partnership) and a vet is visiting next week. We have held a Science Fair today (Thursday) which was run by Year 6 and Year 5 after School - a whole range of science investigations were set up and all the children have had the opportunity to 'have a go'. It was lovely to see so many of you after School led (not dragged Mrs G!!) by your children to also 'have a go'.

In their classes, Orange and Yellow have been reading the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' story and trying to help Mr Grinling solve the problem of a failing light! Red Class have been investigating building materials as part of their 'Three Little Pigs' topic. Green Class have been studying the 'World of Science' and Blue Class have focussed on teeth (it looks rather like a dental technician's workshop in there at the moment, with all the clay jaws embedded with quite a scary range of teeth); and Indigo Class have used their current topic of 'vacations' to investigate the way animals adapt to their environment..

All in all, I think it has been a really enjoyable, 'hands on' experience and one that we definitely would like to repeat – Miss Jones' sanity permitting!

I shall not dwell for too long on the continued success of our School athletes! Suffice to say that they did exceptionally well on Tuesday morning. I had spoken to some of the team in the morning before I left for my son's graduation, saying that Mr Staddon had removed the cup from the cupboard and that I'd like to see it back there by lunchtime. I had just arrived in Oxford when Wendy sent me a text with the message 'the cup is back in the cupboard'. What a perfect start to what was a perfect afternoon! Well done everyone. Mr Staddon also said that all shared a really sportsmanlike attitude to each other, congratulating winners from whichever school. This was across the whole partnership and he feels reflects the way that our PLT has grown and matured over the years.

Finally, I had a perfectly lovely afternoon watching my son graduate on Tuesday. He, as a summer born boy, hasn't always found school 'a joy', but his tendency to 'always look on the bright side of life' has helped him achieve this goal. It makes me very conscious of the responsibility we have as parents and teachers, to provide the best possible opportunities and guidance for our young people in the hope that they may find fulfilment in whatever walk of life they choose. He was not impressed that I burst into tears when he just walked in with his robe and mortar board on, as it meant that he had to buy the first round (first parent to cry – son buys the round), but I don't think he realised that for me it was the end of his formal education and my involvement and that all those foundations that we try to put in early on, will one day pay off – we hope. It was that sort of a day!

We look forward to seeing you for the final parents' evening next week and until then have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Amanda Russell

CLASS CUPS

Red Class: Kathryn for being an all round class star and for trying hard and having a go at all the Sports Day activities

Orange Class: Elissia for being really brave after her fight with the monkey bars

Yellow: Lewis for doing really well in all of his tests, especially reading

Green: Charlotte for excellent maths

Blue: Finlay for an outstanding attitude to learning and helping others to stay on task

Indigo: Jenny for her excellent work on Canada and for her supportive behaviour on Sports Day (to her team mates)

Merit Awards: Congratulations to Emily S for achieving his Yellow chart

Lunchtime Good Behaviour Awards: Congratulations to Sam F, Ethan L, Vicky CL and Jessica L from Mrs Moore for their good behaviour.

Helping Hands

Thank you to George and Eve for helping clear up books after School in the library

Letters etc sent out this week:

Kwik Cricket Letters
Swimming Gala Letter
Parents' Evening Letters
Play Days 2010 leaflet
End of Term Production letter

Curry Rivel Cricket Club at the Cricket Ground
Training in now on Sundays starting at 10.00am
All ages welcome. Please come along and join in!

RSPB West Sedgemoor

Flowers, Bugs and Butterflies!

Sunday 11 July 11.00am to 1.00pm

Booking essential – please telephone 07774 620879 or email west.sedgemoor@rspb.org.uk or see events listed on the rspb website: www.rspb.org.uk/westsedgemoor

Taunton Thespians: 10th Annual Summer Tour

As You Like It – open air public performances across Somerset in June.

Wednesday 23 June at Muchelney Abbey

Performance starts at 7.30pm, gates open 6.00pm Advance Tickets £9, available through the Brewhouse (01823 283244) and Taunton T.I.C. (01823 336344) or online booking www.tauntonthespians.org.uk

Drakes Farm Riding Centre, Ilton, Ilminster

Open Day Sunday 27 June 11.00am to 3.00pm:

dressage, lesson demonstration, pony rides, jumping display and other demonstrations during the day.

Further information from 07764532832 or www.drakesfarm.co.uk

St Andrew's, Curry Rivel, Church Fete Saturday 3 July 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Traditional Stalls, dog show, classic cars, fun run, Pimm's bar, teas, hot dogs, floral display, live music, raffle and tombola.

Year 6 Leaver's Barbecue – Thursday 22 July 2010: Last request.....
If you have not yet replied, it nearly TOO LATE!

E-Safety

Please look at our e safety page which we have redesigned and added links to websites and information to help protect your children online. The links include the Hector's World Safety Button. This is a free download to help protect your children when they are on the computer. If they find anything inappropriate they click on hector (a dolphin) and a safety screen covers the image.

Please access this link for the download

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/safetybutton.aspx

THE MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Instrumental tuition is available in school on flute, recorder, clarinet, alto sax, cornet, guitar and keyboard/piano. Reasonably priced lessons are given during the school day by our very experienced, well qualified and caring teacher. Children have fun learning to play. Our lessons are popular in many Westcountry schools and we have a good range of supporting services. 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 Instruments available for purchase or hire if required.

Request:

We have received some comics for children to read at breaktimes. If you have any other spare comics, crayons, colouring books etc., Mrs Moore would appreciate any donations, especially for lunchtimes.

LOST JUMPERS: Please check the labels of jumpers that are at home as several named jumpers are missing from School.

Message from Peter Staddon:

“Congratulations to the team of 30 pupils from Years 3 to 6 on winning the Large Schools Athletics trophy for the second year running. We won 13 events in total, 9 second places and 6 third places.

Some of the children did exceptionally well winning all the events they entered whilst others broke area records.

Emily and Georgia broke area records in their events. Although hard to pick out anyone else from an exceptional team performance, it must be mentioned that Skye and Hannah won all the 3 events they entered. Last but not least a young year 3, Tommy, showed that the Curry Rivel team has strength in depth. He ran 2 races on debut, one race against year 4s and won both”

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 June
Tuesday 29 June
Wednesday 30 June
Thursday 1 July
Saturday 3 July
Monday 5 July
Tuesday 6 July
Saturday 10 July
Monday 12 July
Wednesday 14 July

Thursday 15 July
Friday 16 July
Thursday 22 July
Friday 23 July

start of Parents' evenings' week
Swimming Gala at Huish
Taste the 'Tatties' – Yellow Class
Kwik Cricket – Cricket Ground all day
Church Fete
Inset Day Curry Rivel Primary
Pupils return to School
Clean up Saturday (details to follow)
Dress Rehearsal for End of Term production
School Swap over morning
Huish Induction Day for Year 6
End of Term Production 6.30pm
End of Term Production 6.30pm
Year 6 Leavers' barbecue
End of Term barbecue 6.30pm